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Declining student trend continuing in Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The trend of declining enrollment in School District U-46 has continued according to the district's numbers from Sept. 29 of this year.

The numbers were presented to the Board of Education in November and showed that enrollment dropped by 557 students from 38,571 in 2018 to 38,014 in 2019.

Dating back to 2014 when the district had 40,487 students according to the presentation, student population has dropped by 350 students in 2015, 426 in 2016, 506 in 2017 and 634 in 2018.

"We would expect that we will continue to see a decline of at least 300 to 400 students per year for the next several years," said Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations.

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget projects a 9 percent decline in enrollment from this year to 2022-2023, an annual loss of 862.3 students on average, while spending is expected to rise 14 percent to \$636.2 million. That budget did estimate a loss of 950 students this year.

Between FY2012 and FY2019, enrollment dropped 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) and spending increased by \$128.1 million (29.8 percent) which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator. From 2012 to the 2022-2023 school year, enrollment will have dropped 14.1 percent and spending will have risen 48 percent if the projections become reality.

Early childhood enrollment was the lone level where enrollment increased this year with an additional 21 students from 1,338 to 1,359. King said en-

rollment "continues to be fluid throughout the year" at the early childhood level.

Program enrollment, such as private placement and center house among others, saw enrollment decline by 46 students from 685 to 639.

Elementary population dropped by 487 students from 19,064 to 18,577 with decreases in 29 schools. Only one school saw an increase of over 40 students, Lincoln at 59, while four lost more than 40: Timber Trails (55), Hilltop (51), Century Oaks (47) and Ontarioville (44).

On a 10-year trend for elementary schools, seven have seen an increase in population with Otter Creek seeing the largest increase at 145 while 33 have seen a decline with Fox Meadow losing 296 for the largest drop. There are 14 sites that have lost over 100 students over the decade.

Middle school enrollment dropped by just four students, 5,904 to 5,900, with four schools seeing a decline in population. No school saw an increase or decrease in population by more than 40.

Eastview Middle School saw the largest drop by 38 students, and King said that site is expected to see the largest declines in the future at the middle school level.

High school enrollment dropped by 87 students from 12,265 to 12,178. South Elgin saw the largest increase at 62 additional students while Streamwood saw the largest decline of 113 students.

Ninth graders represent the largest number of U-46 students this year at 3,300. King noted the second-grade

level, which has 2,520 students, and said: "That will have a pretty significant impact if our cohort size continues to stay around 2,500."

In response to a question from board member Kate Thommes regarding the ninth-grade population being the largest, King said that's "pretty typical that we see an increase at ninth grade, coming out of private school... and then that number will slide downwards, unfortunately, as they progress towards senior year."

The current senior class of 2020 started with 3,294 freshmen in 2016-2017 and is now at 2,508, a loss of 786 students.

The vast majority of elementary classrooms are below staffing standards, meaning a lower student to teacher ratio, at 811 or 91 percent. There are 59 classrooms or 6 percent above staffing standards and 24 or 3 percent at staffing standards.

Also, the majority of elementary buildings are underutilized with 92.5 percent at 81 percent or lower utilization.

tion. Last year, King said "preferably you'd like to have a school somewhere around the 85 percent utilization."

There are 18 elementary schools (45 percent) at the 66-81 percent utilization range, 17 (42 percent) at 50-65 percent utilization and two (5 percent) below 50 percent utilization. There are three schools (8 percent) at 82-97 percent utilization.

Regarding the enrollment trend downward, board member Melissa Owens asked: "There's not anything on the horizon that suggests an uptick?"

King said there was not with the trend continuing, and he suggested issues from over a decade ago are the reason.

"Typically, what you would see is generation shifts in neighborhoods, and a lot of that slowed down with the economic cycle that we went through between 2008 and etcetera.... I think that slowed a lot of the churn in house-

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Two U-46 middle schools offered coding program

By Seth Hancock

Between September and November, students at two School District U-46 middle schools learned about coding and computer sciences through the Capital One Coders program according to a district release.

A total of 42 U-46 students from Streamwood's Tefft and Elgin's Larsen middle schools took part in the after-school program. It was the first time U-46 has offered the program which was started by Capital One in 2014 in national and international locations.

A representative of the company has visited the schools once a week over a 10-week period teaching students how applications (apps) are developed for computers and mobile devices, and students have worked with the representatives in the development of apps.

Students will develop their own apps and present them to their families and Capital One during an event this month at the company's Rolling Meadows office.

"My favorite part of the program has been creating our own app," a Tefft seventh grader, Brittany Escobar, said for the press release. "We created a game called Haunted Seekers where you have to find objects around a room like I Spy. I'm definitely excited

to share our app with others and show what we created."

"We are grateful to this Capital One for offering this fantastic opportunity for our middle school students," Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent, said. "This is another way for our students to apply what they're learning in school while also exploring a possible career in computer science."

Computer sciences, including coding classes, is an elective offered at U-46's high schools while after-school programs like this are offered at elementary and middle schools according to the release.

Both Tefft and Larsen are expected to offer the Capital One Coders program again to new students next semester.

"Continuing to expose students to technology and coding is what this program is all about, and we are excited to bring back the program for a new group of students in the spring," said Jason Clark, a software engineer and the coder program school lead for Capital One, said for the release.

Clark added: "Seeing the progression of the kids during the ten weeks is the most exciting part. Some of the students start with no knowledge of software development and at the end of ten weeks, they walk away able to design and code their own apps."



Happy graduate

Sunnysdale's Collin Rodriguez with D.A.R.E. Officer Tom Sparks and mascot Daren on Wednesday, Dec. 11. For story and more photos see page 6.
(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Village police to be active in holiday safety campaign

With holiday festivities rapidly approaching, the Streamwood Police Department has announced that it will be participating in a national enforcement campaign to crack down on impaired and unbuckled drivers from Monday, Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, 2020.

"While parties are an enjoyable part of the holiday season, we urge our community members to keep the merriment off the road," said Deputy Chief Shawn Taylor. "If your celebration will involve alcohol, please plan ahead for a sober ride home and remember to buckle up – it's the best defense against an impaired driver."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver last December. Throughout the 2018 Christmas and New Year's holidays alone, there

were 285 drunk-driving-related fatalities – more than any other time that year.

The police department extends the following tips to help ensure a safe and joyful holiday season:

* Before heading to a party, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home safely.

* When seeing an impaired driver on the road, pull over and call 911.

* Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and help them get home safely.

* Always buckle up!

The Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is administered and funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Veto session legislation would boost state sales tax revenue

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers passed a legislative fix during the adjourned fall veto session which proponents say could help the state realize \$380 million in annual tax revenue by increasing compliance with existing online retail transaction tax laws.

Supporters say the new law will ensure the state's full 6.25 percent sales tax rate and any locally-imposed taxes will be collected at the point of destination on sales made through online marketplaces or by remote retailers that do a certain amount of business in the state.

That means retail products purchased online and shipped to Illinois addresses will generate the same tax revenue as products purchased locally in stores no matter where they are shipped from.

While the state has already been collecting the revenue on several transactions, proponents say the recently passed bill is aimed at increasing compliance with an existing law created in response to a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair Inc.*, which paved the way for state taxation on out-of-state retailers.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association was one of the most vocal backers of the online sales tax measure. Rob Karr, IRMA's president, said the change passed in the veto session would shift reporting requirements away from individual sellers, therefore streamlining tax remittance.

The new measure would require online marketplaces to collect and remit the tax to the state on behalf of the sellers that utilize their platforms, including third-party sellers.

"The marketplaces asked to do this because it's just easier," Karr said. "And it's easier for the department of revenue and others to do it because now instead of having to monitor, audit every single marketplace seller,

they now just do that for the marketplace facilitator."

For remote retailers selling independent of online marketplaces, the tax would apply to those that do \$100,000 or more worth of business or complete 200 or more separate transactions annually in Illinois, as they would be considered under law to be maintaining a place of business in the state. Karr said that threshold was deemed reasonable by the Supreme Court in the *Wayfair* decision.

Per the new legislation, these sellers would have the option to contract with certified service providers, which are companies that collect and remit the tax to the state. Those providers would retain the retailer's discount of 1.75 percent of the taxes remitted, which the sellers would otherwise have been entitled to under state law.

The new legislation also reinserts use tax language which was removed when the original budget implementation bill passed in June. According to IRMA, the language is needed to protect state revenue in the event of an "adverse court decision" regarding the retail tax.

Per IRMA estimates, the added compliance resulting from the legislative fixes could result in more than \$460 million in combined state and local revenue in Fiscal Year 2021, which begins July 1, 2020, and ends June 30, 2021. That sum breaks down to \$200 million from remote retailer provisions for state government and \$40 million resulting from locally-imposed taxes, and \$180 million from state marketplace sales with \$45 million generated for locally-imposed taxes.

The measure was passed as part of Senate Bill 119, a broad-ranging follow-up to the budget implementation bill passed in June. It had bipartisan support in both chambers and has been sent to Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

U-46 decline

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holds down significantly at that point, so you see older couples staying in their household even though their children are gone and the houses are not turning over," King said.

King also said birth rates saw a significant drop in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, and "that's being clearly reflected in our cohort numbers now, and that still hasn't changed.... We'll stay on our

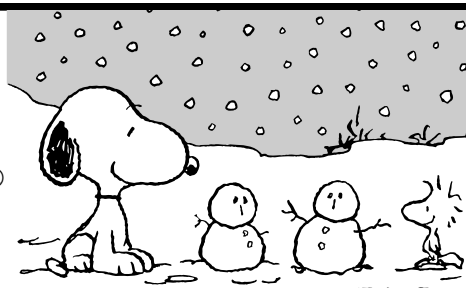
current trend downward for a while yet."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked if there were any new developments that could contribute to growth to which King said the largest development in the area is just outside of the school district and within the St. Charles and Burlington school districts.

He said the largest planned development in U-46 is in South Elgin with some other possible developments in the "far west end" of the school district.

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Two schools honor its D.A.R.E. graduates

About 200 fifth-grade students at Glenbrook and Sunnydale elementary schools recently graduated their Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) class students. The graduation ceremony at Glenbrook occurred on Friday, Dec. 6, while the Sunnydale event took place on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Parents and family members were invited to come and watch the ceremony that included representatives from each class reading their winning essay about what they learned; greetings and congratulations from village dignitaries; a slide show of pictures from throughout the 18-week course; and the formal presentation of diplomas.



Glenbrook student Emily Martinez did one of the dances she learned in D.A.R.E. with Officer Tom Sparks. *(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)*



Ariannah Cuevas with teacher Esther Gardner after the ceremony at Sunnydale Elementary School.



Glenbrook Elementary's Sebastien Balmeo receiving congratulations from Police Chief Daryl Sayre among other dignitaries.

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Village Manager Sharon Caddigan reminded Glenbrook students to remember what they learned in D.A.R.E. throughout their lives, even into adulthood.



Police Chief Daryl Sayre addressing the soon-to-be Glenbrook graduates.

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2020-21 schedule would have students in U-46 starting, finishing earlier

By: Rafael Guerrero



For the 2020-21 school year, School District U-46 students would start a few days earlier and get out a week before Memorial Day under a schedule being considered by the board.

Under a proposed calendar for the 2020-21 school year, School District U-46 students would start two days earlier than they did this year and be released a week before Memorial Day.

The plan was presented to the school board Monday and is expected to be approved in January.

It continues the district's shift toward starting earlier so that first semester exams can be taken before winter break and the last day of classes fall about Memorial Day, officials said.

The calendar calls for the first day of school next year to be Aug. 12, with staff reporting two days earlier, said Josh Carpenter, U-46's assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. School started on Aug. 14 this year.

Spring break will be one week later in the next school year, with students off from March 29, 2021, through April 5, 2021. Classes would resume April 6, which aligns with the schedules of other nearby school districts, Carpenter said.

Board member Kate Thommes noted the proposed spring break will not be in sync with spring break at Elgin Community College.

"A lot of students at ECC are parents in U-46," said Thomas, who works at the college. "It's been an issue in the past."

Board member Melissa Owens said that also will affect U-46 students taking dual-credit classes at ECC under the Accelerate College program.

Officials said they would research the issue prior to returning with the final calendar proposal in January.

"I think it would just shift their spring breaks," U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

"(Accelerate College students) are not based out of our schools, they actually go to ECC (full time). They would be on ECC's calendar."

The last day of classes for the 2020-21 school year would be May 24, 2021 — one week before Memorial Day. This year the school year ends the Wednesday after Memorial Day.

Both years' calendars are contingent on the district not using and emergency days for inclement weather or other issues.

SPORTS

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Alvarez drains last-second 3, lifts Fenton over Bartlett

By: Craig Brueske

It seems as if every game during the early portion of the Upstate Eight Conference boys basketball campaign has featured a down-to-the-wire finish.

Tuesday night was no exception.

Senior guard Jose Alvarez connected on a 3-point basket with 1.3 seconds remaining while helping lead Fenton (6-3, 2-1) to a 45-42 UEC victory over host Bartlett (2-7, 1-2).

Alvarez received a pass from teammate Diamon King and knocked down the game-winner as the Bison rallied from a 3-point deficit in the final 85 seconds.

"Everyone was on (guarding) Andre Reed," said Alvarez. "No one was guarding me. They (Hawks) ran that zone. We got it to the middle and kicked it out to me and bam."

Nearly 4 minutes earlier, Alvarez, who finished with 8 points, hit another huge 3-pointer from the corner with the Bison trailing 37-32.

"Jose was due," said Fenton coach Chaz Taft. "He has been our catalyst all year at the point guard spot. He has been tremendous."

"I hit one (game-winner) over the summer and I hit one in a JV game but that's my first one in a varsity game," said Alvarez. "It feels great. We got the 'W' -- that's all that matters."

King paced the Bison with 15 points and 7 rebounds while senior guard Reed added 10 points and a game-high 5 steals, the biggest of which came with 34 seconds left when Reed's steal and layup tied it at 42-42.

Reed faced the Hawks' box-and-one defense throughout much of the game.

"When they start gimmicking on Andre, it's kind of time for everybody else to get to the middle of the zone and make plays," said Taft.

Bartlett, which trailed 30-26 entering the fourth quarter, connected on its first 4 field-goal attempts of the period, including three 3-pointers -- 2 by sophomore Ian Smith (6 points) and another from senior Cameron Kunzer.

Nick Kantzavelos' 15-foot jumper stretched the Hawks' lead to 37-32 with 5 minutes remaining.

With the game tied at 39-39, junior guard George Betevis' 3-pointer from the corner put Bartlett in front, 42-39, with 1:25 remaining.

"We had the lead and the ball with under a minute to go," said Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith. "That game should've been ours."

Bartlett's failure to execute in crunch time continued on Fenton's game-winning possession.

"We had a foul to give but we didn't use it," said Wolfsmith. "We let them get the shot that they wanted instead of the foul we had to give. We've got to do a better job executing down the stretch.

"We didn't maintain our composure with that lead. The last thing a young team learns is how to finish games. That's the lesson we need to learn. Hopefully, we'll figure it out sooner rather than later."

Sophomore 6-foot-10 center Conrad Luczynski led Bartlett with 12 points, 11 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

After splitting a pair of 1-point UEC decisions, Fenton captured another late victory.

"Every game has been within five points so far across the board," said Taft. "That's the Upstate Eight. We're just happy to be a part of it now.

"It was a fun game tonight."

Streamwood tops Elgin for 1st win

By: Jared Birchfield

Streamwood broke into the win column in dramatic fashion Tuesday night.

The host Sabres earned their first "W" of the season with a 69-27 defeat of Elgin in Upstate Eight action.

"It feels good. We really needed that one," said Streamwood coach George Rosner said. "We needed to get a win. You can't get the second one until you get the first one."

"I have no qualms losing to them," Elgin coach Nick Bumbales said. "Streamwood (1-8, 1-4) is better team than their record. They have played a pretty difficult schedule at the beginning of the year. Most of the teams that they have played have a winning record."

Mandy Mien, the most recent addition to the Streamwood 1,000-point club, led the way. The senior scored a game-high 15 points, handed out 13 assists and pulled down 7 rebounds.

"We wanted to get Mandy in the open court and we did. She makes things happen," Rosner said. "She's either going to finish or she's going to give it to someone to finish."

Classmates Vicki Kopko and Kaylee Angle benefited the most from Mien's passes. Kopko scored 13 points and Angle tallied 11.

"Vicki Kopko did a good job of finishing," said the Streamwood coach. "Thirteen points is a career high for her."

"Mandy has kind of been that person all season -- able to dish the ball to us," Angle said.

Streamwood used its speed to score numerous baskets in transition and worked a trapping defense to force Elgin turnovers.

"We wanted to play a full court game and we wanted to run. Those two things got us started," Rosner said. "We felt we had a speed advantage overall all and especially with Mandy."

Elgin's Margaretha Troyke connected on free throws for the first two points of the game. Mien sank her first bucket on a layup after catching an inbounds pass the tie the contest. Streamwood then went on a 20-2 run to take a 22-4 lead after the first eight minutes.

The Maroons' offense found traction in the second quarter, scoring 15 points in the period. Elgin's Sabrina Moskow scored 8 of her 10 points in the frame. However, Streamwood scored 23 points to take a 45-19 halftime lead.

Elgin's shooting went cold in the third quarter, managing only 4 points and faced a 61-23 deficit at the end of the quarter.

The Maroons (2-6, 0-5) scored four points to Streamwood's eight in a running clock fourth quarter.

"We are still working on things. The kids have a lot of inexperience," said Bumbales. "We didn't handle the press well and had too many turnovers but we did shoot better from the free-throw line (10 for 15) which is something we have been looking to do."

Hawks overcome start, deficit to top Tomcats



Danielle Hedeon finishing off a drive on the East Aurora basket that led to a layup attempt while trailed by the Tomcats' Toni Slater.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Hawks' Mackenzie Hare picking up a dribble following an East Aurora turnover, however, Hare was called for traveling on the play as the Tomcats' Alasha Moore reacted to the official that made the call. Hare was also charged with a technical foul following that whistle.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team overcame a rough start to defeat East Aurora 48-34 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Bartlett.

The Hawks were playing without junior leader Lexi Sinclair (concussion), who recently reached 1,000 career points, and their offense was shutdown in the first quarter. East Aurora scored the game's first 14 points and led 17-2 after the first frame, Mackenzie Hare's bucket with 38.6 seconds left being Bartlett's only points.

After that, it was all Bartlett which found a groove on offense and held East Aurora to no more than seven points in any period the rest of the game.

"All credit to them," Bartlett coach Joe Eirich said of East Aurora. "They had a great game plan and just made us work.... After the first quarter, I just looked at our team and said it's our turn to take over."

Hare, who credited her teammates for setting her

up, caught fire in the second quarter hitting a trio of three-pointers and scoring 11 of her game-high 17 points in the frame as Bartlett pulled to 23-21 by halftime.

In the first 10 seconds of the second half, Danielle Hedeon hit a bucket to get the Hawks back to even at 23-23 and Kylie Walker gave them their first lead at 25-23 with 4:42 left in the quarter. Bartlett never trailed again while Hedeon scored eight of her 14 points in the quarter, including a trey, and her team led 35-27 entering the fourth where it led by at least nine the rest of the way.

"We just had a flip in energy," Hare said. "Obviously, there were some things not going in our way, but we bounced back and we came out strong after the first quarter."

Freshman Sophia Desarden scored nine points including a pair of threes.

Hare said without Sinclair, who Eirich said will be

out until at least Christmas, the team had a "next man up" mentality. Sinclair suffered the concussion on Saturday but did not show signs until Wednesday when she was checked.

Eirich said he saw some players stepping up including Desarden, who he said "grew up a lot" in the game, as well as juniors Kayci Regalado and Cierra Thomas who provided solid defensive efforts. He said while the team will miss Sinclair during her absence, this will be a good chance for his squad to grow.

"Other girls are going to have to grow up and be a better role player than they have been so far," Eirich said. "It's going to help us tremendously down the line."

Sinclair did play and led her team with 23 points in a 49-35 UEC win over Glenbard South on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Glenbard South. Hare added 12 points.

Bartlett is now 7-4 overall, 5-0 in the UEC.

Streamwood sets pace as Storm bow to Sabres

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team couldn't overcome a slow start against Streamwood as the Storm dropped an 82-69 Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Dec. 13 at Streamwood.

Streamwood's constant pressure on defense caused problems for the Storm early, and on the offensive end the host was able to cleanup on the boards to produce second chance points.

South Elgin committed 12 turnovers in the first half and was out rebounded 23-15, 41-31 for the game, as Streamwood built a 16-9 lead after one quarter and 34-22 by halftime. Of Streamwood's 23 first-half rebounds, 11 were offensive boards.

"This was the first game that we as a coaching staff don't feel like the effort was completely there for all four quarters," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "The first half it wasn't. It was lackadaisical. If we give effort, I think we're in this game at the end but it took a whole half to get to that stage."

Johnson added: "It's hard to prepare for what we knew they were going to do. I thought we executed and we broke the press the right way, but then we just tried to make quick passes and that's what they try to do. They try to force you into quick passes."

The Storm did open the second half on a 7-2 run to pull to 36-29 with 6:24 left in the third quarter. That was as close as they got as the game was back-and-forth the rest of the night, South Elgin's deficit reaching as large as 15.

The game was nearly even in the second half, the Storm edged 28-27, as Kendis Wiley (24 points, 11 rebounds) scored 18 points over the final two frames and John Aaron Waford scored all 13 of his points. Drew Cwik finished with 12 points, Lane McVicar eight and Wyatt Steurer six.

"We'll get back to the drawing board," Johnson said. "We're really young. We've got a lot of learning to do and this was a good learning experience."

South Elgin is now 3-4 overall, 1-1 in the UEC.



South Elgin's Lane McVicar driving on the Streamwood basket and the Sabres' Luke Pentecost who absorbed the brunt of McVicar's momentum. McVicar was charged with an offensive foul on the effort.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Storm's Kendis Wiley contorting to fire off a fourth-quarter shot as South Elgin tried to close the gap against Streamwood.

Storm punctuates week with win over Sabres

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team pulled away in the second half to down Streamwood 61-44 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Dec. 13 at Streamwood.

After a close first half, the Storm ran away to start the third quarter. The momentum started late in the second quarter when South Elgin used a 9-2 finish to turn a one-point lead into a 28-20 advantage at the break.

Then, the Storm went on a 9-0 run to start the third quarter to build a 37-20 lead just over two minutes into the period led by Madison Waichunas (11 points) who capped the rally with a three-pointer and scored five points during the run. Megan McClure scored seven of her 11 points in the frame as South Elgin built a 48-29 lead, and its lead grew to as large as 24 in the fourth.

"I told them at halftime, 'the first three minutes are going to be huge,'" said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "We had an eight-point lead and we're either going to get a stretch and get some breathing room or it's going to be a game right to the end. I don't care about Streamwood's record (0-8), they're a good team with some really good players."

McClure and Waichunas were two of four

players to reach double figures with Ella Winterhalder leading the effort with 20 points including three treys and four steals, and Caroline Croft also adding 11 points. Croft and Winterhalder both had 11 points in the first half.

The scoring depth helped for the Storm who have been playing without Aryanna Williams, who was leading with 14 points per game, after suffering an injury the previous week. Mandernack said Williams had an MRI a few days prior to the Streamwood game and they are still waiting for the results.

"We all have to step up," Winterhalder said. "It's hard to guard all of us, so when one of our key players goes down we have to make sure everyone steps up, not just one person. That was really key to our win today."

The win was part of a 3-0 week as the Storm improved to 10-1 overall, 4-0 in the UEC. South Elgin opened with a 55-21 UEC win over West Chicago on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at West Chicago.

South Elgin ended the week with a 53-45 nonconference win over Metea Valley on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Metea Valley. Waichunas (19 points), McClure (17 points), Croft (nine points) and Winterhalder (six points) led the effort.



Ella Winterhalder of South Elgin driving along a narrow baseline path toward the Streamwood hoop.



Raina Yang of South Elgin after passing under the Streamwood basket looking for a chance to release a reverse layup in front of the Sabres' Vicki Kopko, left, and Mandy Mien.



South Elgin's Madison Waichunas, left, fighting a disadvantaged battle for possession of the ball with the Sabres' Vivian Sumoski. While Waichunas did not win the struggle for possession she did force a jump ball call.



Loreale Wilson finishing off an uncontested assault on the Streamwood basket.



Megan McClure taking a jump shot for the Storm from near the top of the key over the Sabres' Vicki Kopko.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Bartlett falls to both North Stars, East Aurora



Clark Lewis executing a layup against the North Stars in front of North's Connor Linke.

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett boys basketball team was unable to overcome St. Charles North's experience as the Hawks fell 61-42 in nonconference action on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Bartlett.
After a close first half, the visitors pulled away in the second half.
The first quarter was back-and-forth, Bartlett trailing just 11-9 by the end of the frame, and St. Charles North gained some distance in the second taking a 31-23 lead into half-time but the Hawks remained close thanks in part to George Betevis who scored all eight of his points on the night, including a pair of three-pointers, in the period.
St. Charles North eventually built a 41-28 lead with 1:58 left in the third quarter and maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the night which was as large as 21 points.



Bartlett's Conrad Luczynski battling to maintain control of the ball under the basket between the North Stars' Thomas Kellen and tied up by Conner Linke.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith pleaded his case to an official as time wound down in the fourth quarter of the Hawks Wednesday, Dec. 11 loss to St. Charles North.

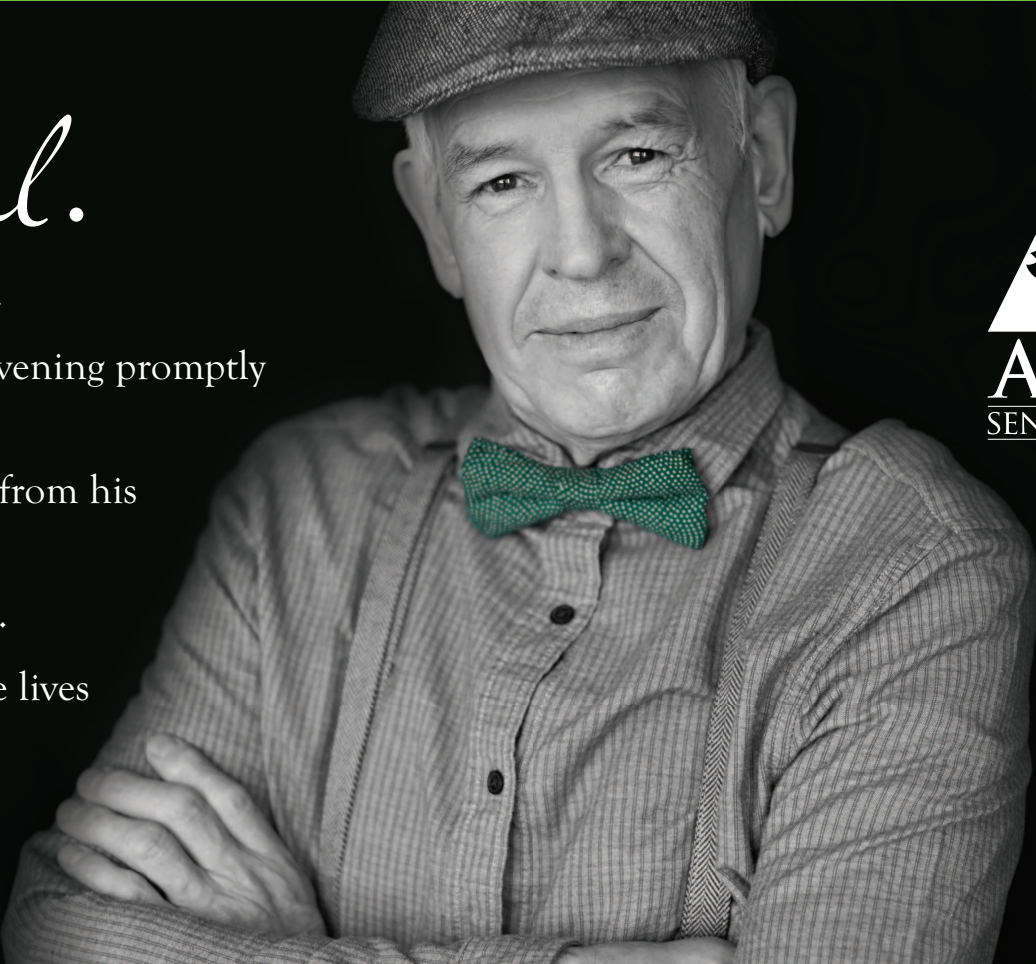
"First half, I thought we played good basketball," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I thought we played the kind of basketball we really needed to play even though they got some separation there in the second quarter."
Wolfsmith added: "I liked what we did first half, first quarter certainly. First half in general, I was ok with. The second half, we got away from some of those fundamentals and made some bad defensive decisions that led to easy buckets on their end."
Conrad Luczynski led the Hawks with nine points and eight rebounds while Hayden Angell and Liam Gal-

lagher both had six points, Gallagher's off of two treys, and Jack Kline five points.
It was a good learning experience for the young Hawks against a veteran squad at St. Charles North which included a battle of the bigs between Luczynski, a 6-foot-10 sophomore, and North's senior Connor Linke (6-7) who led his team with 16 points.
"Conrad's going to learn, that's what he's going to look like as a senior if he puts the same kind of time in," Wolfsmith said.
"(Linke) puts a lot of body into you," Luczynski said. "When he does that, I try to reach over and that's when they call the foul or whatever. I just have to work harder. More footwork."
Bartlett went on to drop a tight 61-58 game against East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Dec. 13 at Bartlett.
The Hawks are now 2-6 overall, 1-1 in the UEC.

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