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

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to remain constant
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Expense proposals slated for District U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on three expenditure items totaling \$148,813 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 16. The items were presented on Nov. 18.

Included is a contract with Group Travel Planners costing \$31,063 to send 48 Larkin High School students and five adults on a spring break college trip in March. The bulk of the cost will be paid for, if approved, by the nation's taxpayers through Title I funds while the proposal states the individuals "will pay a portion of the meals" which totals \$5,300.

"Students will visit multiple colleges and universities in the states of Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, and will gain information related to the college admissions process, program offerings, and post-secondary preparation," the proposal states.

Sue Kerr, the board's president,

asked how students are selected which Jamie Crosen, Larkin's principal, said it's "random" with students submitting an application with an essay.

"A lot of the results are based on where the kids are planning on going," Crosen said. "It's primarily juniors. We also try and stick in a few sophomores and freshmen just to give them that early exposure as well. So, it's kind of just chosen based on their essay and kind of what their goals are."

Board member John Devereux asked how the schools being visited were selected stating: "I'm interested why there aren't any Illinois schools on the list."

"So, what we try to do is during the school year we try to really focus a lot on Illinois schools," Crosen said. "So, the goal, it's not necessarily for our kids to go to those schools, it's really to open up just college opportunities for our kids."

Crosen added: "Really, the honest belief is that kids get on campuses and fall in love with college, and that's the motivating factors."

Board member Eva Porter asked how the trip is publicized to students and Crosen said students are told the planned schools to be visited starting in October. He said the school also determines the financial status of prospective students stating "some kids, costs sometimes is a barrier," and the school tries to find ways to alleviate the costs for some students.

Porter asked if five chaperones were enough to which Crosen said district policy is one adult for every 10 students.

The largest item to be voted on is a two-year contract with International Baccalaureate (IB) costing \$73,750 from the education fund. It is to provide administration and staff at Elgin High School professional development as the school's gifted academy is proposing a redesign.

According to the proposal, data from Elgin's academy "shows that the admission process does not reflect a culturally competent educational environment."

IB's mission statement reads: "The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful

world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right."

Also, to receive a vote will be a bid with Enger Vavra, Inc. costing \$44,000, from the operations and maintenance fund, to demolish a cooler and freezer at Bartlett's Eastview Middle School.

Prior to 2018, Eastview had acted as the district's food commissary before it was moved to an Elgin location.

"The old commissary has since been converted to an additional location for Business Services and acts as an auxiliary location for district storage," the proposal states. "Because there are no future plans to use the built-in cooler and freezer, Business Services asked to remove these units to allow for more storage."

Kerr asked if the equipment will be resold which Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said it will be demoed while the company may scrap the metal.

U-46 Board primed set for vote on tax items

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is prepared to vote on a pair of property tax items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 16 as the district is planning again to increase the levy by the maximum amount allowed under law.

A certificate of tax levy and a corresponding resolution were presented to the board on Nov. 18.

"The certificate lists the levy amounts which are requested for each fund," said Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations. On the resolution, he said: "That's an annual resolution which allows administration to go ahead and file the certificate of tax levy."

The district must file the certificate with county clerk offices by the final Tuesday of December.

The board, which had no discussion on the tax hike, already unanimously approved of related items earlier in November, also with no debate. Approved already were the determination of tax levy and a related resolution.

The tax increase is nearly \$10 million, rising from \$320.9 million to \$330.8 million (3.1 percent increase) including the corporate and special purpose levies along with the debt services levy. It includes a 3.5 percent increase in the corporate/special purpose levy (\$288.5 million from \$278.8 million) and a 0.39 percent increase in the debt services levy (\$42.3 million from \$42.4 million).

The levy is a defensive levy, the district expecting a 2.4 percent increase

(\$285.6 million total) in the corporate/special purpose levy, as the district hopes to take as much in taxpayer dollars as legally possible. Equalized assessed values, which is used to determine the levy, until the spring and early summer in Cook, DuPage and Kane counties which all include U-46 properties.

"Since levies are filed by the last Tuesday in December of the previous year, it is still necessary to defensive levy to insure receipt of all property tax dollars to which the District is entitled," the determination of tax levy states.

The annual U-46 tax increase comes while enrollment continues to decline, enrollment having dropped 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) between Fiscal Year 2012 and FY 2019. Spending has increased \$128.1 million (29.8 percent) over that time which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator.

The FY 2020 budget, also unanimously approved in the fall, increased spending by \$36.2 million.

Since 2007, average home values have significantly declined but property tax bills have significantly increased in all three U-46 counties according to data from the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Values have declined 29 percent but taxes have risen 4 percent in Kane, values have dropped 24 percent but taxes are up 7 percent in DuPage and values have decreased 31 percent but taxes have increased 22 percent in Cook.



Ho, ho and ho!

Barbara, Joey and Christopher Kominski told Santa their Christmas wish list at the park district's Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec 7. For story and more photos, see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

BARTLETT Public Library District

Read! Learn! Connect!

Babies and Tots

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 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.

Genealogy Drop-In

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Monthly drop-in for amateur genealogists to get together and share searching tips and techniques.

Code Ninjas: Robotics!

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.

Grades three to six. Join us for an introduction into how things work! Discover the vast world of electronics, engineering, and robotics through fun activities that will spark your imagination! Registration required.

Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Grades seven to 12. Join us for a flavorful housing development project. We're making gingerbread houses! Registration required.

Teen Advisory Group

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Grades seven to 12. Create your space and earn volunteer hours. At TAG meetings, members give input on teen programs, the Teen Space, and materials purchased for teens. They also work together to create teen programs and displays that meet the needs of our community.

Bluestem and Caudill Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 12, 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 Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill Book Award Nominees! Registration required.

Google Tools

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

Get comfortable using the tools that Google has to offer. Gmail account required. Registration required.

Creative Holiday Wrapping

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with Bartlett resident and crafter extraordinaire Jan Hansen. Wrap one or two (but no more) of your gifts using some of Jan's unique ideas. This program is for adults only (no exceptions). Registration is required and limited to BPLD cardholders only.

Musical Improv

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

Start the holiday season off by attending this fun show presented by guitarist and improv artist Nate Wagner. Nate is a member of Westside Improv in Wheaton as well as an accompanist for the Second City Review in Chicago. Registration required.

Library Board Meeting

Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Monthly meeting of the elected library trustees. Meeting is open to the public.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "In the Heart of the Sea," by Nathaniel Philbrick. Books are available at the Adult Services Desk.

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

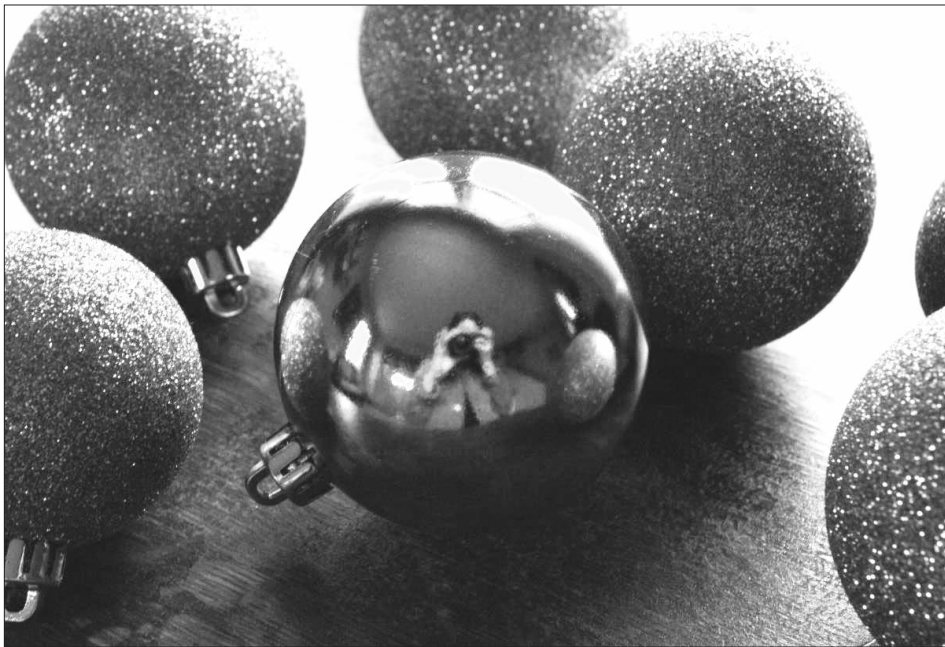
South Elgin students winners in ROE student photo contest

The Kane County Regional Office of Education (ROE) has announced the Week 10 winners of the student photo competition. Included among the winners were two South Elgin High School students, Rachel Nitti ("Holiday Reflections") and Marshall Schiele ("First Snow Fall").

According to the ROE website, the student photography contest is a 10-week photography competition for high school students throughout Kane County. The contest is a collaborative effort between the Kane County ROE, Kane Excellence in Education Partnership and Kane County Connects to recog-

nize and celebrate the talent within the art departments in county high schools. This includes the knowledge and support handed down by instructors, as well as the creativity harnessed by students. Each week, submitted photos are reviewed by the Photography Review Committee at the Kane County ROE. The top 10 photos are selected.

To see more great photos from these high school students, please attend the Kane County Student Photography Exhibition set for 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. The event will be held at the Batavia Fine Arts Center, 1201 Main St., Batavia.



'Holiday Reflections' by Rachel Nitti.

(Courtesy photos)



'First Snow Fall' by Marshall Schiele.

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.bartlettsparks.org.

Villa Olivia Winter Sports Season Begins Dec. 13 Weather Permitting!

Apple Orchard Stocking Stuffer:
Dec 2 to 23

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. 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. Cost is \$95 resident/\$114 regular.

School Day Off Camps:

• **Day of Fun at Nature Center: Winter Break Dec. 23, 27, 30, and Jan. 2 and 3, 2020**

No school? Come and spend the day with us here at the Bartlett Nature Center. Dress for the weather, bring a lunch, snack, and water bottle. Each day is a different theme. See page 18 in the autumn program guide for specifics. Fee is \$30 per day. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Before and After Care at Nature Center: Winter Break Dec. 23, 27, 30, and Jan. 2 and 3, 2020**

Campers can be dropped off early and stay late for supervised care before and after day camp at the Bartlett Nature Center. Activities will vary and the atmosphere will be safe and casual inside the building. Breakfast or snack must be brought by the camper. The use of cell phones will only be allowed before entering or af-

ter leaving the building. If there is an emergency please notify the office and the camper will be located. Cost is \$5 per day for before care 7:30 to 9 a.m. and \$10 per day for after care 3 to 6 p.m.

• **School Day Off Camp at BCC: Winter Break Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30, and Jan. 2 and 3, 2020**

Enjoy your days off school with us at the Bartlett Community Center. School Day Off Camp will involve gym time, board games, card games, arts and crafts, movies, and swimming at Splash Central. Be sure to register early as a decision on the camp will be made five days before the start date. Available for the winter holiday break individual days or as a grouping. See page 19 in the autumn program guide for specifics.

Holly Jolly Trolley Ride

Thursday, Dec. 19

Santa is back and he's jollier than ever! Climb aboard our private holiday trolley and step into your favorite Christmas stories. The night starts with crafting, coloring and storytelling as the kids wait patiently for their winter wonderland ride. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided while you wait. The trolley will whisk you along to the Log Cabin where Santa will greet each child. Bring your cameras to capture the moment. Children must be accompanied by a registered and paid parent or guardian. Fee is \$15; \$10 for residents. Timed for boarding the trolley begin at 3:40 p.m. every 20 minutes through 7:40 p.m. Register early; this program fills.



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Village event officially kicks off the season



The **South Elgin High School** choir sang Christmas carols to entertain the crowd before the tree lighting ceremony.



Max Choluj was all smiles with Santa as his father Matt Choluj tried to deal with a crying brother Nico.

A large crowd gathered in Bartlett Park on Friday Dec. 6 for the annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. The Log Cabin was warm and cozy as Santa met with children and posed for photos. The Bartlett's Lions Club hosted the event serving up hot cocoa and going thru 600 chocolate chip cookies. The **South Elgin High School** choir sang Christmas carols as the crowd waited for the tree to be lit.



Allison Kliavets was seemingly elated to see Santa.

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Bartlett Assistant Administrator Scott Skrycki, wife Alysse and son Carter, had the honors of flipping the switch and turning on the Christmas tree lights.
(Examiner photos by George Niman)

Press Clippings 12/11/19

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8th graders get to be 'Chief for the Day' in Elgin

By: Elena Ferrarin



"Chief" Allyson Bello, an eighth grader from Ellis Middle School, sitting next to Elgin Police Sgt. Tony Rigano, got to call on the police radio during roll call Tuesday at the Elgin police station. Bello and three other middle schoolers were "Chief for the Day" after winning an anti-bullying poster competition at their schools.



Eighth-grader Toby Acosta from Kimball Middle School was among four students who were "Chief for the Day" Tuesday at the Elgin police station after winning an anti-bullying poster competition at their schools.



Elgin Police Sgt. Tony Rigano shows monitors during roll call Tuesday to four eighth graders who won the "Chief for the Day" contest. Pictured from back left are Kelly Amaro, Allyson Bello and Olivia Cahill.



Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley met Tuesday the four middle schoolers who were chosen to be "Chief for the Day" after winning an anti-bullying poster competition at their schools.



Eighth-grader Kelly Amaro shows her anti-bullying poster to Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley in the chief's office Tuesday. Amaro and three other middle schoolers got to be "Chief for the Day" Tuesday after winning a poster competition at their schools.

The Elgin Police Department had four special guests Tuesday afternoon: Chief Allyson Bello, Chief Oliva Cahill, Chief Kelly Amaro and Chief Toby Acosta.

They are all eighth graders who got an up-close, hands-on look at the police station, with special treatment from officers, after winning their respective schools' anti-bullying poster contest. Each student wore a blue polo shirt with their name on the front and "CHIEF" in capital letters on the back during the "Chief for the Day" event.

"It was very cool," said Toby, 14, who goes to Kimball Middle School. "I never, ever got an experience behind the scenes of a police station."

Olivia, 13, who goes to Abbott Middle School and always wanted to be an artist, said she enjoyed it so much, she might want to become a police officer.

The students got to sit and chat with Police Chief Ana Lalley in her office. Lalley explained she took the role because she enjoys helping the community, and encouraged her fellow "chiefs" to not be shy and ask questions ... but please refrain from giving officers a raise.

The students took part in roll call, where they saw officers get a reminder about how to package powder evidence and information about which neighborhoods would get extra surveillance that day.

Next, the students met police dog Bauer and his handler, officer Justin Brown, who told them about Bauer's training and skills. Brown gave the students a demonstration of how much Bauer likes his chew toy -- not surprisingly, a lot -- and how well the dog can detect something with drug scent -- on this particular day, not so well.

Finally, the students met members of the SWAT team, who let them maneuver a small police robot and sit inside an armored vehicle.

"It was really amazing," said Allyson, 13, a student at Ellis Middle School. "I've been inspired by this."

The students came with family members who said they, too, enjoyed the experience. "They (the officers) were so nice and polite. And some of them are so young," said Allyson's mom, Dina Garcia.

Kelly, 13, goes to Larsen Middle School. Her older sister Kattia Ramirez said Kelly tends to be shy, so it was nice to see the officers encourage her to come out of her shell. "I think this type of event helps her to be more open," Ramirez said.

As for the reason they were all there -- their anti-bullying posters -- the students said that bullying is wrong, period.

Toby said he's been bullied in the past. "I would always ask myself, 'What did I ever do to them?'" he said.

Even spreading rumors and talking behind others' backs can be very hurtful, Allyson said. "If you see something, say something about it," she said.

SPORTS

---Daily Herald---12/11/2019

St. Charles East pulls away from Streamwood late

By: Jacob Bartelson

St. Charles East coach Pat Woods has a simple description for how senior forward Chase Monkemeyer plays on the court.

"I always like to say Chase does a great job of playing within himself," Woods said following St. Charles East's 74-62 victory over Streamwood on Tuesday. "He doesn't try to do too much ... he'll get his points in bunches. He's not forcing shots; he's not taking bad shots. That's why he shoots so well from the field."

Monkemeyer shot 9-of-15 from the field to lead the Saints with 20 points. The 6-foot-4 forward reserved some of his best work for last, scoring nine in the fourth quarter.

Monkemeyer took a page out of his coach's own characterizations when evaluating his start to his senior season.

"I try to play within myself," Monkemeyer said. "Play with my teammates; we find each other very well. We have 10 guys that can go out there and score 20 a game. We just try to play with each other well."

That collective teamwork began to break through on the scoreboard late in the fourth quarter. Despite 23 turnovers in the game, the Saints (4-2) found a way to pull away.

Tied 59-59 with 4:50 left, Streamwood (2-4) took a brief lead on a 3-pointer by Zach Marquez. But Monkemeyer responded with a 3 of his own to tie it back up. Saints senior guard Thomas Ditsworth hit a layup, converted the three-point play, and Scott Breidigan nailed a 3 to give the Saints a 68-62 advantage with 3:35 left.

Saints teammates Jack Settle and Zack Clodi each split a pair of free throws before Monkemeyer hit a layup to go up 10 with 1:40 left. Streamwood finally broke its scoreless spell with 1:04 left when Marquez split two free throws.

Streamwood finished 11-for-37 from the 3-point line, while East was 6-for-19.

"Turnovers, some offensive rebounds by them (and) we just couldn't make a shot (late in the fourth quarter)," Streamwood coach Kent Payne said. "We were up 62-59 ... turned it over, (and) that was the floodgates for some reason ... we just went stone cold."

Ditsworth finished with 15 points and three rebounds for the Saints, and continues to improve in his upstart senior season. Ditsworth has evolved from a one-time B-team player as a freshman, earning scant varsity minutes last year, to contributing each night this year.

"Thomas has been great," Woods said. "His energy level has been great. He's been great from the start. He was 6-of-8 from the field (tonight) ... lot of energy; very smart."

"Energy, big boards; he just plays hard," Monkemeyer said of Ditsworth.

Breidigan had 11 points and three rebounds, while Clodi had eight points to cap off a strong Saints performance. Aidan Sullivan and Jack Settle added muscle inside with six and five rebounds, respectively.

Streamwood was paced by Marquez's 17 points, while Darrel Luce had 13 points and seven rebounds. Jakobe Strong finished with 11 points and five rebounds.

"I've been here at East nine years now, and to me, that's the hardest they've ever played," Woods said of Streamwood. "(Payne) has got them in the right direction. They bought into the style of play ... he's got them playing really hard."



St. Charles East's Zack Clodi drives the lane past Streamwood's Jakobe Strong during the Saints' win Tuesday at Streamwood.

---The Courier-News---12/11/2019

Scheffers gains recruiting interest as true point guard for St. Charles North

By: Paul Johnson



St. Charles North's Luke Scheffers (1) drives against Larkin's Pierre Black.



Scheffers, left, and Larkin's Anthony Lynch go after a loose ball.

Senior point guard Luke Scheffers doesn't light up the scoreboard on a nightly basis for St. Charles North, but he does something that isn't always seen these days.

He's a true point guard for the North Stars (6-1), capable of leading a team and putting them in the best position to succeed. That skill is garnering him college interest.

"Any time you have someone who's been on varsity four years, people will look at you," St. Charles North coach Tom Poulin said. "He did a lot of nice things for us last year, especially in the playoffs.

"He's a point guard. People are recruiting him to be a point guard, not looking for someone to score 30 a game."

A solid summer with the North Stars and a strong AAU season helped him gain attention on the recruiting front. He said he has offers from Northern Illinois, Grand Valley State and Lewis.

"My recruiting is going very well," Scheffers said. "I am in contact with many coaches and have new ones reaching out frequently."

Scheffers also has work to do with the North Stars on the court. He's a part of one of the area's stingiest defenses, allowing only an average of 46 points heading into Wednesday's game at Bartlett.

"I think that our group is experienced and knows our defensive system so they've been able to pass that on to the newcomers," Poulin said. "It doesn't hurt to have (center Connor Linke) behind us."

Poulin still laments the North Stars' lone loss this season to Rockford Boylan. Other than that, the season has gone as he had hoped.

"Maybe it was perfect for us," Poulin said. "It kept us from getting too full of ourselves. We had three very good wins, some of the best basketball we've ever played at St. Charles North.

"That game brought us back and reminded us how fragile success can be."

Soaring Eagles: After graduating all five starters and enduring some growing pains last season, Jacobs is reaping the benefits of the experience its young players received.

The Golden Eagles (5-1, 2-0) have won four straight after their only loss of the season to highly touted Stevenson. Jacobs also has started strong in the Fox Valley after seeing its string of four straight conference titles snapped last season.

"We knew last year was a big turning of the page for us," Jacobs coach Jimmy Roberts said. "We had five sophomores that played up. It's the first time we graduated five starters since we've been here.

"We thought we would go through some struggles, and we did. You can't manufacture experience. You have to go through it. That's the hard part."

Defense has been a big part of the success. Jacobs has been holding teams to the mid-40s in points.

“It’s like old times,” Roberts said. “We find a way to get stops when we need to. Anytime we defend like we want to and we’re capable of, we always have a chance to win.”

Did you know? Roberts has been keeping an eye on Loyola University, where former star Cameron Krutwig now plays.

Krutwig, the main holdover from the Ramblers’ run two season ago to the Final Four, has emerged as one of the best centers in the Missouri Valley and one of the best passing posts in the U.S.

Through 10 games, Krutwig is averaging 16.7 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.2 assists, all team highs.

“The numbers are like when he was in high school,” said Roberts, who texts daily with Krutwig. “He’s not going to score 35 points a game, but he impacts the game in so many ways.”

Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Wednesday, Nov. 27

★ At 9:29 a.m. in the vicinity of Irving Park Road and East Avenue, Juan M. Ramirez, 20, of 960 Mulberry Lane, was arrested for possession of cannabis <2.5 grams. Ramirez was issued a local ordinance citation with a court date of Dec. 17.

★ At 7:06 p.m. in the vicinity of Irving Park Road and Park Avenue, Kathryn A. Williams, 37, of 715 Preston Lane, Schaumburg, was arrested for driving on a revoked licenses. Her car was towed and Williams was transported to the police department and later transported to bond call.

★ At 10:19 p.m. police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Gulf Keys and S Sutton Road. Roman C. Martinez-Mendoza, 30, of 664 Raymond, Elgin, was arrested for DUI/alcohol, failure to reduce speed and illegal possession/transportation of liquor. His vehicle was towed and Martinez-Mendoza was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Dec. 19.

Thursday, Nov. 28

★ At 1:49 a.m. in the vicinity of Lake Street and Bartlett Road, Elvira Rosa Otero-Gonzalez, 23, of 1250 Apple Lane, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated DUI/no driver’s license, DUI/alcohol, illegal possession/transportation of liquor and improper traffic lane usage. Her car was towed and Otero-Gonzalez was transported to the police department and held awaiting bond call.

★ At 8:50 p.m. police responded to a report of a family problem at 209 Ascot Lane. Kenya Brower, age not specified, of 500 Wilcox, Elgin, was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Brower was transported to the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

Friday, Nov. 29

★ At 1:45 p.m. police responded to Target, 1001 S. Sutton Road for a report of retail theft. Edgar Ramos, 20, of 303 Kathleen, Elgin, was arrested for retail theft <\$300. Ramos was transported to the police station where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Jan. 3, 2020.

★ At 5:21 p.m. police responded to Walmart, 850 S. Barrington Road for a report of retail theft. Teresa A. Hobart, 56, was arrested for retail theft <\$300. Hobart was transported to the police station where she later posted bond and was assigned an unspecified court date.

★ At 7:57 p.m. in the vicinity of Irving Park Road and Illinois Route 59, Khaykeo B. Obmalay, 29, of 193 Woodland Park Circle, Gilberts, was arrested for driving on a suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. Obmalay was transported to the police department and held awaiting bond call.

★ At 8:31 p.m. police responded to a report of a disturbance at Walmart, 850 S. Barrington Road. Juwan Wooten, 23, of 2544 Washington Blvd., Chicago, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Wooten was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Dec. 27.

★ At 11:55 p.m. in the vicinity of Lake Street and Bartlett Road, Jamal A. Robinson, 26, of 1184 Morton Ave., Elgin, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, resisting a peace officer, obstructing identification, no driver’s license, disregarding a traffic control light, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to yield to emer-

gency vehicle. It was also determined that Robinson had an outstanding warrant out of Elgin. Robinson was transported to the police department where he was held pending bond call.

Saturday, Nov. 30

★ At 5:28 p.m. in the vicinity of Irving Park Road and Madison Drive, Victor A. Lara-De Alba, 23, of 721 W. Highland Ave., Elgin, was arrested for obstructing identification, no driver’s license and head/tail lights not illuminated. Lara-De Alba was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Jan. 3, 2020.

Sunday, Dec. 1

★ At 11:33 p.m. in the vicinity of Lake Street and Park Avenue, Steven E. Uzoma, 40, of 1257 Fairwood Court, Elgin, was arrested for DUI/BAC>0.08, DUI/alcohol, driving 26-30 miles per hour above limit and failure to give signal. His vehicle was towed and Uzoma was transported to the police department where he was held pending bond call.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

★ At 2:37 a.m. in the vicinity of Lake Street and Walnut Avenue, Wilmer F. Evaristo-Aguilar, 18, of 114 Ludeka Place, Elgin, was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of DuPage County. Evaristo-Aguilar was transported to the police department and then to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 3:51 a.m. police reported that on Nov. 27, Lee M. Wilson, of 1684 Dogwood Lane, Hanover Park, was arrested by Country Club Hills police for retail theft. At the time it was determined that Wilson had an outstanding Streamwood warrant. Wilson later posted bond and assigned a new court date of Jan. 3, 2020.

BARTLETT

Sunday, Dec. 1

★ At 10:48 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Belmont for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised an unknown male subject had been ringing his doorbell and running off. Complainant advised he wanted it stopped.

★ At 3:32 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Taylor for a report of a suspicious vehicle and a possible drug law violation. The officer searched the subjects in the vehicle with negative results.

★ At 11:31 a.m., police responded to the 800 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 1:48 p.m., police responded to the 8000 block of South Bartlett for a report of computer hacking.

★ At 3:08 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Newport for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen her prescription medication.

★ At 5:04 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hearthstone for a fraud complaint.

★ At 7:08 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Naperville, a 14-year old male subject was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of tobacco products.

★ At 8:30 p.m., in the vicinity of Stearns and Illinois Route 59, Jonathan A. Zybur, 23, of the 800 block of Bryn Mawr, was arrested for DUI and disobeying a traffic control device. Zybur was transported to the police department for processing, and later released on an I-bond.

Monday, Dec.2

★ At 3:31 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of David for a complaint regarding the non-delivery of a television.

★ At 5:44 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of East Stearns for a re-

port of theft. Complainant advised unknown male offender(s) had stolen several bottles of alcohol.

★ At 9:33 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Mallard for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had moved her patio furniture while she was out.

★ At 11:22 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Valewood for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

★ At 11:09 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Wilmington for a report of a phone scam.

★ At 7:50 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Rose for a harassment complaint.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

★ At 2:50 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Hillendale for a report of a possible scam.

★ At 4:50 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Westridge for a fraud complaint. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had attempted to open multiple credit card accounts using his information.

★ At 9:16 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Voyager for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

Thursday, Dec. 5

★ At 12:17 a.m., in the vicinity of Stearns and Munger roads, Maria P. Bueno-Oliver, 34, of the 1000 block of Geneva, St. Charles, was arrested for DUI and improper lane usage. Bueno-Oliver was transported to the police

department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 4:31 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Wildberry for a report of a vehicle fire.

★ At 7:10 a.m., in the 1000 block of Filly, Tony R. Cross, 31, of the Filly address was arrested on both Cook and DuPage county warrants. Cross was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 8:22 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hillcrest for a noise complaint.

★ At 10:58 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Ford for a report of burglary to a motor vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had entered his unlocked vehicle and stolen his concealed carry permit, pistol and holster.

★ At 1:26 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Monarch, a 17-year old male subject was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

★ At 5:31 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Boston. Mateusz D. Kozierewicz, 29, of the Boston address was arrested for domestic battery and transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 10:58 p.m., in the vicinity of Stearns and Munger roads, Pamela M. Baglieri, 50, of the 700 block of East Middle, South Elgin, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Baglieri was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

Friday, Dec. 6

★ At 12:17 p.m., in the 700 block of Schick, a 16-year old male subject received a local ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

Village approves freeze on water, sewer rates

By Kristin Carreno

Trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to amend water and sewer rates for 2020-2021 and keep rates flat from Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2021 during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5.

According to Finance Director Josh Peacock, the water and sewer rates are established to provide adequate funding for the purchase of water, water delivery and maintenance of the infrastructure required to meet the needs of businesses and residents in a cost-effective manner.

“Water is purchased from the City of Chicago through the village member-

ship in the Northwest Suburban Joint Action Water Agency,” said Peacock.

Peacock added that after a review of the current rate structure staff recommended a two-year freeze on the existing water and sewer rate plan.

“The current rate plan provides adequate funding in anticipation of upcoming infrastructure projects,” Peacock said.

According to Peacock, the proposed combined water and sewer rates for 2020 and 2021 are the same as 2019 per thousand gallons rate. The residential rate is \$12.59, commercial \$11.08, industrial \$7.23 and other government \$7.39.

Streamwood boys hoops drop UEC opener to Rams

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team couldn’t overcome a slow start as the Sabres dropped their Upstate Eight Conference opener 92-62 on Friday, Dec. 6 at Glenbard East.

The Sabres came out and competed in the second half led by Jakobe Strong, who scored 20 points on the night with three three-pointers, but they were unable to rally after falling behind by 20 after the first quarter.

Glenbard East came out strong building a 28-8 lead after the first quarter, and it kept adding on in the second with a 24-15 frame for a 52-23 lead at the break.

For Streamwood, the second half was a chance to show its fight and Strong scored half of his points in the third quarter which his team won 25-16 to

pull to 68-48. The Sabres eventually pulled to within 14, at 70-56 with 5:58 left to play, but came no closer the rest of the game.

“We just started cutting, screening away for each other and getting our teammates open,” Strong said. “Our coach (Kent Payne) always wants us to move fast. He wants us to press all game, try to get the ball back on defense to score on offense, and that helped us compete in the second half.”

Zach Marquez scored 13 points, Darrel Luce 10, Lorenzo Coney nine and Kyle Maybrun five for the Sabres.

Streamwood is now 2-3 overall.

“We didn’t play with any confidence the first half,” Payne said. “We said losing this is insignificant but how are we going to compete, and I thought we really competed the second half.”

Hawks beat the buzzer then Wildcats in OT

By Seth Hancock

Teamwork and clutch play helped the Bartlett boys basketball team earn a 67-62 overtime win over West Chicago in its Upstate Eight Conference opener on Thursday, Dec. 5 at Bartlett.

The Hawks got the clutch in the form of a three-pointer at the buzzer from George Betevis (15 points), his third trey of the night, to send the game into overtime and Bartlett never trailed in the extra period with four straight free throws from Betevis for a 65-58 lead with 1:14 left in OT.

Beyond Betevis' clutch play, Bartlett showed its depth with seven players scoring at least six points on the night including Nick Kantzavelos (11 points), Hayden Angell (10 points), Liam Gallagher (nine points, three treys), Clark Lewis (eight points), Conrad Luczynski (eight points) and Nicholas Bucaro (six points).



Using a height advantage, the Hawks' Conrad Luczynski posting up to shoot over West Chicago's Christian Krahenbulh and Daniel Roldan.

"I like the depth of this team and it means we have to trust each other, pass the ball, make the extra pass," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I like some of the things we did. I like the way we kept our composure down the stretch."

Bartlett controlled the game most of the night. With the exception of a 2-0 deficit at the start, Bartlett never trailed in the first half and gained breathing room in the third quarter with an 11-0 run for a 41-28 lead with 2:14 left in the frame. Kantzavelos and Gallagher bookended that rally with threes and Lewis had five points in between.

The lead was still double digits entering the fourth quarter, 44-34, when West Chicago rallied all the way back to take a 56-52 lead with 53.8 seconds left.

Trailing 57-54, Wolfsmith initially drew up a play on a timeout for Kantzavelos whose three-point attempt was blocked out of bounds with 4.3 seconds left. On the next inbound, Wolfsmith credited the patience of Angell and Gallagher who instead of taking a rushed shot made the extra pass, and Betevis eventually got the clutch shot off for the tie electrifying the Hawks bench.

"Realistically with four seconds left and a team guarding the three-point stripe, if you can get a shot off that's even a look you're generally lucky," Wolfsmith said. "George was able to shake himself free and get a look off, and he was able to bury it. Probably 90 percent of the time that shot doesn't get there."

"They got me the ball in

the good position to rip and go, and I just got a shot off and it went in," Betevis said of his teammates. "We are a band of brothers. It doesn't matter who hits the shot. When a guy hits his shot, it gives us great energy."

Bartlett, which is now 2-4 overall, was coming off a 56-38 nonconference loss to Geneva on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Geneva. Luczynski had 13 points and Angell six to lead the effort.



Bartlett's George Betevis being embraced by teammates after hitting a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game against West Chicago. The last minute shot propelled the Hawks to victory in overtime. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Storm hit milestones, extend winning streak

By Seth Hancock

In a 4-0 week all at home, the South Elgin girls basketball team saw two milestones reached while adding an improbable comeback victory.

Storm coach Dan Mandernack reached his 100th win in his team's Upstate Eight Conference opener over Glenbard South, and senior Megan McClure reached 1,000 career points in an UEC victory over Larkin. In between, South Elgin rallied from as large as a 21-point deficit to earn a 53-52 nonconference win over St. Charles North on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

"In my 101 wins now, that's got to be the craziest one," Mandernack said. "St. Charles North, they are a great team with some great players. But we refuse to lose."

Mandernack quipped that it was the "giants versus the Smurfs" with the size disadvantage which helped lead to the Storm hitting just three of their

first 24 shots.

South Elgin trailed by 21 twice in the first half and faced a 34-17 deficit at the break while Ari Williams, who Mandernack called the "heart and soul" of the team, left the game in the first quarter with a knee injury.

The deficit was still large at 43-29 entering the fourth quarter and 52-46 in the final minute when the Storm scored the final seven points for the win. Ella Winterhalder (19 points) hit her third trey to start, Madison Waichunas (eight points) hit a bucket and Caroline Croft (eight points, three steals) hit the game winner with 10.7 second left.

"We were down a little bit in the locker room, but Mandernack came in and said we have to stay up and there's always a chance," Croft said of halftime. "Keep playing with that heart and hustle, it doesn't matter what the scoreboard is, it's 0-0 right now and

go win the second half."

McClure added seven points and Raina Yang six points and five rebounds.

The Glenbard South victory was also a thriller as the Storm built a 20-7 lead after the first quarter but saw the lead turn into a 43-38 deficit late in the game before rallying for a 49-46 win on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Winterhalder had 14 points, McClure 12 and Waichunas 11 to lead the effort.

Winterhalder (four three-pointers) had 20 points, McClure (three threes) 18, Croft 11, Yang seven and Haley Molitor five in a 76-36 victory over Larkin on Friday, Dec. 6.

South Elgin, now 7-1 overall, added a 64-52 non-conference win over Schaumburg on Saturday, Dec. 7 behind Winterhalder (21 points, four treys), Croft (15 points), Waichunas (10 points), McClure (nine points) and Yang (seven points).



The Storm's Megan McClure striving to maintain control of the ball as she moved toward the lane prior to dishing off a pass while closely defended by North's Emma Nawara.



Raina Yang of South Elgin driving into the paint as the North Stars' Emma Nawara reached in to disrupt the effort. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Storm topple Larkin then fall to North Stars

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team struggled to get its offense going in a 45-27 nonconference loss against St. Charles North on Saturday, Dec. 7 in St. Charles.

Facing an experienced St. Charles North squad, Storm coach Brett Johnson said his team's inexperience showed a bit but he was happy with the effort.

"We're young, we are so young, and we have a lot of learning to do and St. Charles North is older," Johnson said. "They have guys who are three- and four-year varsity players and they've been in these situations a lot."

Johnson added: "The efforts still there from this group, and I'm so proud that they continue to fight

no matter what the circumstances."

The Storm were held to single digits in three frames and for the entire first half. Trailing 7-4 after the first quarter, South Elgin committed nine turnovers in the second and trailed 19-9 at the break.

St. Charles North scored the first eight points of the second quarter which included three straight steals for a layup.

"Those were huge, and we've talked about the turnovers," Johnson said. We've got to work hard on continuing to learn from those things. But we're going to grow, and we're going to learn."

Kendis Wiley scored six of his eight points in the third quarter which helped South Elgin pull to within six twice, the last at 22-16, but St. Charles North

was able to take a 30-19 lead into the fourth quarter and maintained a double-digit lead as high as 19 in the final frame.

Lane McVicar led the Storm with nine points, and John Aaron Wafford added five points.

South Elgin, which is now 3-3 overall, was coming off a 56-50 win over Larkin in its Upstate Eight Conference opener on Thursday, Dec. 5 at South Elgin. McVicar (20 points), Wiley (nine points, 13 rebounds, three blocks, two assists) and Drew Cwik (eight points, six rebounds, four assists) led the effort.

"Ball movement and being physical won us the game," McVicar said. "They're a real physical team, so the only way to fight back is to be even more physical."



John Aaron Wafford of the Storm during a drive on the North Stars basket on Saturday, Dec. 7 at St. Charles North.



South Elgin's Lane McVicar attempting to maintain control of the ball under the North basket while contending with the presence of the North Stars' Connor Linke.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Hawks edge Sabres, stay undefeated in UEC

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team finished strong to earn a 62-55 win over Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Streamwood.

After three quarters of nail biting basketball, the Hawks pulled away in the fourth thanks to five points each from Sophia Desarden, Mackenzie Hare and Lexi Sinclair.

The game was tied 45-45 early in the fourth quarter when Bartlett steadily started pulling away which included a 9-0 run to take a 58-48 lead with Sinclair scoring four straight points, Hare hitting her fourth three-pointer of the game and Ashlyn Smith capping the run with a bucket. The Hawks led by at least seven the rest of the game.

"Streamwood was extremely physical and they were knocking down shots," said Bartlett coach Joe

Eirich. "They had a great game plan against us, and really what helped us grind it out was just protecting the ball, taking the open shots that we were getting and then in the second half knocking down our free throws."

Bartlett barely took a lead into halftime thanks to Hare being fouled on a three-point attempt with 26.3 seconds left, and her three free throws made it 25-24 at the break. Although a tight third quarter, the Hawks never trailed in the second half.

Hare had a big game scoring 28 points, 17 of which came in the second half including three of her treys. Sinclair added 16 points, Danielle Hedeem seven and Smith six.

"It just seemed like it was bucket after bucket after bucket in the second half," Eirich said of

Hare. "We made just a slight adjustment at the half and it just helped her and she was amazing."

"I felt like we weren't ready in the first half, but we regrouped and came out with a lot more energy," Hare said. "We need to come out faster, but credit Streamwood because they played us tough."

Bartlett went on to improve to 3-0 in the UEC after a 58-24 win over West Chicago on Friday, Dec. 6 at Bartlett, and Sinclair, a junior, reached 1,000 career points in her 20-point effort.

The Hawks did fall to 5-4 overall after a loss at the Fremd Shootout to end the week, a 68-59 loss to Hersey on Saturday, Dec. 7. Sinclair scored 25 points, Hare 24 and Hedeem five to lead the effort.



After driving through the paint, Mackenzie Hare of Bartlett dishd a pass off to a teammate in the corner to set up a shot against Streamwood.



During a layup effort, the Hawks' Danielle Hedeem was fouled by the Sabres' Idalyd Ocampo.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)