

## Press Clippings 12/13/2017

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### Minds at work

Elgin High School students will take Broadway stage to perform their original historical rap before 'Hamilton' performance

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Elgin High School students Fernanda Palomar, from left, Mollie Geron and Alexandra Sampieri practice the short rap they will perform before Wednesday's matinee performance of "Hamilton" in downtown Chicago. ( School District U46)

The musical "Hamilton," arguably as important a breakthrough for Broadway as it was for rap music, is opening another door, this time for three Elgin High School students.

Fernanda Palomar, Mollie Geron and Alexandra Sampieri will perform a 90-second rap before the Wednesday matinee performance of the Tony Award-winning musical at the CIBC Theatre in downtown Chicago. They are one of 10 student groups selected to perform onstage in advance of the show.

"I'm so excited. It is now hitting me," Sampieri, 16, said Tuesday.

In August, Elgin High School teachers John Devine and Heather Misner presented an idea to their students: Find a way to incorporate American history into performance art.

The teachers were inspired by a competition being held by The Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation. The idea was for students to replicate "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda's success in using a modern approach to transform a historical moment into a work of art, with the contest serving as both an incentive and educational experience.

Devine said he thought about ignoring the contest email until he realized it presented not only a chance for his students see "Hamilton" but also to get them onstage.

Palomar, Geron and Sampieri, all juniors, brainstormed and settled on a conversation between George Washington and Alexander Hamilton on the role African-Americans, both free and enslaved, should play in the American Revolution. Should they fight or should they stay on the sideline?

A French aristocrat and military officer, the Marquis de Lafayette — a close friend of both men — comes in during their performance and shifts the conversation toward James Armistead, a Virginia slave who joins the revolution as a spy for the Americans, the girls said.

“Turns out George Washington didn’t want any slaves in the Revolutionary War, because he thought if you gave them guns they might rebel,” Palomar, 17, said. “But (Alexander Hamilton) told him that we need more fighters, more soldiers.

“The song is a conversation on how a slave could really help us,” she said.

The characters and topic in question are obscure enough that Devine said it may have helped them get an invite onstage.

“Dang, they got me on that one,” Devine said upon hearing their submission. “I didn’t know this aspect of American history.”

Elgin High School was given 130 tickets to Wednesday’s play for the students who submitted performances. As the winners, Palomar, Geron and Sampieri will have better seats.

“I looked it up and it’s like \$1,000 a ticket (for these seats),” Palomar said.

The girls also have been listening to the musical’s soundtrack, appreciating what Miranda was able to accomplish by fusing musical genres and historical context into a story about a Founding Father.

“It is really amazing what Lin-Manuel Miranda can do with the music and the thought he put into the songs,” Palomar said.

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**U-46 to add co-op lacrosse**  
BY MADHU KRISNAMURTHY



Bartlett High School's Anthony Diperte makes a move toward the net during a varsity lacrosse game against Cary-Grove in the spring of 2016. Starting next spring, Elgin Area School District U-46 has sanctioned cooperative lacrosse teams for high school girls and boys.

Elgin Area School District U-46 is starting cooperative lacrosse teams for high school girls and boys next spring.

The school board recently approved creating the teams making lacrosse an Illinois High School Association-sanctioned sport.

The girls' co-op is Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin and Streamwood high schools. The boys' co-ops combine Bartlett and Streamwood on one team, and Elgin, South Elgin and Larkin on the other.

Some coaches suggested creating district-funded programs. The district has self-funded boys' club teams at South Elgin and Bartlett, costing roughly \$30,000 per program. Students pay more than \$500 in fees and teams rent fields from park districts.

The independent boards running those clubs wanted the district to take over the programs and provide partial funding and expand them to include girls.

U-46 would charge a \$200 athletic fee per student. Teams likely would charge an additional \$300 to \$400 per student to cover uniforms and equipment, officials said. It costs roughly \$1,000 per student to play.

For now, athletic trainers will be paid for through the high schools' budgets. Teams also could do their own fundraising to support other costs, which players have been doing already.

The district plans to make lacrosse a fully funded sport within the next two years.

The IHSA conducts its first boys and girls state championship series in the spring.

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**Gail Borden to host former Bartlett High teacher's 'Story of Giving' Dec. 19**

**SUBMITTED BY GAIL BORDEN LIBRARY**



Retired Bartlett High School teacher Brett Weiss started a charity that has sent 32 Kenyan children to high school, and four on to college. He will speak on "A Story of Giving: One Person's Journey to Give Young African Students an Education" on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. ***Courtesy of Brett Weiss***

Gail Borden Public Library will host former Elgin Area School District U-46 educator and author Brett Weiss from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the Elgin Room at the main library, 270 N. Grove Ave.

In "A Story of Giving: One Person's Journey to Give Young African Students an Education," Weiss will share his journey of helping children and discuss his book "Just Give Them a Hug and the Rest Will Be Easy: How One Person Can Make the World a Better Place, One Child at a Time."

When the Naperville resident traveled to Dago, Kenya in 2009 for the first time, he discovered that many children do not receive an education.

He started the Bernard and Elsie Weiss Dago Scholarship Fund, which is named after his parents. The fund helps students complete their education through high school.

It has awarded 32 full four-year scholarships and four of the students are now attending a university. His book tells the story of his travels, the people he has met, and the beginning of his scholarship project. He also encourages readers to take their own personal journey.

Weiss's discussion, part of the library's "Authors on the Fox" local author series, will feature stories of his travels and the people he has met.

The program is free to the public but registration is required. Register at [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), by calling (847) 429-4597 or in person.

The "Authors on the Fox" series will continue in February. On Feb. 5, Dennis Depcik will speak on "Wouldn't It Be Something." It is a love story and nostalgic look at the power and uniqueness of the handwritten letter -- how letters written across an ocean over 50



years ago between an Army officer and "insignificant kid" led to a marriage of 41 years and a love that lasted a lifetime.

## SPORTS SECTION

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### **Larkin rallies past St. Charles East in 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

BY JOHN LEMON

Deryn Carter knew his Larkin team wasn't going to miss every shot it took against St. Charles East Tuesday night in Elgin, though it sure felt like it for awhile.

The Royals missed their first 12 shots of the game, falling behind 15-2 until Anthony Lynch finally got a jumper to fall six minutes into the game.

Larkin also misfired on its first 11 shots from behind the 3-point line until Pierre Black connected midway through the third quarter.

At that point the Royals trailed 26-16, but Black's 3 ignited a 25-5 run that turned the 10-point deficit into a double-digit lead on the way to a 62-45 victory that keeps No. 4 Larkin unbeaten in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division.

With No. 13 St. Charles East (5-3, 1-2) collapsing its defense around 6-foot-10 Jalen Shaw and forcing the Royals to beat them from the outside, Larkin finally got those open shots to go in the second half. After shooting just 4 for 25 in the first half, Larkin hit 12 of 22 in the second -- many of them identical to the first-half looks.

"It's hard as a coach at halftime to say anything other than we're doing what we want to be doing when you have 15 points," Carter said. "The kids are waiting for you to yell or say this or that. Pierrie is missing some open shots, Vic (Perez) is missing some open shots, we just have to keep getting them. We made some shots in the second half, big difference."

Lynch, who led Larkin (6-2, 4-0) with 19 points, said outscoring the Saints 46-19 over the final 13 minutes is a credit to the team's maturity.

"We came in at halftime and knew what we needed to do," Lynch said. "We regrouped and just kept playing. We have a lot of seniors on this team and it shows a lot. We bring a lot of senior leadership."

The Saints started quickly with 6 points from Justin Hardy, then 5 from Zach Robinson and another basket from Hardy when the Saints spread the floor and Hardy beat Shaw on a drive to the rim.

That put St. Charles East up 13-1. Hardy picked up his second foul moments later and didn't play the rest of the first half, which helped the Royals stay within 21-16 at halftime -- even with their 16 percent shooting.

Hardy scored to start the third quarter and Nate Ortiz knocked down an open 3 before Black's 3 got the Royals going. Shaw made a jumper, Black hit another 3-pointer, Lynch scored on a spin move and a Perez basket gave Larkin its first lead at 28-27.

Perez sank a 3 in the closing seconds of the third quarter for a 33-29 lead, and the Royals stretched it to 41-31 on Shaw's 3-point play, a trey from Black and another drive from Lynch.

"For a Tuesday in December, this was a huge win," Carter said. "That (the comeback) was a good response for sure."

Larkin senior Kindrel Morris added 15 points -- on 15-of-16 shooting at the free-throw line all in the fourth quarter as the Saints fouled repeatedly in the final two minutes.

"He shot a lot of them," Carter said. "Free throw shooting has not been a huge strength of ours. Sometimes it's just about confidence and getting in a flow."

Shaw finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds while making several good passes out of double teams to open teammates.

"All I have to do is slow it down and see what I've got and that's when I make my moves," Shaw said. "I want to be a playmaker. As long as you are looking for your open teammates and move the ball, you'll be a better basketball team."

Hardy scored a game-high 21 points and Robinson had 16 points and 8 rebounds, but the rest of the Saints combined for 8 points. They also turned the ball over 20 times and were outrebounded 33-30.

"We have to get better," Saints coach Patrick Woods said. "Larkin took us out of what we want to do which is play fast. They were very patient offensively."

"Zach Robinson was very good tonight but we needed a third, fourth, fifth player. We talked about that before the game, people getting opportunities to step up and I don't think that happened."

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## **Boys Basketball: Sabres gets past Wildcats**

**BY JERRY FITZPATRICK**

The lights stayed on in Streamwood's gym Tuesday no matter how hard West Chicago guard Jason Gimre tried to shoot them out.

That's because Streamwood 6-foot-7 forward Keenon Cole supplied the host Sabres with enough juice to pull off a 56-53 comeback victory in an Upstate Eight crossover.

Gimre had Streamwood (3-5) on its heels from the start. The 5-foot-10 senior guard scored a career-high 35 points by sinking 11 of his first 12 shots over the span of three quarters, including 9 of his first 10 attempts from 3-point range. Overall, he finished 12 of 17 from the field, 9 of 13 from beyond the arc.

"I was waiting for Jason to have a game like that, to be honest, because we see him shoot like that in practice all the time," West Chicago coach Bill Recchia said. "It was just a matter of time before he had one of these games."

Gimre's 23 first-half points helped West Chicago (3-3) take a 21-9 lead after a quarter, but the Wildcats peaked early. Streamwood got back in the game by working its offense for better shots. They closed the second quarter on a 12-2 run, capped by a Nikola Sinik 3-pointer that trimmed the deficit to 29-23.

The momentum continued into the third quarter as Cole scored 7 of his team-high 26 points, but West Chicago maintained a 50-46 lead until midway through the final period. That's when the Sabres used a 10-0 run to take control. Freshman Zack Marquez scored inside and junior guard DeAngelo Flynn followed with a 3-pointer with 3:31 left to give the Sabres a 51-50 lead.

Following a West Chicago turnover, Cole, a junior, notched an inside bucket and a traditional three-point play to stake the Sabres to a 56-50 lead with 1:10 remaining.

"We're an athletic team and we knew we could come back," Cole said. "We just got back in the flow, did what our coaches told us to do and ran our offense a lot better and we came out with the W."

It was the kind of confidence-buidling win the Sabres needed following three straight losses.

"We still have a lot to improve on, but we'll take it," Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn said. "Down 15 and I thought we were playing awful on the offensive end of the floor. Once we cleaned that up a little bit and got to what we were supposed to do instead of what we felt like doing out there, we started chipping away."

The Sabres won the rebounding battle 29-18, including 11 offensive rebounds.

"That means we had 11 stops that led to 11 additional opportunities for them," Recchia said. "That's almost a quarter's worth of possessions."

Lamont Cole and Kevin Bauer each added 6 points.

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## **Girls' Basketball: Quick start fuels St. Charles East's win over Bartlett**

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI



Bartlett's Shelly Banks tries to defend against St. Charles East's Ashley DiOrio as she shoots Tuesday in Bartlett.

A fast start was just what St. Charles East needed.

The Saints' girls' basketball team raced out to a 20-7 lead after one quarter and fought off a late Bartlett flurry to win the Upstate Eight crossover, 51-40, in Bartlett Tuesday night.

Sara Rosenfeldt, who last weekend became the program's all-time leading scorer, had 21 points, 12 rebounds, and a couple of blocked shots for the 3-5 Saints.

Ashley DiOrio also recorded a double-double with 15 points and 11 boards.

"We needed this," said St. Charles coach Aubree Schuett. "Bartlett's a great team. We watched a bunch of film and they have the ability to play big and be big. I thought we handled the outside shooting pretty well but most importantly, at the beginning of the game we handled it well."

The Saints took a 10-2 lead, with Rosenfeldt and DiOrio accounting for 10 of those points. Nicole Jordan hit two 3-pointers later in the period.

"We're always talking about coming out strong and coming out fast," said DiOrio. "It was really a confidence boost and we needed it tonight."

The Saints appeared on the verge of a blowout a couple of times, but the Hawks always battled back. SCE led by as many as 18, 37-19, early in the second half, but the Hawks answered with 4 straight points.



Bartlett really turned up the heat defensively in the fourth quarter, trapping and pressing on nearly every possession. The Hawks came up with 8 steals in the quarter and often turned them into points, but it was too little, too late. Eleven points was as close as they got. Savannah Standefer grabbed 3 of those steals.

Kayla Hare finished with 17 points and Alexis Sinclair added 11 for the Hawks (5-4), but slow starts continue to plague them.

"It's been a problem for the last week or so," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "Even in some of the games we've won we've gotten off to a slow start and then we just gradually pick it up."

Led by the 6-foot Rosenfeldt, the Saints dominated the backboards with a 33-16 advantage. Bartlett had no one with more than 4 rebounds.

St. Charles East played without injured point guard Lexi Kiefer so everyone helped out moving the ball. Katherine Weinzirl had 4 assists but all 5 starters had at least 1.

Rose Stackhouse added 7 points for St. Charles East.

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## Proposals set for vote at next Dist. U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on four expenditure proposals totaling \$333,161 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 18. The items were presented on Monday, Dec. 4.

One proposal is for resources totaling \$91,658 for two Advanced Placement courses, AP U.S. Government and Politics and AP Human Geography.

According to the proposal, the "curriculum and exam has been revised by College Board" for the AP U.S. Government and Politics course and current resources for AP Human Geography "were purchased prior to the 2015 course revision."

If approved, the updates would take effect in the fall 2018.

Pearson's "American Government: Roots and Reform" textbook was selected for AP U.S. Government and Politics and will cost \$70,859 for 525 students. Pearson's "The Cultural Landscape: Introduction to Human Geography" was chosen for AP Human Geography and costs \$20,799 for 142 students.

The College Board controls AP curriculum, and board member Sue Kerr asked if it has a schedule for when revisions are made to courses. Robin Lenart, K-12 social studies coordina-

tor, said it does and the schedule is published on the College Board's website.

There were two proposals presented for professional development, \$55,900 with the AVID Center and another with Dale Carnegie Training costing \$66,000. Both would come out of the education fund, if approved.

If approved, the professional development for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) staff would take place over two days in June at South Elgin High School. Prior to hosting, staff would have to travel for the AVID professional development.

The cost would be \$430 per participant, up from \$420 last year, and there are 130 expected participants from U-46. It's a "significant reduction from past expenses when teachers would travel out of state" according to the proposal.

Last year U-46 hosted the professional development and opened it up to other districts, and Ron Raglin, assistant superintendent, said 120 additional participants attended last year and "well over 50 other districts" have expressed interest in attending this coming year.

Board member Traci Ellis asked if the professional development will include similar strands from last year in-

cluding the "cultural competency strands," and Raglin said "absolutely."

Those strands have been controversial as they promote group-think and collectivism like the Culturally Relevant Teaching explained in the proposal which states it will teach staff to "conduct a self-examination and address issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and accountability through a growth mindset. The strand will provide a framework of effective methodologies that validate the culture of all students in the classroom and on the campus."

The professional development from Dale Carnegie Training will cost \$1,320 a person for 50 members of the district's operational staff and includes, according to the proposal, "3.5 hours every other week for approximately seven weeks. For the operations management team the training will span for 3.5 hours over an eight week time period."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "on the operational side of the house there's not been a lot of ongoing, imbedded professional development," and Jeff King, chief operations officer, said "they've had access, but they've had to do it" on their own.

Board member Phil Costello asked if this would be an ongoing expense in future budgets to which King said "I guess I'll have to reserve and say maybe." Costello said "I'm not saying it's a bad thing," but he wants to make sure there are specific outcomes to look for in order to know if there's a value in future years.

The final proposal of \$119,603 with TransChicago Truck Group, out of the education fund, if approved, is to replace a 2004 refrigerated truck the district says has 116,688 miles and 2,765 refrigerator hours and currently has a \$5,000 value. According to the proposal, the district's current truck has had \$20,141 in repairs over the previous eight years.

## Garage blaze spreads to home causes extensive damage



Fire at 145 Rolling Knowles Ave., Elgin.  
(Courtesy photos)

On Monday, Dec. 11, 7:35 p.m. the Bartlett Fire District was called to a report of a fire at 145 Rolling Knowles Ave., near Hilltop Road in Elgin. The first Bartlett crews arrived on the scene at 7:41 p.m. and reported a fully involved wind-driven fire in the attached garage that extended into the structure of the two-story, single-family building.

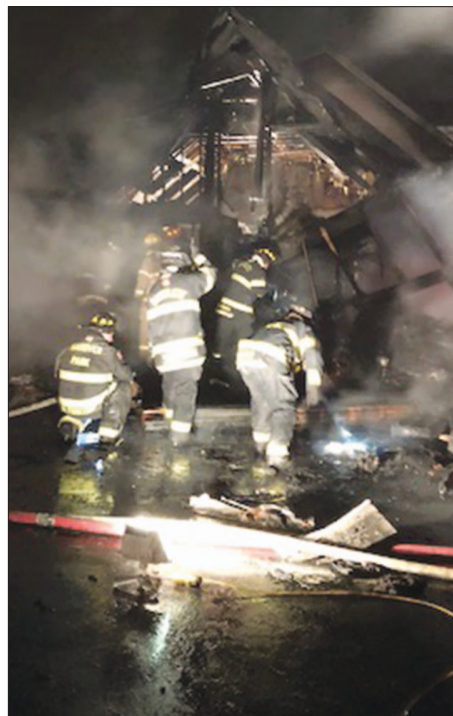
Based on information provided by the Bartlett Fire District, the first fire crews deployed multiple hose lines and aggressively attacked the fire from the exterior keeping the fire from extending further into the house. Firefighters also deployed additional hose lines for an interior attack. A rural water operation was also started at that time. Firefighters made entry into the super-heated and smoke-charged residence searching for any trapped occupants. Firefighters had to remove a massive amount of debris as well as open numerous walls and ceilings in the affected rooms to expose spots of hidden fire to be extinguished. The box alarm was struck out at 9:43 p.m., however, multiple firefighters continued with extensive salvage and overhaul activities.

According to the Bartlett Fire District, there were no injuries as a result of the fire which left the building uninhabitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time and the fire remains under investigation by the Bartlett

Fire District investigators.

The fire was fought by 45 firefighters, staffing four fire engines, one ladder truck, one squad, two ambulances and six water tenders, which responded to the scene along with five command officers and two fire investigators. Because there were no hydrants in the area, additional units were necessary to establish a rural water supply utilizing water tenders.

Units from the South Elgin, Elgin, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park, Carol Stream, East Dundee, Barrington, Roselle, Fox River and Countryside were called to



Firefighters battling the blaze.

the scene. Additional firefighters from Schaumburg, Elk Grove, and Streamwood fire departments responded as a change of quarters to handle additional emergency calls for Bartlett. Cook County Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic control.



## Out of reach

Andrea Bracy attempting to secure a rebound for the Sabres that eluded her grasp as West Aurora was able to take possession of the ball following a missed Streamwood shot on Monday, Dec. 4 at Streamwood. For story and more photos, see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
★ At 9:20 p.m., Alex Ivan Perez, 20, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**  
★ At 10:40 p.m., Antonio Rivera-Abriz, 18, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Friday, Dec. 1**  
★ At 9:28 a.m., Terrance R. Ray, 37, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:30 p.m., Liza N. Mendoza-Apolinar, 21, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no driver's license. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Saturday, Dec. 2**  
★ At 1:17 a.m., Steven J. Wilson, 23, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, improper lighting, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:28 p.m., Larry L. Smith, Jr., 33, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of an accident, DUI and multiple traffic and equipment violations. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Sunday, Dec. 3**  
★ At 12:22 a.m., Shawn Steven Busby, 26, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to bond call.

**Monday, Dec. 4**

★ At 7:56 p.m., Alexander Pasillas, 19, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:40 p.m., Donte W. Lewis, 42, Ontario, California, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
★ At 10:02 p.m., Juan Octavio Garcia, 39, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## BARTLETT

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**  
★ At 10:33 a.m., a complainant in the 1100 block of Virginia Court reported that an unknown offender stole a wallet and gift card from her parked vehicle. Police canvassed the area with negative results. Estimated loss \$130.

★ At 10:39 a.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Spitzer Road reported that an unknown offender stole her driver's license, a credit card and her cell phone from her parked vehicle. The offender used the credit card to make multiple purchases. Estimated loss \$205.

★ At 1:33 p.m., two 14-year-old juveniles were cited for truancy. They face a Dec. 20 hearing date.

★ At 4:55 p.m., a complainant in the 1200 block of Dogwood Lane reported a subject dumping a foul smelling substance into the sewer. Police spoke with the subject who advised the substance is the liquid for washing carpets.

**Thursday, Nov. 30**  
★ At 7:37 a.m., a complainant in the

900 block of West Stearns Road reported receiving a package for a subject who has never lived at his current address. He opened the package and it contained essential oils with hemp.

## PTB purchase bogged down in U-46 process

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Parents and Teachers of Bartlett (PTB), Bartlett Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), should finally have the chance to purchase items it raised money for.

Sara Lippold and Terea Eid, co-presidents of the PTB, addressed the Board of Education explaining an arduous process to not only purchase items but simply get answers during public comments at the board meeting on Monday, Dec. 4.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders asked the board to "expedite" the purchase of the technology items the PTB is looking to buy with a \$32,468 grant it received by voting on the purchase at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 18.

Lippold said the PTB has been on "an 11-month endeavor to purchase technology for our elementary school." In summer 2016 the PTB submitted the grant application to a local business offering it and later was awarded the technology portion of the grant which is "to purchase several items requested by teachers and staff within the building including laptops for classroom use."

This January Lippold said the PTB requested meetings with the school administration and district administration "to open a dialogue about the technology available to elementary schools and to understand the necessary steps to begin the purchase process," but "nearly a year later, we are still anxiously awaiting the ability to make this purchase through no lack of trying on our end."

Since August, Eid said the PTB had been making numerous requests to get answers and understand the process on "at least a biweekly basis to no avail," and their "phone calls and emails directly to the principal and the director of information services are routinely ignored."

In early November, Eid said the PTB

Police advised the complainant that the substances are not illegal and attempted to find the named subject with negative results. Police disposed of the oils.

received quotes for the subsequently confirmed quoted prices.

Eid said after the confirmation of the price the PTB attempted further communication to make sure the "purchase was in motion," and "imagine our surprise when last week we received a communication indicating that not only was that not the case but that the purchase must be presented by information services before the school board as it exceeds \$25,000."

Both Eid and Lippold said they understand the need for a process but said the process and guidelines are unclear.

"We feel that the protracted timeline that our organization has endured to facilitate both a dialogue, receive a quote and to begin to move this purchase forward is excessive," Lippold said. "The many roadblocks put in our way by both the building and departmental personnel are also excessive and unnecessary."

"While we strive to follow the U-46 guidelines for communication, there is no clear path of ownership outlined by the district for PTO purchases and such this has been a protracted struggle to engage parties to make this purchase," Eid said.

Sanders said part of the need for the process is to allow PTOs to "use our state contract to authorize that equipment," but why does the board need to approve the purchases and why did the process for this specific case take so long?

Board member Jeanette Ward asked just that: "Why do we need to vote on it if it is not taxpayer dollars that we're voting on? It's been raised by the parents."

Sanders said U-46 would need to make the purchase to receive the state contract price.

Ward asked if PTOs could find on their own vendors that would match

See PTB purchase, pg. 3

## Board formally approves tax levy, operating budget

**By Joe Hyland**  
At its Thursday, Dec. 7 meeting, the Village Board unanimously passed a number of ordinances related to taxes following their second reading. These included the ordinances authorizing the village's annual tax levy as well as the supplemental tax levies for the various special service areas in the village.

In addition, the board also unanimously approved the ordinance authorizing the village's 2018 operating and capital improvements budget following its second reading.

Public hearings on both the tax levies and the budget were held prior to the board's Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting. There were no public comments received. At that meeting, the ordinances were presented for a first reading.

The total tax levy will be just under \$11.4 million. This is exactly the same as the levy for the previous year. The proposed operating and capital improvements budget is \$60.5 million.

The supplemental levies for the 28

special service areas will total just under \$141,000. They range from \$630 for special service areas 19 and 20 (Suncrest North and Suncrest II subdivisions respectively) to just under \$16,600 for special service area 18 (Sterling Oaks 2 subdivision).

The levy must be submitted to county authorities by the end of December in order to be included on next year's property tax bills.

The budget as presented is balanced according to Village Manager Sharon Caddigan. While the tax levy in and of itself will not cover the budget, the village has a number of additional revenue streams that it uses to make up the difference. These include such things as the village's share of state income tax revenues, local sales taxes, license and permit fees, fines, investment income and the village's share of motor fuel tax revenues. The latter are restricted to road-related projects while the others can be put into the general fund.

# STREAMWOOD'S got Talent

For future superstars ages 10 - 17 years old

Feel like you're the next great superstar? Do your friends tell you you've got a shot at superstardom?

Streamwood's Got Talent will give 12 area performers an opportunity to step up and wow us with their talent. Community members will have the opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite contestant online.

**Auditions (1 of 12 spots)**  
Wednesday, January 24  
6:30 p.m.

**Round 1 Taping (Top 12)**  
February 7

**Round 2 Taping (Top 6)**  
February 21

**Round 3 Taping (Top 4)**  
March 7

**Final Taping (Final 2)**  
3/21

**Winner announced Wednesday, April 4 via online poll.**



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# District U-46 rolls out new website structure

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46's website has undergone an update to its design and added a customer service tool called Let's Talk.

The website, at u-46.org, is designed on the Blackboard Inc. platform and Let's Talk, approved by the Board of Education over the summer, is from K12Insight.

According to a district press release, the new website has a "sleek, modern design" for "an increased use of multimedia elements, easier navigation, and a responsive design" allowing for easier use on tablets and smart phones.

"A school's website is one of the primary ways that parents and families stay connected to their child's school," U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said in the release. "In the mobile age, U-46 had to have a website that works and looks just as good on a cellular phone as it does on a desktop."

On the Let's Talk page of the website it states it "offers an easy and convenient way to submit feedback directly to the U-46 staff member who can help" and the press release said it will allow U-46 to "measure the timeliness and satisfaction of staff responses from each department."

Current departments setup on Let's Talk include business services, food and nutrition services, human resources, school and community relations, school safety and culture and student registration according to the release, and all remaining depart-

ments will be added in the spring.

"We have long aimed to be responsive and transparent, but this customer service tool really helps us track and improve on those efforts," Sanders said. "We're excited to see how 'Let's Talk!' can help us improve our relationships with our employees, parents, students and community members."

At the board meeting on Monday, Dec. 4, board member Sue Kerr said there's a learning curve in figuring out the new website but she likes the look.

"I'm still trying to figure out where everything is, but it looks good," Kerr said.

Feedback on the new website can be given through the Let's Talk tool.

Board member Phil Costello offered a "shout out" for Let's Talk as he hopes the public will be able to get more transparency through it citing a specific case presented to the board that evening. Members of a district PTO from Bartlett Elementary School who said they had a "protracted" process in making a purchase.

"I know it's just rolling right now, but it would be a good way to vet that type of situation so that we can get better feedback and that there's more transparency in the problems that we face as a district," Costello said. "We are a very large district, but we have to have a way to channel these things through without a protracted timeline. I'm looking forward to seeing the results from this system."

# Ribbon cutting commemorates new business opening in village



Pictured at the ribbon cutting, from left, Sharon Caddigan, Katy Dolan Baumer, Dawn Leardi, Ed Valente, Billie Roth, Larry Schmidt, Cici's Pizza Manager Jonathan Nowak, Robin Lingle, Pat Diehn, Marion Janiec, Richard Janiec, Daryl Syre and Cindy Wicks Raben. (Courtesy photo)

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Cici's Pizza in Streamwood on Thursday, Nov. 30. Among those in attendance to commemorate the business opening were, representing the village, Village President Billie Roth, Village Manager Sharon Caddigan, Trustee Larry Schmidt, Park District Commissioner Richard Janiec, Police Chief Ed Valente, Streamwood Deputy Police Chief Daryl Syre, Fire Chief Chris Clark,

Blood Commission Chairman Dawn Leardi, from the Chamber of Commerce, President Robin Lingle, staffer Jennifer Noble, staffer Marion Janiec, from the Woman's Club, President Pat Diehn, member Cindy Wicks Raben, plus Hanover Township Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer, Poplar Creek Public Library District Trustee Bonnie Hulke and Parkway Bank & Trust Co. Streamwood Branch Manager Anna Koscielniak.

# PTB purchase

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# Streamwood defeated by Geneva and Batavia



After negotiating past Geneva’s Kross Garth, Streamwood’s Keenon Cole finished a layup that resulted in a pair of points for the Sabres.



The Sabres’ Deangelo Flynn rising to take a jumper over the Vikings’ Jack McDonald.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team couldn’t keep up with Geneva’s depth as the Sabres dropped a 74-52 Upstate Eight Conference River Division game on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Streamwood. Keenon Cole (seven rebounds, two blocks) had a huge game inside and out scoring a game-high 34 points, including three three-pointers. Beyond Cole, the Sabres did not have another player reach double figures and only one over four points, Brendon Marton (two blocks) scoring nine points. “Offensively, we were stagnant,” said Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn. “We didn’t execute anything, and then defensively they made us pay for

every little mistake.” Geneva built a 21-12 lead after one quarter and didn’t look back. Streamwood’s deficit grew to 35-20 by halftime, and the Sabres pulled no closer than 10 the rest of the game. The Sabres, facing a Geneva squad with both shooters and size that can beat a team inside, had a defensive choice to make. Geneva hit 10 buckets from behind the arc facing Streamwood’s zone. “They run their man-to-man stuff so well,” Kowalyszyn said. “We know they can shoot, so we thought our best bet was to do what we did and take the gamble. They shot really well from the outside.” Streamwood went on to drop a 60-46 UEC River Di-

vision game against Batavia on Friday, Dec. 8 at Streamwood. Nikola Sinik, who hit four treys, scored 14 of his team-high 16 points in the first half as the Sabres took a 25-20 lead into the break, but Batavia rallied in the third with a 24-14 frame to take the lead for good at 44-39. Cole (eight rebounds, three blocks) scored 13 points and Zack Marquez added five. “Right now we are staying right with some good teams, but I think when we get more polished we will be beating some of these teams,” Kowalyszyn said. Streamwood is now 2-5 overall, 0-3 in the UEC River Division.



## The princess has landed

Princess Leia Organa, a 2-year-old, spayed, female California rabbit, has traveled as a stray and has landed at DuPage County Animal Care & Control with her brother, young Luke Skywalker and friend Rey. Leia can’t wait to find a home where she will be treated like royalty! Please visit [www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol](http://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol) for more details or call (630) 407-2800. (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)



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# Sabres drop games to West Aurora, Batavia



The Sabres’ Rebecca Roncone waiting for gravity to take its course as she awaited a loose ball to return toward her grasp between the Blackhawks’ Keva Tomas, left, and Skylar Doby.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team couldn’t withstand a tough third quarter as the Sabres dropped a 57-42 Upstate Eight Conference crossover game against West Aurora on Monday, Dec. 4 at Streamwood.

After falling behind 12-6 after one quarter, the Sabres rallied. Streamwood’s six-point deficit remained by halftime, 27-21, and pulled to within one possession before West Aurora used a 12-0 run to take a 50-31 lead into the fourth quarter.

“We played hard,” said Streamwood coach George Rosner. “It was a two-point game well into the third quarter and then they went on a 12-0 run.”

Rosner added: “They ran us hard after missed shots, and we did not take care of the ball and had careless turnovers. That quarter was the game.”

Despite the loss, the Sabres had two big games from Andrea Bracy and Mandy Mien.

Bracy led the Sabres with 16 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots. Mien followed with 10 points, six assists and four steals.

“That was an excellent performance against a

team with much more overall size than we have,” Rosner said of Bracy, and of Mien he said she “did a great job handling their press.”

Alexis Rojas, Rebecca Roncone and Colleen Veguilla each tallied four points for the Sabres.

Rosner said “we could not hit anything, and I mean anything” as the Sabres went 0-for-16 from behind the arc.

“A few of those and it’s a different game,” Rosner said. “The girls played hard but need a consistent effort with no big letdowns. West Aurora is a good team, but we could have won the game if....”

In similar fashion, Streamwood dropped a 54-41 UEC River Division game against Batavia on Thursday, Dec. 7 at Streamwood.

The game was even through the first half, 10-10 after one quarter and 18-18 at the break, and the Sabres led 26-25 in the third quarter when Batavia finished the frame on a 17-1 run for a 42-



Streamwood’s Alexis Rojas extending to release a shot over West Aurora’s Olivia Vanderwoude.

27 lead. Streamwood pulled no closer than eight in the fourth quarter.

Bracy had 15 points, Mien 14 and Riya Patel five. Returning senior Maddi Exline got her first playing time of the season off the bench as she recovered from an injury, and she scored two points.

Streamwood is now 1-8 overall, 1-2 in the UEC River Division.



Mandy Mien bringing the ball up court along a sideline while dealing with pressure from West Aurora’s Kiyanna Rodgers.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Monica Brown triggering a three-point-shot attempt against West Aurora.



# Police Reports

## SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Nov. 29

- ★ At 2:47 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of West Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 10:33 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Silver Glen roads for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
- ★ At 5:28 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and Illinois Route 31 for a report of an obstruction

## Elgin Fire Dept. responds to house fire

The Elgin Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire Monday December 4, at 7:20 p.m. in the 2100 block of Valley Creek Drive. The first fire units arrived on the scene within three minutes of dispatch and met members of the family and noted that everyone was out of the structure and the fire was on the second floor.

The fire was upgraded to a working fire due to the potential for fire spread. The fire was contained to the room of origin and extinguished in approximately five minutes.

There were no injuries reported. The home did not have working smoke detectors and the residents were alerted to the fire by the smell of smoke.

The Elgin Fire Department reminds everyone of the importance of working smoke detectors in the home to allow for the early warning of a fire.

- in the roadway.
- ★ At 5:39 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Waterford for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
  - ★ At 5:40 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of South London for a report of indecent exposure.
  - ★ At 6:19 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Mark and Earl for a report of an intoxicated subject.
  - ★ At 6:34 p.m., police responded to Children of America, 750 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.
  - ★ At 7:08 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Gyor for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
  - ★ At 7:40 p.m., police responded to Goodwill Industries, 260 Randall Road, for a report of criminal damage to property.
  - ★ At 8:18 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of North Camden for a child custody dispute.
- Thursday, Nov. 30**
- ★ At 12:25 a.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 291 Windsor, for a 911 investigation.
  - ★ At 3:21 a.m., police responded to Head, Inc., 201 N. Center, for a report of an activated alarm.
  - ★ At 4:55 a.m., police responded to Red Robin, 420 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
  - ★ At 5:26 a.m., police responded to Custom Aluminum, 400 Division, for a 911 investigation.
  - ★ At 7:21 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Gyor for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
  - ★ At 8:52 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of East Middle for a report of battery.
  - ★ At 11:25 a.m., police responded to

- the 2000 block of Brookwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 4:08 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Haverhill for a fraud complaint.
  - ★ At 4:25 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of South Pembroke for a 911 investigation.
  - ★ At 7:21 p.m., police responded to the Animal Care Clinic and Pet Rescue, 477 Briargate Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.
  - ★ At 8:05 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and McLean for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
  - ★ At 9:53 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 809 Kane, for a report of a suspicious person.
- Friday, Dec. 1**
- ★ At 7:24 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and North Lancaster for a report of a safety or health hazard.

- ★ At 7:50 a.m., police responded to Children of America, 750 N. McLean Blvd., for a burglary to a motor vehicl in progress.
- ★ At 10:24 a.m., police responded to Elite Expo, 845 Commerce Drive for a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 1:36 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a report of battery.
- ★ At 1:58 p.m., police responded to the BP Amoco, 245 Randall Road, for an assault complaint.
- ★ At 3:11 p.m., police responded to the 2100 block of West Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 3:59 p.m., police responded to the Chase Bank, 536 Randall Road, for a report of smoke in the building.
- ★ At 4:31 p.m., police responded to the Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a report of a hit and run.j
- ★ At 4:54 p.m., police responded to the

## Police Dept. investigating armed robbery at Autozone

On Monday, Dec. 4, at 8:47 p.m. officers of the South Elgin Police Department responded to the Autozone store in the 200 block of N. Randall Road near the intersection with Gyor Road for a report of an armed robbery.

A single offender described as a black male, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall and a “stocky” build was wearing a black jacket, black pants and a black ski mask entered the store. The offender displayed a black-in-color handgun and demanded money from an employee. An undisclosed amount

of cash was obtained. The offender was then observed to exit the store and flee the area on foot.

Officers and a police K-9 unit conducted a thorough search of the area but were unable to locate and apprehend the offender.

The public’s aide is requested in helping solve this crime. Anyone that has information as to the identify and or the whereabouts of the offender of this crime is asked to contact the South Elgin Police Department Investigations section at 847-741-2151.

# Rams top South Elgin after erasing 18-point deficit



Under close defensive pressure from the Rams’ Kenny Adams, left, South Elgin’s Drake Montgomery pivoting with the basketball at the low post during the Storm’s Saturday, Dec. 3 loss to Glenbard East.



The Storm’s Noah Roar attempting to score over the block effort of the Rams’ Anthony Janega.

**By Seth Hancock**

Heading into the fourth quarter of its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener, the South Elgin boys basketball team looked well on its way to improving to 6-0 on the season on Saturday, Dec. 9 at South Elgin.

Glenbard East had different ideas rallying from an 18-point deficit early in the fourth quarter and defeating the Storm 74-73 in overtime.

“The mood in the locker room was like we just lost a regional game,” said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. “I told them ‘hey, just use this to motivate yourselves to get better.’”

Vincent Miskiewicz (eight rebounds, three blocks) scored 11 of his team-high 25 points in the third quarter which helped the Storm build as large as a 19-point lead, 53-34, and take a 55-40 lead into the fourth. Ahead 58-40 in the fourth, the Storm saw the visitors go on a 17-0 run to pull to 58-57 with 5:18 left to play and eventually Glenbard East tied the game twice, including 67-67 to end regulation.

In the extra period, the Storm rallied from a 73-69 deficit as Miskiewicz finished his 9-for-9 performance at the free-throw line with a pair and Drake Montgomery knocked down his second shot of the overtime for a 73-73 tie. At the buzzer, Glenbard East was sent to the line and hit the second shot to end the game.

“We did what we needed to do to put ourselves in a position to win a game early,” Johnson said. “By the fourth quarter, our passing wasn’t as crisp and we didn’t take care of the ball. We just have to take care of the ball and make smart decisions.”

In the first quarter, the Storm grabbed momentum as Miskiewicz had three dunks, two on alley-oops, and David Binion (11 points) one as they built a 24-14 lead which grew to 39-27 by halftime.

Noah Rohr (19 points, seven rebounds) hit four treys and went 7-for-7 from the line, and Jace Warrick (11 points) hit three threes. South Elgin had nine three-pointers, one each from Binion and Kyle Sy.

The Storm are now 5-1 overall.

“We’ve just got to work harder in practice,” Johnson said. “We know that it’s going to be a battle in conference night in and night out.”



The Storm’s Jace Warrick being fouled while shooting between Glenbard East’s James Peterkin, left, and Korvante Davis.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# North Stars hold on to defeat Bartlett 49-45

By Seth Hancock

The North boys basketball team was able to hold on for an Upstate Eight Conference crossover win as the North Stars defeated Bartlett 49-45 on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Bartlett.

In the first half, the North Stars had to rally from a 9-2 deficit at the start to take a 20-15 lead into halftime. The third quarter saw four lead changes, North leading 30-28 by the end of the frame, and the fourth had two ties.

In a 34-34 game, Lucas Heflen (five

points) hit a three-pointer and Erik Larson (seven points) followed with a bucket for a 39-34 lead with 3:16 left in the game. With 14.6 seconds left to play, Bartlett hit a big trey to cut what became a six-point lead down to 47-45 and later had a chance to tie but turned the ball over as the North Stars never relinquished the lead.

“We made a couple shots down the stretch and got a couple stops,” said North coach Tom Poulin. “Credit

goes to Bartlett for grinding that one out with us. I wasn’t all too happy with how we played, but we still gutted out a gritty win at a tough place to play.”

Poulin added: “We’ve been in some close ballgames this year, so the kids know how to play in them.”

Cade Callaghan and Kyle King, who went 7-for-10 from the free-throw line, both scored 13 points to pace North for the game. Callaghan did most of his damage in the fourth

quarter to help preserve the lead scoring seven in the final frame, including 3-for-4 from the charity stripe.

“We knew they were going to come out and battle us,” Callaghan said. “We’ve been able to battle ourselves this season, and we responded well to them.”

Luke Scheffers (seven points) and Brendan Dal Degan (four points) each hit a trey in the contest.

North is now 4-2 overall.



Bartlett's Ben Fisher holding his ground as North's Kyle King drove by towards the basket.



The Hawks' Garrett Jurina, left, attempted to block a shot by North's Tyler Nubin.



The North Stars' Zachary Ludwig driving while being defended by Bartlett's Tomas Vikonis.

(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)

# PTB purchase bogged down in U-46 process

By Seth Hancock

The Parents and Teachers of Bartlett (PTB), Bartlett Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), should finally have the chance to purchase items it raised money for.

Sara Lippold and Terea Eid, co-presidents of the PTB, addressed the Board of Education explaining an arduous process to not only purchase items but simply get answers during public comments at the board meeting on Monday, Dec. 4.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders asked the board to “expedite” the purchase of the technology items the PTB is looking to buy with a \$32,468 grant it received by voting on the purchase at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 18.

Lippold said the PTB has been on “an 11-month endeavor to purchase technology for our elementary school.” In summer 2016 the PTB submitted the grant application to a local business offering it and later was awarded the technology portion of the grant which is “to purchase several items requested by teachers and staff within the building including laptops for classroom use.”

This January Lippold said the PTB requested meetings with the school administration and district administration “to open a dialogue about the technology available to elementary schools and to understand the necessary steps to begin the purchase process,” but “nearly a year later, we are still anxiously awaiting the ability to make this purchase through no lack of trying on our end.”

Since August, Eid said the PTB had been making numerous requests to get answers and understand the process on “at least a biweekly basis to

no avail,” and their “phone calls and emails directly to the principal and the director of information services are routinely ignored.”

In early November, Eid said the PTB received quotes for the subsequently confirmed quoted prices.

Eid said after the confirmation of the price the PTB attempted further communication to make sure the “purchase was in motion,” and “imagine our surprise when last week we received a communication indicating that not only was that not the case but that the purchase must be presented by information services before the school board as it exceeds \$25,000.”

Both Eid and Lippold said they understand the need for a process but said the process and guidelines are unclear.

“We feel that the protracted timeline that our organization has endured to facilitate both a dialogue, receive a quote and to begin to move this purchase forward is excessive,” Lippold said. “The many roadblocks put in our way by both the building and departmental personnel are also excessive and unnecessary.”

“While we strive to follow the U-46 guidelines for communication, there is no clear path of ownership outlined by the district for PTO purchases and such this has been a protracted struggle to engage parties to make this purchase,” Eid said.

Sanders said part of the need for the process is to allow PTOs to “use our state contract to authorize that equipment,” but why does the board need to approve the purchases and why did the process for this specific case take so long?

Board member Jeanette Ward asked just that: “Why do we need to vote on it if it is not taxpayer dollars that we’re

voting on? It’s been raised by the parents.”

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## Tidbits

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Fox Valley Wildlife Center has received 1,500 animals since Jan. 1, 2014! Almost all of these animals have been babies. Due to this, they are in much need of Kleenex. They are asking for donations of non-scented Kleenex boxes. They are also in much need of fruits and vegetables, mainly grapes, melon, zucchini, squash and greens. If you are able to donate these items,

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Kane County Audubon is the local chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society and meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month September through May at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center. Field trips, bird walks, and nature hikes are scheduled on Saturdays throughout the year and in lieu of the meeting on the second Wednesday of June, July and August. Enjoy nature. Want to learn more about the birds you see in your backyard and elsewhere? Events are open to the public and newcomers and families are always welcome. For more information on Kane County Audubon, call Bob Andrini at 630-584-8386 or visit [www.kanecountyaudubon.org](http://www.kanecountyaudubon.org). For information on Illinois Audubon Society, call Tom Clay at 217-544-BIRD (2473) or visit [www.illinoisaudubon.org](http://www.illinoisaudubon.org).



# Sweater contest sets atmosphere at KFN



Julia Fugiel celebrated a very cat-oriented Christmas with her sweater.

The final Klub Friday Night (KFN) of the year was held on Friday, Dec. 8 and featured the annual Ugly Sweater Contest. Nearly everyone participated, with boys and girls wearing both store-bought or home-made "sweaters." Prizes were awarded for first-, second- and third-place.

KFN is held monthly at Fox Meadow Elementary School, Fridays from 7 to 9:30 p.m., from September through May. Visit the Parks & Recreation Department's website, <http://www.southelgin.com/recreation> for information, or call 847-622-0003.



DJ Rob 'Spyder' Giaimo led a conga line through the lunchroom.



All of the ugly sweater contestants gathered in the lunchroom to find out who took the first-, second- and third-place prizes.



From left, Jack Cooper, Ka'Lesha Simon, Julia Merritt, Logan Stoltz, Kayleigh Stringer and Jasmine Tamoro, dug into their ice cream.



Eight- to 12-year-old participants performed a variety of dances during the evening.  
(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



# North girls hoops defeated on the road at Geneva

By Seth Hancock

Facing a team looking for some revenge, the North girls basketball team couldn't keep up with Upstate Eight Conference River Division rival Geneva as the North Stars fell 49-28 on Friday, Dec. 8 at Geneva.

Geneva, the defending state champs, suffered its last loss back in January against North last season, and the host's defense kept North silent in the first half to help avenge that loss.

The first quarter was slow, Geneva leading 6-2 at the end of the frame, but Geneva caught some momentum building a 26-2 lead with just over a minute left to play in the first half. North ended with a 6-0 run for a 26-8 deficit at the break.

The North Stars did find a rhythm in the second half, sparked by three

pointers from Leilauni Chanthaboury and Brooke Elliott, as they lost the final two frames just 23-20, but North pulled no closer than 16 in the second half.

"Against high-quality, elite teams like that, you need four quarters," said North coach Mike Tomczak. "You can't give them two."

Tomczak added: "We're a little disappointed how we came out. We have to figure it out and start a little quicker."

Anna Davern scored a team-high 13 points while North got a spark from the bench as Elliott scored eight.

"She is a kid who is not intimidated by things, and we were looking for a lift," Tomczak said of Elliott. "We are real happy with her contribution."

North is now 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the UEC River Division.

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*weakens competition in the construction sector. Twenty-one other states do not have a prevailing wage. Nine states have already repealed their prevailing wage laws, and all of them have seen a boost in construction jobs following the repeal.*

*In Illinois, the average prevailing wage on a public construction project is 40 percent higher than the average wage for similar workers in private construction jobs in the same area, according to BLS. Given the sluggish construction sector recovery from the Great Recession, it's nonsensical for the government to inflate labor costs.*

*What Illinois needs right now are better jobs growth and more competition. It's time for Illinois to repeal its outdated prevailing wage law.*

*Even proponents of the prevailing wage concede that by raising labor costs, this law increases construction costs. In Cook and DuPage counties, repealing the prevailing wage could save taxpayers between 8 to 12 percent on public construction projects. In Kane County, where the prevailing wage is even higher, repealing the policy could save taxpayers 9.8 to 14.7 percent on construction projects. Consider this:*

*· Given the effect of the prevailing wage premium, repealing the law suggests*

*Cook County could have saved between 7.8 percent and 11.9 percent on construction costs. That represents up to an estimated \$2.3 million saved on Carol Stream's Village Hall construction.*

*· And Kane County construction costs could have been between 9.9 percent and 14.9 percent lower if the prevailing wage was repealed. For Bartlett, that suggests the \$16 million new police station could have cost taxpayers up to \$2.3 million less.*

*Those are significant savings, especially since local government spending leaves Illinoisans to face an ever-growing tax burden.*

*By repealing Illinois' prevailing wage, the state could not only save hard-earned tax dollars, but also boost construction employment, which struggling unemployed construction workers need desperately.*

*If Illinois repealed the prevailing wage, the state could see as many as 14,000 new welding, engineering, painting and other construction jobs in the next 10 years. Faster job creation will help reverse Illinois' declining civilian labor force, lower the unemployment rate and lead to wage growth.*

*It's time for local lawmakers to repeal the prevailing wage in order to provide all Illinoisans with more opportunity while reducing the burden of public works on taxpayers.*

*Orphe Pierre Divounguy, chief economist, Illinois Policy Institute*

## Reports

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★ At 1:36 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Wildberry Lane reported receiving a call from an unknown offender who claimed to be from ComEd and requested her personal information for a new account. The complainant did not give any information and believes this to be a scam. She notified ComEd who verified that they never called her. Police attempted to call the number back with negative results.

★ At 1:38 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Hearthstone Drive reported that her vehicle was parked outside her residence in the driveway and was searched. Nothing appeared to be missing. Police searched the area with negative results.

★ At 3:44 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Cove Court reported that an unknown offender keyed her vehicle and removed the tire pressure stem caps from each tire.

★ At 4:56 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Falmore Drive reported receiving a call from an unknown subject who identified himself as with the American Police Society and was seeking donations. The complainant

advised that the caller hung up after asking for verification of the charity.

### WAYNE

Friday, Dec. 1

★ At 12:40 p.m., police responded to the 31W block of Army Trail Road for a report of a vehicle fire. The vehicle was fully engulfed when police arrived. Fox River Fire Protection District personnel extinguished the blaze, which was determined to be electrical in origin.

Saturday, Dec. 2

★ At 5:12 a.m., police responded to the 6N block of Illinois Route 25 for a report of a suspicious subject possibly attempting to enter Fox Valley Liquors. The subject was found to be a Valley View resident who was waiting for the store open to enter.

★ At 12:35 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Brewster Creek and Dunham roads for a report of two dirt bikes operating at unsafe speeds. Officers were unable to locate the bikes.

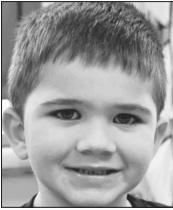
Thursday, Dec. 7

★ At 10:30 a.m., police responded to the 34W block of Country Club for a report of a structure fire. A barn on the property was found to be fully engulfed. Police remained on the scene and directed traffic while the fire was extinguished by Fox Valley Fire Protection District personnel.

## The Examiner Asked

on Friday, Dec. 8 at the South Elgin Parks & Recreation preschool:

If you could make Frosty the Snowman his favorite treat, what do you think he'd like?



Callen Lucas: "Carrots and pizza."



Jax Barnewolt: "Chocolate chips and milk."



Kelsey Buckardt: "Shell noodles and chocolate chip cookies."



Lia Nelson: "An ice cream snowball."



Wyatt Koeian: "Candy canes!"



Issac Luchuag: "Vanilla ice cream with sprinkles."



Madison Pattelli: "Cotton-candy-flavored ice cream."



Emery Planz: "Strawberry ice cream."



Owen Pluskwa: "Vanilla ice cream with chocolate chips."



Avery Plaza: "Gingerbread cookies."



Alessandra Micucci: "Chocolate chips!"



Kaelyn Schorle: "Christmas cookies."

(By Andrea Kohl)



# Storm draw to .500 with victory over Saxons



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The Storm's Catora Brown dribbling around the defense of Schaumburg's Kendall Fredrickson.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

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South Elgin's Casey Brennan, left, battling the Saxons' Kendall Fredrickson for a rebound under the Schaumburg boards.

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# Rams top Storm after erasing 18-point deficit



Under close defensive pressure from the Rams' Kenny Adams, left, South Elgin's Drake Montgomery pivoting with the basketball at the low post during the Storm's Saturday, Dec. 3 loss to Glenbard East.



The Storm's Noah Roar attempting to score over the block effort of the Rams' Anthony Janega.

By Seth Hancock

Heading into the fourth quarter of its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener, the South Elgin boys basketball team looked well on its way to improving to 6-0 on the season on Saturday, Dec. 9 at South Elgin.

Glenbard East had different ideas rallying from an 18-point deficit early in the fourth quarter and defeating the Storm 74-73 in overtime.

"The mood in the locker room was like we just lost a regional game," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "I told them 'hey, just use this to motivate yourselves to get better.'"

Vincent Miskiewicz (eight rebounds, three blocks) scored 11 of his team-high 25 points in the third quarter which helped the Storm build as large as a 19-point lead, 53-34, and take a 55-40 lead into the fourth. Ahead 58-40 in the fourth, the Storm saw the visitors go on a 17-0 run to pull to 58-57 with 5:18 left to play and eventually Glenbard East tied the game twice, including 67-67 to end regulation.

In the extra period, the Storm rallied from a 73-69 deficit as Miskiewicz finished his 9-for-9 performance at the free-throw line with a pair and Drake Montgomery knocked down his second shot of the overtime for a 73-73 tie. At the buzzer, Glenbard East was sent to the line and hit the second shot to end the game.

"We did what we needed to do to put ourselves in a position to win a game early," Johnson said. "By the fourth quarter, our passing wasn't as crisp and we didn't take care of the ball. We just have to take care of the ball and make smart decisions."

In the first quarter, the Storm grabbed momentum as Miskiewicz had three dunks, two on alley-oops, and David Binion (11 points) one as they built a 24-14 lead which grew to 39-27 by halftime.

Noah Rohr (19 points, seven rebounds) hit four treys and went 7-for-7 from the line, and Jace Warrick (11 points) hit three threes. South Elgin had nine three-pointers, one each from Binion and Kyle Sy.

The Storm are now 5-1 overall.

"We've just got to work harder in practice," Johnson said. "We know that it's going to be a battle in conference night in and night out."



The Storm's Jace Warrick being fouled while shooting between Glenbard East's James Peterkin, left, and Korvante Davis.

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# Late lead changes mark Hawks win and loss



Alexis Sinclair putting up a shot from three-point range while West Chicago's Shailee Patel tried, unsuccessfully, to disrupt the effort.



After slicing past the Wildcats' Maggie Culver, Bartlett's Kayla Hare completed a drive on the West Chicago basket where she was fouled while attempting a layup.  
*(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team came through in the clutch to defeat West Chicago 52-44 in its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener on Thursday, Dec. 7 at West Chicago.

The game was tight throughout and the Hawks trailed 38-34 with 5:47 left in the game when Savannah Standefer sparked an 11-0 run with seven points, including a three-pointer, for a 45-38 lead with 2:31 left to play. Moments later Lexie Sinclair (16 points) hit her third trey of the game for a 48-40 lead, and Bartlett maintained at least a six-point edge the rest of the game.

"I thought we really started to settle down at the

end," said Bartlett senior Kayla Hare who scored a game-high 18 points with two threes. "We made better decisions when we had to and were able to finish strong."

All of Standefer's points came during the 11-0 run, but Bartlett coach Brad Hunt also said her play defensively was big.

"I thought she gave us some really great minutes," Hunt said. "She gives us those really long arms, and she did a nice job guarding their top player."

The Hawks struggled to get things going much of the game. Bartlett trailed 14-11 after one quarter and had slight leads of 24-20 and 33-32 at halftime and the end of three quarters respectively.

"I thought we were overly impatient early on," Hunt said. "Once we started working the ball around a little more, making the extra pass, they started taking better shots."

Bartlett went on to drop a 52-47 nonconference game against Elk Grove Village on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Elk Grove.

The game got away from the Hawks late as they held a 45-36 lead heading into the fourth quarter when Elk Grove outscored them 16-2 in the final frame. Hare (18 points), Teagan Noesen (10 points), Justina Hernandez (eight points) and Sinclair (six points) led the effort.

Bartlett is now 5-3 overall.

# Bartlett falls to North, rebounds against WeGo

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team couldn't keep early momentum going as the Hawks dropped a 49-45 Upstate Eight Conference crossover game against St. Charles North on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Bartlett.

The game was close throughout with momentum switching hands early as the Hawks jumped to a 9-2 lead, Austin Gates scoring five of his game-high 15 points, but North took momentum into halftime with a 20-15 lead. The third quarter saw four lead changes, Bartlett trailing 30-28 by the end of the frame, and the fourth had two ties.

Trailing 34-30, Tomas Vikonis (12 points) hit a pair of free-throws and Gates followed with a bucket for the final tie of the game but North scored the next five points for a 39-34 lead with 3:16 left to play. Down 46-40 in the final minute, the Hawks rallied within two as a Gates three-pointer drew them to 47-45 with 14.6 seconds left.

"In the fourth quarter, the difference was they were able to hold the lead or at least not give it up," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "We'd keep coming back and every time they had an answer."

Bartlett did have possession over the remaining seconds of the game and a chance to tie but turned the ball over.

Despite the late mistake, Wolfsmith said the game was decided early as he felt both teams played sloppy at times and his team was unable to add onto its 9-2 lead at the start.

"Technically, I thought it came down to sloppy play in the first half," Wolfsmith said. "We missed some free throws, missed some easy layups. I felt like both teams were kind of fighting themselves more than each other."

Byron Price added 11 points for the Hawks.

Bartlett did bounce back to defeat West Chicago 67-44 in its UEC Valley Division opener on Friday, Dec. 8 at West Chicago.

The Hawks led throughout building a 31-22 lead by halftime, 43-30 after three quarters. Vikonis (18 points, five rebounds, five assists), Garrett Jurina (15 points, 10 rebounds), Gates (11 points), Price (eight points) and Ben Fisher (eight points) led the effort.

Bartlett is now 3-5 overall.



The ball being stripped away from Bartlett's Nicholas Wolf by St. Charles North's Connor Linke.  
*(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)*



Bartlett's Byron Price protecting the ball back from St. Charles North's Brendan Dal Degan.



The Hawks' Brandon Sinclair almost lost the ball while being stopped by the North Stars' Connor Linke, left, and Erik Larson.



# Proposals set for vote at next Dist. U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on four expenditure proposals totaling \$333,161 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 18. The items were presented on Monday, Dec. 4.

One proposal is for resources totaling \$91,658 for two Advanced Placement courses, AP U.S. Government and Politics and AP Human Geography.

According the proposal, the "curriculum and exam has been revised by College Board" for the AP U.S. Government and Politics course and current resources for AP Human Geography "were purchased prior to the 2015 course revision."

If approved, the updates would take effect in the fall 2018.

Pearson's "American Government: Roots and Reform" textbook was selected for AP U.S. Government and Politics and will cost \$70,859 for 525 students. Pearson's "The Cultural Landscape: Introduction to Human Geography" was chosen for AP Human Geography and costs \$20,799 for 142 students.

The College Board controls AP curriculum, and board member Sue Kerr asked if it has a schedule for when revisions are made to courses. Robin Lenart, K-12 social studies coordinator, said it does and the schedule is published on the College Board's website.

There were two proposals presented for professional development, \$55,900 with the AVID Center and another with Dale Carnegie Training costing

\$66,000. Both would come out of the education fund, if approved.

If approved, the professional development for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) staff would take place over two days in June at South Elgin High School. Prior to hosting, staff would have to travel for the AVID professional development.

The cost would be \$430 per participant, up from \$420 last year, and there are 130 expected participants from U-46. It's a "significant reduction from past expenses when teachers would travel out of state" according to the proposal.

Last year U-46 hosted the professional development and opened it up to other districts, and Ron Raglin, assistant superintendent, said 120 additional participants attended last year and "well over 50 other districts" have expressed interest in attending this coming year.

Board member Traci Ellis asked if the professional development will include similar strands from last year including the "cultural competency strands," and Raglin said "absolutely."

Those strands have been controversial as they promote group-think and collectivism like the Culturally Relevant Teaching explained in the proposal which states it will teach staff to "conduct a self-examination and address issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and accountability through a growth mindset. The strand will provide a framework of effective methodologies that validate the cul-

ture of all students in the classroom and on the campus."

The professional development from Dale Carnegie Training will cost \$1,320 a person for 50 members of the district's operational staff and includes, according to the proposal, "3.5 hours every other week for approximately seven weeks. For the operations management team the training will span for 3.5 hours over an eight week time period."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "on the operational side of the house there's not been a lot of ongoing, imbedded professional development," and Jeff King, chief operations officer, said "they've had access, but they've had to do it" on their own.

Board member Phil Costello asked if this would be an ongoing expense in future budgets to which King said "I guess I'll have to reserve and say maybe." Costello said "I'm not saying it's a bad thing," but he wants to make sure there are specific outcomes to look for in order to know if there's a value in future years.

The final proposal of \$119,603 with TransChicago Truck Group, out of the education fund, if approved, is to replace a 2004 refrigerated truck the district says has 116,688 miles and 2,765 refrigerator hours and currently has a \$5,000 value. According to the proposal, the district's current truck has had \$20,141 in repairs over the previous eight years.

## Despite trying Wayne can't give money to U-46

By Joe Hyland

The village has had for a number of years a fund that is composed of money from developers that was earmarked for school improvements that might be needed to cope with increased student numbers from their housing developments. According to Village Treasurer Howard Levine, the fund as been around since the late 1970s or early 1980s, and was created as part of the village's land cash ordinance for developers. Money in the fund is mainly earmarked for School District U-46, but also for St. Charles District 303.

Over the years, the village has tried on multiple occasions to give the money to School District U-46 for improvements to Wayne Elementary School. However, U-46 has apparently has not been able to come up with a plan for those improvements. As a results, the funds languish in a bank account.

"Much of the issue is the narrow list of items that the money can be used for," said Village President Eileen Phipps in response to an email query. "If we could use it for technology, while it would have a limited lifespan, I believe we would be able to disburse the money much easier."

Trustee Kate O'Rourke recently volunteered to try again to work with U-46. She took the project over from former trustee Mike Dimitroff, who in turn took it over from trustee Ann Tigges. This time, things seem to be moving.

At the Tuesday, Nov. 21 meeting of the Wayne Village Board, attorney Kristen Casas said that the board would need to put together an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) with U-46 before any money could change hands. She went on to say that Wayne Elementary has apparently found a company to provide matching funds for a new playground. The playground would cost approximately \$190,000 with just over \$98,000 from the village fund. She noted that a timeline has yet to be worked out. All seemed well.

That was then. By the Tuesday, Dec. 5 meeting, things had changed.

"I sent out a draft of the IGA," Casas said.

She noted that the fund was last tapped via an IGA written in 1997.

"So that was sort of the basis of the IGA with some modifications," Casas said, noting that the new one included a time frame limit, a provision specifying the proposed Wayne Elementary

playground and a clause to indemnify the village for legal costs it might incur from either developers or U-46.

Casas reported that she had been contacted by a U-46 attorney, who wanted the IGA changed. The attorney wanted to widen the agreement to include any educational facilities.

"It could mean a playground," Casas said. "It could not mean a playground."

Casas said that the U-46 version also included removal of both the indemnification clause and the time frame constraint. Casas said that this conflicted with the original ordinance.

"The ordinance basically requires an amount, a use and a time frame," Casas said. "The improvement could happen at the high school level, which is not contained within the village limits."

Trustees were less than pleased.

"We have three times before where we thought we were going to give the money, but they dropped the ball every time," Tigges said. "I'm not surprised at all."

"I think there seems to be a strange disconnect," Casas agreed.

Trustee Rob Reed said that the U-46 proposal was unacceptable.

"I wouldn't pass what we've got in front of us," Reed said.

"It's a problem they have internally that we keep getting sucked into," Levine said, noting that U-46 had just passed its levy and capital budget for new fiscal year, making it unlikely that playground construction could be completed within the time constraint (end of calendar year 2018) even should the IGA have been approved.

Phipps said that any IGA would have to conform to the ordinance.

"We would need what is required," Phipps said. "I don't think that's that hard to get through to them."

The board told Casas to communicate that the U-46 proposal was unacceptable.

## IDNR releases turkey harvest statistics

Through Dec. 4, Illinois archery turkey hunters harvested a preliminary total of 604 turkeys, compared to 435 during the same period in 2016. The top county harvest totals through Dec. 4 were Jefferson (22), Fulton (20), Cass (19), Rock Island (17) and Jo Daviess/Knox (14). The season opened Oct. 1 and concludes on Jan. 14, 2018.

Up-to-date archery harvest figures by county/state sites can be tracked on the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/IDNRHarvestQuery.aspx>.

## Chicago Bar Association offers advice, direction to callers

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, Dec. 16 as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the CBA.

Calls will be accepted Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at 312-554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The CBA's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law that offer their services to the public. When contact-

ing the LRS during normal business hours Monday through Friday, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including:

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Additionally, the CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides callers' access to attorneys in three different areas of law at any time after normal business hours. A lawyer 24/7 may be reached for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling 312-554-2001.

## DuPage Care Center seeking holiday donations for residents

This holiday season, donors can simply click a button and brighten the holidays for DuPage Care Center residents. Care Center staff and residents created a new Amazon wish list which offers a variety of different items the residents wish for this holiday season.

The list builds upon the success of the Care Center's annual Adopt-A-Resident program, which provides donors with individuals' wish lists for the holidays. This year, all the participating residents have been matched with donors.

"When we reached out to those who

donated to the Adopt-A-Resident program last year, we got a tremendous response, and we were able to find donations for all our residents on that list," said Health and Human Services Chairman Bob Larsen. "We wanted to provide another opportunity for anyone else who may be interested in donating."

The DuPage Care Center wish list can be found at [www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=A381GFML2H3JD5](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=A381GFML2H3JD5) or by visiting Amazon and searching "DuPage Care Center" under the Find a List or Registry option.

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