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Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame welcomes six new members

BY LINDA GIRARDI

Six artists have been chosen for induction into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame, group officials said.

Two artists are in the visual arts — Bobbie Brown, of St. Charles, and the late William Moulis, of Geneva.

“I am greatly honored and humbled when I look at the things other inductees have accomplished,” Brown said.

Three artists are in the performing arts — Frank Catalano, of Chicago; the late William LeBaron, of Elgin; and the late LaVerne Newsome of Indianapolis.

Sterling “Stu” Ainsworth was named to the Hall of Fame for his contributions in the performing arts.

Susan Starrett, president of the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame, said this year’s artists represent the ninth class of inductees since the nonprofit organization was founded in 2002.

Brown is a painter “inspired by nature” who works in a variety of media that represent both realistic and abstract art.

Brown, who originally hails from New York City, attended the University of Dayton in Ohio. She began her career in the arts in 1970 by teaching art therapy classes as a volunteer for a facility in Alexandria, Va. She pursued her interests in art while raising a family in Coatesville, Pa. She studied landscape painting at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts prior to relocating to the Fox Valley in 1988. She became a master gardener through the Kane County Extension Office in St. Charles.

Brown’s works are in public and private collections throughout the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Plant breeder Daigaku Takeshita in Japan, who developed a new breed of petunia by searching the globe for wild species, had seen the reproductions Brown had created for Ball Horticultural Company’s cover of their catalog featuring their Centennial Collection in 2004.

“His breed of petunia revolutionized the growing of petunias,” Brown told the Beacon-News. Brown was commissioned to do two paintings of the plant. She met with him at the Hotel Baker in St. Charles to discuss the project.

She invested months of “meticulous painting with great attention to accuracy and details” and presented the first painting to the plant breeder when they met again in St. Charles.

“It actually was one of my favorite plants before I met him,” Brown said.

Moulis, who had an art studio in the “penthouse” of the Little Traveler on South Third Street in downtown Geneva from 1947 to 1952, was an accomplished artist, Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame officials said.

He received a scholarship in 1937 to attend the Art Institute of Chicago. As a student at the Art Institute, he was commissioned by Kate Raftery, the founder of The Little Traveler, to paint murals for each of the rooms in the store.

Moulis died in 1989.

“At the height of his career, he was sought as a muralist to establish the design style for notable hotels and restaurants in Chicago, New York and Hong Kong,” according to submissions nominating him for the Hall of Fame.



Catalano was a “standout” musician at **Streamwood High School**, according to Fox Valley Hall of Fame officials. His career foundation began when he was awarded first place in an Illinois All-State Jazz Saxophone competition.

He performed with such greats as Miles Davis, Tony Bennett and Louis Bellson while still in high school. He signed with Delmark Records at age 18. Catalano attended Elgin Community College and earned a bachelor’s degree in music composition at DePaul University.

LeBaron was a 1901 graduate of **Elgin High School** and studied at the University of Chicago and New York University. Ten years of song writing in New York City prepared him for writing the book and lyrics for 10 Broadway plays.

He caught the eye of financiers such as Joseph Kennedy, who suggested he go to Hollywood, Hall of Fame officials said. He retired from 20th Century Fox in 1947. He died in Santa Monica, Calif., in 1958.



Newsome was a 1925 graduate of Elgin High School. He studied music at Northwestern University and earned a master’s degree in music with a violin major.

He became an instructor of music at Talladega College in Alabama and at Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis. He died in 2001.

Ainsworth lives in St. Charles and is known for inspiring thousands in the Fox Valley through his advocacy and support of the arts for nearly four decades, Hall of Fame officials said.

He has served on boards for several organizations including the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra and Elgin Choral Union.

The Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame will host an induction banquet celebration April 20 at Villa Olivia in Bartlett.

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Split vote ensures select U-46 minutes destroyed

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved by a split vote, 5-2, the minutes of nine closed session minutes as well as the destruction of audio recordings from 14 closed session meetings at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 5.

Donna Smith, the board's president, read the motion stating "the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part" of the minutes and recordings from closed session meetings with no explanation as to why the public does not have a right to access any of the information. The audio recordings to be destroyed ranged from Feb. 1, 2016 through June 25, 2016.

Board member Jeanette Ward did not want the audio recordings destroyed. Board member Phil Costello joined Ward in voting against the measure.

"I want us to consider what part of closed session minutes and audio recordings could be released to the public, and for that reason I don't want, or am not in favor of closed session audio being destroyed," Ward said.

Ward opened her remarks saying: "I'm glad we're starting to move in that direction, we're starting to have discussions as a board about this."

Although no public discussion occurred as to why the closed session minutes and recordings would continue to remain completely confidential and without public oversight, Ward clarified to *The Examiner* after the meeting she was referring to "in closed session that night."

The board did hold a closed session prior to the Feb. 5 meeting, and Ward said that was the first time the board had any discussions on possible portions of closed session meetings being released. She said "we did talk about discussing what could be made public" in regards to previous closed session meetings that have occurred,

but there is "no process going forward" as of yet on determining what can be released.

In November 2016, the board approved a change to policy 2.201 which concerns closed session meetings. At the time, both Costello and Ward argued for an open and transparent government and that nearly all of board discussions held in closed session should be made public except for those legally required to remain confidential, such as student disciplinary discussions.

Costello also suggested at the time that the board discuss after each closed session meeting what from that meeting could eventually be released saying "some things could be released and we're just going to make an asterisk" for eventual release of that portion of the meeting. That process has yet to have occurred according to Ward.

The change to that policy came from a legal necessity to update it as prior to the change the board's majority denied access to any closed session information to the public and also fellow board members. The board's majority, along with the U-46 administration, claimed board members did not have a right to access that information and denied access to minority members, Ward specifically, to it until the Illinois General Assembly unanimously approved a bill clarifying that local elected officials always had the civil right to access such information.

Former board member Cody Holt explained part of the reason why the public should have access to some closed session discussions last year when he told *The Examiner* that the board has made decisions, possibly unlawfully, in closed session without the public ever hearing any discussions on issues that could have saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

Early last year, the district had put out a Request for Proposal for outsourcing part of U-46's transportation. A proposal from First Student stated it could save the district \$3.9 million over three years and Holt said the U-46 administration said the savings went much further, but that information was never released to the public.

Holt said that "there were savings that unfortunately the administration didn't make public during the negotiation process" that "would have been around \$8 million in a three year period."

All board and administrative discussions of the plan came in closed session and Holt said that the board took a straw poll "at the behest of president Smith." The board is not legally allowed to take votes in closed session and Holt said he had voiced opposition to using straw polls, a practice he said occurred during other key issues as well, but the administration claimed they were legally justified.

Section 1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act states: "It is the public policy

of this State that public bodies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and that the people have a right to be informed as to the conduct of their business. In order that the people shall be informed, the General Assembly finds and declares that it is the intent of this Act to ensure that the actions of public bodies be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly."

Eventually the U-46 administration negotiated a contract with the district's transportation union which guaranteed automatic pay raises each year as an option to outsourcing, and the administration never offered a public justification to the decision.

When *The Examiner* asked board members about its decision and if it would make public its closed session discussions regarding the First Student proposal, Costello and Ward were the only ones to respond and both supported making those discussions public. Smith, Traci Ellis, Sue Kerr and Veronica Noland did not respond while current board member Melissa Owens was not on the board during the outsourcing discussions.

Board authorizes use of MFT funds for projects

By Joe Hyland

Even though the snow is piled deep on the ground now, the days really are getting longer. And with the longer days should come warmer temperatures and melting snow. In short, spring will eventually be here. And with the coming of spring will be the coming of the road construction season so beloved of Illinois residents.

The village's Public Works Department is already making plans for this year's program. In fact, the ground-work began at the Nov. 2, 2017 Village Board meeting. At that meeting, trustees unanimously approved the purchase of a lightly used (due to the original owner's exit from the paving business) 2016 Volvo PF4410 Asphalt Paver to replace the department's current 2003 Blaw Knox PF4410 machine that was showing its age and breaking down frequently. The cost was \$235,000, which was available in the equipment replacement fund at the

time. The old unit was sent out for auction.

At the Thursday, Feb. 1 meeting, the board took the next step in the process. Trustees unanimously approved the authorization to spend \$1,390,950 in motor fuel tax (MFT) funds for road related items. By law, use of MFT funds by municipalities is restricted to road construction and maintenance.

Director of Public Works Matt Mann said that the department has prepared a schedule of this year's work. He said that six miles of streets are scheduled to be resurfaced. In addition, right turn lanes will be added to the intersection at East and North avenues.

Mann said that, while nothing has been formally put out to bid as yet, the first bid openings are set for March 6 for the concrete program and March 13 for the asphalt supply for this year's work. Weather permitting, he said that work should begin in early April.



Emerging in the paint

Streamwood's Maddie Exline in the paint attempting to score around the North Stars' Annie Tate before being fouled. For story and more photos about the Sabres game against St. Charles North on Saturday, Feb. 10 see page 5.

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Elgin's third quarter run costs Sabres in 58-49 loss

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team struggled in the second half during a 58-49 loss against Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Thursday, Feb. 8 at Streamwood.

A roller coaster first half saw the Sabres rally from a 16-8 deficit after one quarter to grab a 26-24 lead by halftime. Elgin went on a 15-6 run to open the second half to take the lead for good at 39-32, and the visitors pushed their advantage to as much as 13 points, 51-38, midway through the fourth quarter.

Keenon Cole scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Sabres.

The loss was Streamwood's fifth straight after the Sabres had pulled within a game of .500. The Sabres dropped a 64-59 game at Elgin a week earlier.

"We're lacking hustle on defense," said Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn. "We aren't rotating and we aren't closing out on shots. Elgin did a great job of taking advantage and deserved to win."

It was the senior night for the Sabres and Streamwood senior leader on the night was Lamont Cole (11 points). Nikola Sinik, a junior, hit a pair of three-pointers and scored 10 points, and freshman Zack Marquez scored nine points.

Streamwood's seniors also include Kevin Bauer, Sam Enno, Frank Fritzmann, Jack Maybrun, Brendon Marton and Philip Cruz.

The Sabres, who have a two-week break before their regular season finale against St. Charles North, are now 11-17 overall and 0-11 in the UEC River Division.

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Sabres top Royals then fall to North Stars

By Seth Hancock

A rough third quarter did in the Streamwood girls basketball team in its regular season finale, a 52-45 loss against St. Charles North in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Saturday, Feb. 10 at North.

Streamwood had taken a 31-30 lead into halftime as Maddi Exline, who scored nine of her team-high 15 points in the first half, all from behind the arc, knocked down two late threes for the slim lead. Andrea Bracy (nine points) scored eight points and Mandy Mien (12 points) seven in the first half.

However, in the third quarter the Sabres were silent being outscored 13-1 for a 43-32 deficit. Streamwood pulled no closer than seven in the fourth quarter.

"They had a good defensive third quarter and we had a bad offensive third quarter," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "That was the ball game for sure. The rest of the game was pretty even, probably a little tipped towards us."

Rebecca Roncone added five points in the effort.

Despite the loss, Rosner was pleased with the overall play of his team which had entered with a four-game winning streak. He said he was also down to just seven players with several players out due to various reasons.

"We played well, and we're still playing solid basketball," Rosner said. "Overall, I'm happy with how we played with who we had."

Streamwood was coming off a 53-33 win on senior night against Larkin in UEC River Division play on Monday, Feb. 5 at Streamwood.

The Sabres senior class led the way including Exline (21 points, three three-pointers), Bracy (14 points, nine rebounds) and Roncone (12 rebounds). Streamwood's remaining senior Monica Brown did not play due to injury,

but she is expected to play in the postseason.

"It was exciting because we've played together for so long," Exline said. "We just wanted a win to end it with a bang, and that's what we did."

Mien, a sophomore, added 14 points along with 11 rebounds and three assists.

The Sabres are now 7-19 overall, 5-7 in the UEC River Division, and No. 9 Streamwood opens against No. 8 Crystal Lake South in the Prairie Ridge Regional.

"Honestly, it's just taking it one game at a time," Rosner said. "Right now, the focus is on Crystal Lake South."



Mandy Mien driving in on the St. Charles North basket to score a pair of points for Streamwood. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Sabres' Colleen Veguilla trying to secure a loose ball in front of the North Stars' Megan Gunnink before the ball went out of bounds.



Maddie Exline of the Sabres releasing a long jump shot over a crowded floor under the St. Charles North basket.

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Mystery shoveling pair clear way for others

By Kristin Carreno

Snowstorms hit the area beginning Thursday, Feb. 8 and by the weekend residents were digging themselves out from about 10 inches of snow. However, there were some people who did not have to deal with shoveling their driveways thanks to two young girls.

According to Nicole Dekore who resides on Arlington Lane in the Sugar Ridge subdivision, two girls shoveled

her driveway for free over the weekend.

"I just had a baby a week ago and couldn't get out to shovel," said Dekore.

Word quickly spread as more neighbors came forward stating that two young girls voluntarily shoveled their driveways. According to Sumera Stauber of the Woodridge North area, two girls she never met also shoveled her driveway. Stauber

said she had a broken foot and was very appreciative and thankful for these girls.

According to Dekore, the two girls, who she guessed to be about 12 years old, came to her door and asked if they could shovel the driveway for free. Afterwards, Dekore attempted to tip the girls but they politely turned the money down.

Dekore said she hopes her children grow up to be as nice and considerate

as these girls.

Nobody seems to know exactly who these two girls are or why they are doing this. According to Dekore, it is her opinion they were just doing it to be nice and perhaps want to remain anonymous.

"Those two young ladies are role models and are setting such a good example for the younger generation," Dekore said. "Your parents raised [them] well. Thank you so much!"

Board votes to approve increase in police posts

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance amending the number of personnel in the police department from 32 to 34 officers.

According to Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk, the department currently has two officers in field training, three officers on workman's compensation leave and one officer, on average, on a family or medical leave of absence. There are also two retirements expected to come up in 2019 and the department is currently down six officers.

Krawczyk added that it takes approximately four weeks to complete the medical, background, psychological, polygraph and Power Test to hire a new candidate.

"If we do not get a qualified applicant by the academy date it delays the process by another four to six months which means it could be 12 months before an officer is ready to replace an open position due to retirement or permanent disability," said Krawczyk.

The additional two staffing levels from 32 to 34 would only be a temporary increase to begin the testing process and training program prior to the expected retirement or permanent disability of officers, according to Krawczyk. It would allow officers to be ready to fill the vacancy immediately as opposed to a potential one-year delay.

According to Village Administrator Steven Super all staffing levels are approved by the village board, so increasing the number of any position requires board approval, even if temporary.

"It can take up to a year before we get another officer on the street alone," Krawczyk said. "If we can increase our total number of officers allowed by ordinance we can kind of get a jump start on getting them into the academy so when somebody does retire we will actually have somebody available to go right out on the street to replace them."

Trustee Michael Kolodziej stated, "I think it's a better to be proactive and get it done early."

"I didn't realize it took that long to get an officer ready to hit the streets," Village President Steve Ward added. "That's much longer than I thought."

"Does this mean you'll have the ability to have up to 34 officers but realistically we're not going to have 34 active officers?" Kolodziej asked.

"There may be a short period of time when they will be overlapping but it would only be the six months that they're actually in training possibly," responded Krawczyk. "It allows us to hire beyond that initial total of 32 officers to get that process going."

According to Krawczyk, the increase in officers would remain within budget.

According to Super, he and Krawczyk discussed this matter quite a bit.

"We're just kind of in a pinch time," Super said. "We hired a lot of officers going on 20 years ago and between that and circumstances such as injuries they're just down. I didn't realize it either how long it takes somebody. It's not like you just hire somebody and say 'okay can you start next week or in two weeks?' It's like 'okay can you start in eight months?' It's really a long process."



Dancing on air

Jason Ruut gave his daughter Brianna an airline dance on Feb. 10 at Corron Elementary School's Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball. For story and more photos see page 9.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Six South Elgin athletes sign commitment letters

By Seth Hancock

A group of South Elgin athletes have made their college commitments recently signing their letters of intent.

Included were three football players in Nate Gomez (Division II Northwood University in Michigan), Colt Doherty (D-II Northern Michigan University) and Jacob Frey (D-III Augustana College) as well as boys soccer players AJ Kirkby (D-I University of Dayton in Ohio), Chris Stancyk (D-III Dominican University in Illinois) and Fernando Rivera (Elgin Community College). Gomez signed to Northwood for both football and baseball.

Storm football coach Pat Pistorio said more commitments in the near future will be made from his team.

"It feels great to see our players take the next step,

especially when you see how this can really help support a family financially throughout a student athlete's collegiate career," Pistorio said. "We are very proud of these young men and all of their hard work throughout the past few years. It is great to see all of their hard work and dedication pay off."

Gomez will join a Northwood Timberwolves football team that went 7-4 last year, 5-4 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), under third-year coach Leonard Haynes. The Timberwolves went 46-13 overall, 26-6 to win the GLIAC title, last year in baseball under third-year coach Jordan Bischel.

Doherty joins the Wildcats football team of NMU which went 1-9 overall, 1-8 in the GLIAC, last season under second-year coach Kyle Nystrom. Frey joins the Augustana Vikings football team coached by

three-year coach Steve Bell which went 1-9 overall last season, 1-6 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

"Football is an amazing sport, and we are very excited to see where it will take them throughout their journey," Pistorio said.

For soccer, Kirkby will play for the Dayton Flyers under 14-year coach Dennis Currier whose team went 9-8-2 overall, 6-2 in the Atlantic 10 Conference, last season, and Stancyk joins the Dominican Stars under 23-year coach Erick Baumann who has a .785 career winning percentage and has never had a losing season including last year when his team went 14-5 overall, 8-2 in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference. Rivera will play for the ECC Spartans in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference and under coach Sal Acevedo.

Pet of the Week



Finding a Clover

Clover is a 1-year-old brown and tan striped domestic shorthair cat found as a stray. She has beautiful green eyes and is very playful. She enjoys as much attention from people as she can get and loves to be pet. Clover seems to like other cats and sees them as her friends and playmates, so she will do well in a home with other felines, provided they are open to welcoming a new friend.

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The Storm opened the week with a 63-46 loss to West Aurora on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Aurora. Megan McClure scored 10 points, Casey Brennan nine, Catora Brown eight and both Alexis Roberts (two three-pointers) and Erika Burns six.

Against West Chicago, the Storm dropped a 45-44 game on Thursday, Feb. 8 at South Elgin. The Storm won each of the first three frames to build a 33-25 lead but West Chicago rallied with a 20-11 fourth quarter.

McClure had 13 points, Brennan 11, Brown six and both Roberts and Miah Galvin five to lead the Storm.

Despite the losses, Storm coach Dan Mandernack has been happy with his team's performance this year after losing most of last year's team to graduation.

"Overall on the season, I'm very proud of the team," Mandernack said. "They stayed together, stayed positive and were great teammates. With most of our scoring gone from a record-breaking team last year, other players had to step up and they did against a very difficult schedule."

South Elgin hosts regional play and the No. 6 Storm open against No. 11 Elgin in the quarterfinals.

"Regionals, we are at home," Mandernack said. "We look to be very competitive and make our school proud with our performance on and off the court."

The Storm are now 12-14 overall, 5-5 in the UEC Valley Division.

This week in... South Elgin

Thursday, Feb. 15	
• 7 p.m.	South Elgin IHSA girls basketball regional championship game (South Elgin must have won two previous games to play).*
• 7 p.m.	Wheaton Warrenville South IHSA girls basketball regional championship game (St. Charles North must have won previous game to play).*
Friday, Feb. 16	
• 7 p.m.	South Elgin boys basketball at West Aurora High School.*
• 7 p.m.	St. Charles North boys basketball at Larkin High School.*
Monday, Feb. 19	
• All day	Presidents Day - All village administrative offices closed.
Tuesday, Feb. 20	
• 7 p.m.	Village Board meeting at Village Hall.

* Home game unless otherwise specified,

North steps up defense in win over Sabres



North's Megan Gunnink driving parallel to the baseline in front of Streamwood's Colleen Veuilla.



Leilauni Chanthaboury scoring two points for the North Stars above Streamwood's Mandy Mien.



Anna Davern working around Streamwood's Rebecca Roncone to put up a shot for the North Stars.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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The North girls basketball team locked in defensively in the second half to earn a 52-45 win on senior night against Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Saturday, Feb. 10 at North.

Anna Tate, a junior, scored 13 of her game-high 17 points in the first half and senior Anna Davern (12 points) added eight, but the North Stars trailed 31-30 at the break.

North coach Mike Tomczak said his halftime talk was all defense, and his team showed that in the third quarter

holding Streamwood to just one point as the North Stars had a 13-1 period.

"The first half, we weren't as locked in defensively," Tomczak said. "Offensively we did some good things, but we had too many defensive lapses. The entire halftime message was defense, and they really took that to heart."

Sophomore Caroline Jakaitis scored five points and Tate four in the third quarter to lead North to a 43-32 advantage heading into the fourth, and sophomore Leilauni Chanthaboury

(13 points) hit three treys in the second half helping North take as large as a 14-point lead.

"In the locker room, we just said we want to win this one for our seniors," Tate said. "We knew we had to slow them down. Our offense will come, but we knew our defense needed to step up."

North's seniors also include Megan Gunnink, Emma Helsel and Caroline Shafar.

"Senior night is always a special night," Tomczak said. "It's so bitter-sweet. These seniors were here last

year in my first season, and they've helped me a lot."

The North Stars were coming off a 51-33 UEC River Division win against Larkin on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Larkin. North jumped to an 18-5 lead after one quarter and didn't look back.

Tate (16 points), Davern (15 points), Gunnink (six points) and Brooke Elliott (five points) led the effort.

North is now 15-12 overall, 7-5 in the UEC River Division play, heading into the Wheaton Warrenville South Regional where the No. 10 North Stars open against No. 7 York.

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WAYNE

Friday, Feb. 2

★ At 5:55 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns Road and Illinois Route 25 for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Archie Wanko, 41, address withheld, was found to have no valid license. He was arrested and transported to the police department where he was issued his citation and later released on an I-bond.

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★ At 8:05 a.m., police responded at the police station for a citizen assist. Complainant advised he had found a male subject walking around with no coat, hat or gloves. The subject advised he had been at a party and his ride left without him. The officer transported the subject to his home.

Monday, Feb. 5

★ At 11:15 p.m., police responded to the 5N block of Chambellan for a request to assist Fox River Fire Department personnel with an ill subject. The subject was transported to Central DuPage Hospital by fire department personnel.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

★ At 6:42 p.m., police responded to the 4N block of Magnolia for a report of a suspicious person and vehicle. The officer made contact with the person. She advised she had been out plowing and had fallen asleep while waiting for her boyfriend. She was advised to park at her boyfriend's house.

★ At 7:40 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Pearson and Weber for a report of a suspicious person. The officer contacted the subject and determined he was a resident.

North boys basketball falls to Benet on senior night

By Seth Hancock

The North boys basketball team's offense struggled in a 44-31 nonconference loss against Benet Academy on Saturday, Feb. 10 at North.

The North Stars, who defeated Benet 49-39 at the Pontiac Christmas Tournament, struggled through the first half hitting just four shots from the field as they fell behind 9-2 after one quarter and 23-8 by the break. North finished the game 13-for-47 from the field (27.7 percent).

"The first half was probably our poorest performance of the season," said North coach Tom Poulin. "Benet is a very good basketball team, but we didn't do a whole lot right on either end, especially offensively."

North, which had its largest deficit of the game at 19-2 in the first half, fell behind by as much as 15 in the third

quarter but rallied to 33-22 by the end of the period after senior Brendan Dal Degan (five points) hit a buzzer beating three-pointer. Senior Jalen Chanthaboury (five points) hit a trey and Luke Scheffers a bucket to pull North to 36-27 three minutes into the fourth, the closest the North Stars would come the rest of the game.

It was senior night for the North Stars who were led by senior Kyle King (seven points, eight rebounds). North's remaining seniors include Zachary Ludwig (five points), Erik Larson (four points) and Cade Callaghan (three points).

North falls to 13-10 overall with the loss.

"We need to regroup and come back together," Poulin said. "It's up to the coaches and team leaders to right the ship. We'll see what we're made of."



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The library will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day.

For Adults

Free income tax return preparation and electronic filing, for individual federal and State of Illinois returns, will be available this year at the St. Charles Public Library through the AARP Tax-Aid Program. One-hour appointments are available on Fridays through April 13, at 10 and 11 a.m., and 12 p.m. Returns are prepared on site and filed electronically. Attendees do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this free service.

For Kids

Playaway Launchpads are tablets pre-loaded with educational apps for kids and are available for check out from the library. With tablets for ages three to five, grades K to two and grades three to five, kids can have fun while they learn. A St. Charles Public Library card is required for check out.

Multi-Age Story Time, an early literacy experience with books, songs and activities for infants through age five with their caregivers, is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. until March 21. Parents and grandparents, simply arrive early and present their St. Charles Library card for admittance. Families living outside the library district may attend for \$2 per person on a space-available basis.

Chinese New Year Festival, an event for grades six to eight, is Friday, Feb. 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Celebrate the Year of the Dog during the Chinese Lunar New Year. Join us to see how China and other Asian countries have traditionally welcomed the end of one year and the beginning of another. There will be games, lots of fun and of course, a light

snack. Registration is required.

Stories Live: Caps for Sale is Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 or 11 a.m. This story time for infants through age five with their caregivers nurtures early literacy skills by looking at one story through storytelling, song and more; register now to save your spot.

King Arthur and His Tales of the Round Table: A Russell Series Event, for grades K to eight, is Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Histories for Kids will present an interactive historic portrayal of the adventurous stories of Sir Lancelot, Sir Gawain, Merlin, Lady of the Lake, Lady Guinevere and more. Students may take the stage to portray the knights and ladies of King Arthur's court at Camelot. Registration is required.

Gears: Take the Challenge for students in grades four and five is on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Each workshop brings a new challenge to test your creativity, innovation and critical thinking skills. Registration is required.

Movie Night for students in grades four to eight runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. Students vote for the new release movie they want to watch, and there will be pizza, popcorn provided by Classic Cinemas and lemonade. Call 630-584-9390 for movie choices. Registration ends Thursday, Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. or when event is full, whichever comes first.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is a sharing of books, fingerplays, activities and songs in both Spanish and English for infants through age five and their caregivers. The next sessions are Friday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required.

St. Charles develops plan for local coyote management

To help residents discourage coyotes from settling in neighborhoods, the City of St. Charles and St. Charles Park District have developed a Coyote Management Plan. The Plan is available on the city's website at www.stcharlesil.gov/coexisting-local-coyotes.

"The Coyote Management Plan was created to educate residents on normal coyote behaviors and activity," said Laura Rudow, superintendent of parks and planning. "Following the easy steps listed in the plan can help residents can deter coyotes from becoming habituated in neighborhoods."

Coyotes are common across Illinois, and are necessary in order to keep populations of smaller wild animals and vermin in check. An increase in coyote sightings between now and spring is expected as young coyotes leave their parents in search of mates and territories to call their own.

"The City of St. Charles is happy to team up with the park district to provide this important information to our residents," said St. Charles City Administrator Mark Koenen. "The goal

of this plan is to allow our residents and local coyotes to continue to safely coexist without incident."

For more information about the Coyote Management Plan, please contact the City of St. Charles at 630-377-4400.

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Learn from the Experts programs are taught by experts in their respective fields and offer in-depth learning opportunities about the local ecology. The programs are offered through a partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, St. Charles Park District and Geneva Park District.

For more information on Forest Preserve District of Kane County nature programs, visit www.kaneforest.com, or find us on social media. Search @forestpreserve.

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BARTLETT

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CAROL STREAM
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Schaumburg man arrested for theft of car

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Police alleged Smith stole a 2017 Ford Fusion that was parked in the 800 block of Bryn Mawr Avenue during the early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 26. On



Isaiah K. Smith

Feb. 4, at approximately 4 a.m., the Barrington Police Department recovered the stolen vehicle in the area of Main Street and Elm Road and took Smith into custody without incident.
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Village Board approves U-46 PUD proposal

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After initially denying a preliminary/final planned unit development (PUD) proposed by School District U-46, the Village Board of Trustees approved it upon reconsideration at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Trustees voted 4-0 to reconsider the proposal and again to approve it with Michael Camerer, Raymond Deyne, Adam Hopkins and Aaron Reinke all voting. Trustees Vince Carbonaro and Kristina Gabrenya were not in attendance.

The approval will now allow U-46 to auction off 20.23 acres of land surrounding Hawk Hollow Elementary School in Bartlett to develop the Jacaranda Subdivision which the PUD plans for 15 single-family homes. The land is off the east side of Gerber Road and south of the Hawk Hollow Subdivision.

At the Jan. 16 meeting, trustees voted down the proposal 4-2 with Carbonaro and Deyne voting in favor of the proposal.

Ultimately, the reversal came as more of a necessity based on a consent decree the village had to enter into in 2000 as the result of a lawsuit.

Reinke said: "It's disappointing that we're so constrained by the consent decree. We don't have a lot of discretion in this."

The reason for the initial denial of the plan was largely over concerns of traffic flow and how it would be effected due to some of the roadwork to be done under the PUD.

The PUD states Winston Lane, in the Hawk Hollow Subdivision, would be extended southward through the subdivision connecting with Benson Drive, in the Fairfax Commons Subdivision which is to the southeast. Winston Lane currently dead ends.

There would also be a dedication of a right-of-way for the future Fair Oaks Road which would extend to Army Trail Road.

Between meetings, a traffic study

was done on current traffic patterns at all intersections around the land and at Hawk Hollow Elementary School.

Lynn Means, senior transportation engineer at Gewalt Hamilton, said: "Based on our findings we found that most intersections, actually all intersections, operated at acceptable levels of service."

Means said the study was done during "peak hour traffic" on weekday mornings (7 to 9 a.m.) and afternoons (2 to 6 p.m.) covering school drop-off and pick-up as well as peak evening traffic.

Hopkins asked if streets will be wide enough for the traffic once homes are built to which Means said "they would be designed to your subdivision code, and they would be designed to maintain the two-way traffic." Means said there was no need to widen streets, but the village may consider posting no parking signs during peak hours.

"If we're going to do this, I think it makes sense to ban parking at least during the morning and afternoon rush hour on Jacaranda and Winston," Reinke said.

Reinke also said he would want to vacate the Fair Oaks Road right-of-way and Kevin Wallace, village president, agreed saying the right-of-way would make the PUD "almost impossible."

Reinke also asked about speed limits and Patrick Ullrich, chief of police, said: "We would enact school speed limit zones for 20 miles per hour while school's in session and kids are present, and so that's kind of what we've done around every other school so it stays consistent."

Pheasant hunting permits now available

Hunters can apply online now for 2017-18 Illinois controlled pheasant hunting opportunities available at IDNR sites. Sixteen of the sites are operated by the IDNR, while four other sites are managed by concessionaire T. Miller, Inc.

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Bartlett High students put talents on display

Bartlett High School’s sophomore class presented the BHS annual Talent Show on Friday evening, Feb. 2 at the school. The show’s emcees were Zaria Milledge and Evan Neilson, and featured 15 student acts with a bonus performance by teacher Selena Armas and her husband.

First place went to the rock group The Three Posers; second to the trio of Jelianne Merza, Neha Shoor and Lizette Pena; and third place to the piano/singing duo of Naomi Latta and Maggie Martino. The top two winners will continue on to the district Talent Show on March 13 at The Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin.



Risa Jones kicked her heels up in a lively Irish swing.



The Three Posers - George Kostopoulos, John Raschke and Lukas Munoz - performed their own original music, and won first place.



Devon Thomas, Jaylen Calhoun, Jesandre Medina and Juan Griffin performed the ‘Kemo Step’ hip-hop dance routine.



Performing ‘Variations of a Well-Known Sea Chanty’ were Lucy Beck, Jocelyn Alba and Christina Mondelli.
(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Guitarist/singer Quinn Bendis performed the Red Hot Chili Peppers’ ‘Dani California.’



Students representing all 15 acts gathered on stage following the show.

Hawks nail down Valley Division crown



Bartlett's Teagan Noesen attempting to drive past St. Francis' Ashley Sullivan. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team capped the regular season with three straight wins and completing a perfect 10-0 finish in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division. A day after clinching the conference title outright, the Hawks ran away

break.

Hare and Savannah Standefer both tallied six points in the third quarter as the Hawks took their largest lead, 57-31, into the fourth. St. Francis pulled no closer than 13 in the final period.

"We've really been playing really

with a 65-50 non-conference victory over St. Francis on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Bartlett.

St. Francis held an 8-4 lead midway through the first quarter when Bartlett finished the period on a 13-2 run for a 17-10 lead as Kayla Hare scored 12 of her game-high 22 points in the frame and hit two of her three three-pointers. The Hawks led by as much as 15 in the second quarter and 34-21 by the

well together," Hare said. "The first few minutes we came out a little slow, but everyone picked up the energy. I think we just brought a lot of energy over from winning the conference last night."

Lexie Sinclair (11 points), Justina Hernandez (eight points, six rebounds) and Shelly Banks (five points) contributed.

The Hawks defense forced 26 turnovers a day after forcing 31 in clinching the conference title.

Bartlett clinched the UEC Valley Division title with a 62-43 victory over East Aurora on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Aurora then finished its perfect record in league play with a 65-44 win over West Aurora on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Bartlett.

The Hawks did trail 37-33 late in the third quarter against East Aurora but finished the game on a 29-6 run.

"I know the seniors really wanted to win the conference," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "The next goal is to win a regional. We have our work cut out for us, but we are looking forward to the challenge."

Hare scored 31 points and Hernandez eight in the East Aurora win. Hare (24 points), Sinclair (13 points), Danielle Kleeman (12 points) and Hernandez (eight points) led the effort against West Aurora.

Bartlett enters the Schaumburg Regional, where the No. 9 Hawks open against No. 8 Batavia, with a 19-10 record. The Hawks have gone 12-3 since the start of 2018 after going 7-7 in the 2017 portion of their schedule.

"We're playing some really good basketball," Hunt said. "They're playing really unselfishly. They're moving the ball and playing good defense."



Kayla Hare getting the Hawks off to a fast start by executing a layup to give Bartlett a 2-0 lead over the Spartans.

Hawks shoot lights out in win over Wildcats

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball shot its way to an 84-42 win on senior night over West Chicago in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Thursday, Feb. 8 at Bartlett.

The Hawks seniors poured in 72 points and connected on 12 of their 14 three-pointers.

"It was great," said senior Ben Fisher who scored all of his team-high 13 points in the first half. "We do a good job finding the hot hand, and I guess everyone had the hot hand tonight. Everyone was draining threes."

Although leading his team, Fisher was actually one of only three players not to hit a three on the night.

Fisher was key to Bartlett breaking away in the second quarter. Holding only a four-point lead after the first, the Hawks used a 22-7 second led by eight points from Fisher for a 41-22 half-time lead.

Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said the second quarter success was partly the result of his team's defense.

"We were moving the ball real well and getting good shots," Wolfsmith said. "Plus on defense we were able to get some takeaways and good defense is always going to lead to offense."

The Hawks kept their foot on the gas pedal in the third quarter with a 28-10 frame to build a 69-32 lead, and they hit six of their three-pointers in the frame including two each from seniors Kyle Martin (nine points, three treys) and Jake Coffinbargar (six points) and one each from seniors Byron Price (six points, two treys) and Andrew Wolf (six points).

Bartlett built as large as a 44-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Seniors Ben Tompson (11 points, one trey), Tomas Vikonis (eight points), Johnny Angell (seven points, one trey) and Harsh Mangrola (six

points, two treys) all contributed. Juniors Austin Gates (eight points, two treys) and Garrett Jurina (four points) rounded out the scoring.

"Holy smokes, I just thought the seniors were phenomenal tonight," Wolfsmith said. "That's what you want to see is everyone getting in and contributing, and they all did. They shot lights out."

The Hawks were coming off a 57-46 nonconference loss against Barrington on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Bartlett. At the Jacobs Christmas Tournament, Bartlett dropped a 76-70 game against Barrington.

Vikonis had 13 points and both Gates and Tompson eight to lead the effort.

Bartlett is now 13-10 overall, 6-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



Andrew Wolf releasing a shot as he made contact with the Wildcats' Raed Haroon driving him to the floor.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Examiner Columnist Rich Trzupek's America's Journey: Underdog to Overlord, Regrets to Rebirth

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trolled substance. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

★ At 11:35 a.m., Luis Ernesto Ortiz, 25, Addison, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 3:54 p.m., Reinaldo C. Aviles, 55, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with DUI, BAC over .08. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 4:27 p.m., Michael Anthony Noe, 31, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear, driving while license suspended and no insurance. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 8:03 p.m., Jesus A. Rodriguez, 38, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, seat belt violation and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and no valid driver's license. He was released on bond and faces a court date on local charges, and transported to DuPage County Jail.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

★ At 2:10 a.m., Laprish L. Adams, 18, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with theft over \$500. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 2:17 a.m., Alexander G. Winston,

23, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Feb. 1

★ At 4:15 a.m., Samuel A. Johnson, 25, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with two counts of domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, Feb. 2

★ At 12:17 p.m., Jorge Nino, 27, Aurora, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and larceny. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 5:13 p.m., Shoaib A. Khan, 33, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property and violation of an order of protection. The subject was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Sunday, Feb. 4

★ At 1:09 a.m., Danielle M. Skwierczynski, 24, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, speeding and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 7:40 a.m., Darius D. Robinson, 19, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with two counts of burglary. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 8:43 a.m., Alex Trimono, 32, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, speeding, driving too fast for conditions and improper lane use.

age. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Monday, Feb. 5

★ At 1:52 p.m., Jennifer M. Slowik, 28, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with two counts of domestic battery. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

★ At 8:25 a.m., Jason A. Kelly, 32, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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Tuesday, Jan. 30

★ At 9:45 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of South Collins for a report of an abandoned vehicle.

★ At 11:26 a.m., police responded to the Fox Meadow Elementary School, 1275 Jenna Road, for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 1:26 p.m., police responded to Hoffer Plastics, 500 N. Collins, for a fraud complaint.

★ At 2:01 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and North Lancaster for a report of a roadway obstruction.

★ At 5:46 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 569 Dean Drive, for a report of a fight.

★ At 7:48 p.m., police responded to the 2200 block of Brookwood for a 911 investigation.

★ At 11:15 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Dean for a missing person report.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

★ At 1:09 a.m., police responded to Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:02 a.m., police responded to Focus Internal Medicine, 480 Briargate Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:52 a.m., police responded to PS Fuels, 14 Illinois Route 25, for a counterfeiting complaint.

★ At 9:06 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Oakview for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:08 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of North Lakewood for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 10:27 a.m., police responded to the Anderson Animal Hospital, 1000 S. LaFox for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 12:02 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Oakview for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 3:53 p.m., police responded to Jim Hansen Park, 280 Concord Ave., for a keep the peace request.

★ At 6:55 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 896 Sundown Road, for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 7:15 p.m., police responded to TJ Maxx, 352 Randall Road, for a report of theft.

★ At 7:57 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Hickory for a threats complaint.

Thursday, Feb. 1

★ At 12:32 a.m., police responded to Premier Countertop Creations, 330 Randall Road, for a report of an open door or window.

★ At 6:34 a.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 21 Pine Court, for a report of a violation of an order of protection.

★ At 8:01 a.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a trespassing complaint.

★ At 12:12 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a report of theft.

★ At 12:33 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Silver Glen roads for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 1:43 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Hobart for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 5:57 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a report of a

Storm girls hoops drop final regular season games

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team dropped its final two games of the regular season, both in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play, but the Storm are optimistic about their potential in the postseason.

The Storm opened the week with a 63-46 loss to West Aurora on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Aurora. Megan McClure scored 10 points, Casey Brennan nine, Catora Brown eight and both Alexis Roberts (two three-pointers) and Erika Burns six.

Against West Chicago, the Storm dropped a 45-44 game on Thursday, Feb. 8 at South Elgin. The Storm won each of the first three frames to build a 33-25 lead but West Chicago rallied with a 20-11 fourth quarter.

McClure had 13 points, Brennan 11, Brown six and both Roberts and Miah Galvin five to lead the Storm.

Despite the losses, Storm coach Dan Mandernack has been happy with his team's performance this year after losing most of last year's team to graduation.

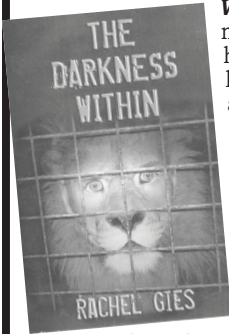
"Overall on the season, I'm very proud of the team," Mandernack said. "They stayed together, stayed positive and were great teammates. With most of our scoring gone from a record-breaking team last year, other players had to step up and they did against a very difficult schedule."

South Elgin hosts regional play and the No. 6 Storm open against No. 11 Elgin in the quarterfinals.

"Regionals, we are at home," Mandernack said. "We look to be very competitive and make our school proud with our performance on and off the court."

The Storm are now 12-14 overall, 5-5 in the UEC Valley Division.

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Anthony's Attention

Lynch takes control as Larkin tops St. Charles East to clinch conference

BY PAUL JOHNSON



Larkin's Anthony Lynch, right, drives to the basket Thursday night against St. Charles East's Cody Mitchell. (Jon Langham/The Courier-News)

Larkin coach Deryn Carter is completely in tune with his players.

So when senior guard Anthony Lynch struggled at the outset of Thursday's Upstate Eight River game at St. Charles East, Carter didn't hesitate to take Lynch out of the game.

"Coach Carter definitely knows when I'm not playing up to my ability," Lynch said. "He definitely addressed it. I feel like he did a great job of taking me out and just letting me regroup myself."

Whatever was said during that 30-second benching certainly worked wonders as Lynch led Larkin to a 60-56 win.

Lynch scored a game-high 23 points to go with five rebounds, five assists, two steals and a blocked shot as Larkin (18-6, 10-0) clinched sole possession of the conference title.

"He had a huge game," Carter said of Lynch. "(He was) probably just overthinking (early). When he gets to overthinking, then he becomes less of an athlete, less instinctual.

"I just sat him down real quick to kind of recalibrate, and he came back in and carried us in a lot of different ways."

Two runners from Justin Hardy and a 3-pointer from Zach Robinson helped the Saints (14-8, 5-5) take an 11-2 lead. Larkin fell behind with senior center Jalen Shaw on the bench with two fouls.

"I think we were ready," East coach Patrick Woods said. "I think we started off with good energy, but we missed a couple shots we normally hit. I just don't think we capitalized on the opportunity."

A pair of 3-pointers from Kindrel Morris early in the second quarter helped Larkin right the ship. Pierre Black also scored five points off the bench in the quarter and Lynch had six to cut the lead to 27-26 at halftime.

"I really loved the way our guys responded," Carter said.

An 18-3 burst in the second half, fueled by eight points from Lynch, gave Larkin a 46-38 lead early in the fourth quarter. The Saints hung around, however, putting together a 15-4 spurt in taking a 53-50 lead.

Lynch took over from there, though. His layup cut it to one, and he then set up Morris for the eventual winning 3-pointer with 56 seconds left. Lynch also had a key rebound of a missed free throw in the final minute that kept the Saints at bay.

"I have a lot of faith in my teammates," Lynch said. "If they stop me, I have faith that if I kick it out they'll hit that shot. I like playing team ball."

Shaw finished with 11 points and six rebounds. Black scored 10 points off the bench. Robinson paced the Saints with 18, all in the first three quarters. Hardy scored 15 and led the Saints with seven rebounds and four assists.

Larkin captured the outright Upstate Eight River title with two games remaining.

"We had a goal, and it's great to accomplish it," Lynch said. "It's a great feeling."

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Bartlett falls to St. Viator

BY GREG SWIDERSKI

St. Viator's Jeremiah Hernandez had, by all accounts, a strong basketball game against Bartlett at the Lions' Cahill Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

The 6 foot 4 junior led his team with 21 points, 4 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks in the Lions 50-49 win over the Hawks.

Hernandez's biggest play, though, came on defense -- with :05 left in the game.

At that point, the Hawks trailed 50-47 with :15 left following a free throw from St. Viator's Connor Kochera.

Ben Tompson tried to tie the game with a 3-point shot from the left corner -- but Hernandez swatted the ball out of bounds.

"I was in the corner, protecting my area," said Hernandez. "I saw him getting ready to shoot and I was thinking, 'Don't foul him.' With my arm length I was able block the ball pretty well."

The Hawks (13-11) still had :03 left on the clock but the attempt to tie the game went awry.

"We set up a few options on the play in our timeout," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "Our inbounder saw Garrett Jurina cutting to the basket and passed the ball to him. We got the 2 points -- but we needed 3. I'll have to look at the film to see what happened. Maybe he thought Jurina was going to kick the ball out to the arc."

The 21-5 Lions jumped out to a 12-2 lead behind the effort of Hernandez, who scored St. Viator's first 8 points. Peter Lambesis (15 points, 6 rebounds) scored the Lions' last 8 points of the quarter for a 16-7 Viator lead.

St. Viator was playing without star guard Treyvon Calvin, who missed the game with an illness. The Lions led 28-16 at the halftime break.

Hernandez' 3-point play with 7:45 left in the game gave the Lions a 40-23 lead.

The Hawks, though, came on strong cutting the lead with help from Tomas Vikonis, who had 8 of his 11 points in the quarter, and Byron Price who scored all 8 of his points in the fourth quarter. Ben Fisher (11 points) fouled out midway in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't come out with much confidence and emotion to start the game, but we finished well," said Wolfsmith. "To come that close to beating St. Viator on their floor will build confidence in our players."

Lions coach Quin Hayes was happy with the win and praised Kochera (6 points) and Kennedy Gawin, who took four charges.

"Jeremiah finished the fourth quarter with some good plays for us," said Hayes. "Give Bartlett a lot of credit. After scoring 23 points in the first three quarters they played real hard and never quit."

Hernandez, who goes about his business quietly on the floor, also took his performance in stride.

"I'll do whatever I can to help us win the game," said Hernandez. "It's something you do for the team. We did not take Bartlett lightly. We knew they would play us tough."

"On defense I work pretty hard in practice and I know that to get to the next level I have to continue to work. I have the tools to do it. I just have to keep working on it."

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Batavia overcomes obstacles, tops Bartlett

BY CRAIG BRUESKE

Perhaps a little pregame adversity was just what Batavia's girls basketball team needed.

Prior to Tuesday night's Class 4A Schaumburg regional semifinal -- held at Conant due to gym floor surface issues -- the Bulldogs had to deal with their own transportation problems.

"We started with a little bus fiasco," said Batavia coach Kevin Jensen, whose team held on for a 65-62 victory over Bartlett. "It didn't get scheduled the way it was supposed to so we were frantically scrambling to get two of our smaller activity buses."

"Looking back, maybe that was a good thing. They stayed calm. I needed to vent but the girls did a great job.

Batavia (18-11), which defeated Bartlett 54-39 back on Nov. 21, got off to another fast start this time around.

Junior guard Hailey Orman (12 points) knocked down a pair of 3-pointers and junior center Ava Sergio added 6 points of her own as the Bulldogs opened an early 14-8 lead.

Batavia, which led 20-16 after the first quarter, built a 38-27 halftime advantage.

"Unfortunately, we dug ourselves a little bit of a hole in the first quarter and a half," said Hawks coach Brad Hunt. "It ended up being the difference in the game."

Batavia's swelled to as many as 11 in the second half, as sophomore guard Erin Golden tallied 8 of her 15 points in the third quarter.

Led by seniors Kayla Hare (20 points, 5 steals) and Danielle Kleeman (16 points, 9 rebounds), the determined Hawks (19-11) cut the deficit to 2 on five separate occasions in the fourth quarter.

A steal and layup by the Hawks' Savannah Standefer trimmed Batavia's lead to 63-62 with 19 seconds remaining.

Junior guard Jenna Laughlin calmly hit a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left -- her only points of the contest -- to help give Batavia some breathing room.

"That was huge," said Jensen. "We don't do anything but shoot two free throws at a time in practice. It's a lot of pressure when you have to make two."

Sergio paced the Bulldogs with a career-high 25 points, 6 rebounds and 7 blocked shots. She hit all 6 of her field-goal tries in the final period.

"I definitely had a height advantage and I was just strong in the post," said Sergio, who finished 12 of 15 from the floor. "They didn't double on me until the last minute."

Allison Newberry had 7 points and 3 assists while senior Paris Chaney chipped in with 4 points and a game-high 12 rebounds as the 8th-seeded Bulldogs earned a spot in Thursday's regional title game.

Batavia hopes the third time is the charm against top-seeded Geneva (25-3) after suffering a pair of regular-season losses to the Vikings.

"We're looking forward to it," said Jensen. "We knew if we saw them again, it would be in a regional final so that's a positive thing."

Freshman Lexie Sinclair added 15 points for 9th-seeded Bartlett.

"It was probably one of the best 8-9 games you're going to see this year," said Hunt. "I couldn't have asked for anything more from my girls."

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Dundee-Crown cruises by Larkin

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

After a ragged sequence just before halftime, Dundee-Crown refocused on their defense at halftime. Then the Chargers went out and blew past Larkin, 55-31, and into the finals of the Class 4A South Elgin girls basketball regional.

The Chargers (18-9) kept alive their goal of winning their fourth straight regional thanks to 17 points by Katelyn Skibinski and 14 from freshman Gianine Boado.

The Chargers looked to be in absolute control after scoring 23 straight points in a run spanning the first and second quarters. They used a smothering defense to create easy transition baskets. But the Royals weren't about to go away, closing the half on an 11-2 run to get within 10 points, 25-15, at halftime. Brianna Young scored 6 of her 14 points during the spurt.

Halftime gave D-C a chance to get reorganized and re-energized.

"We just talked about defense," said Chargers coach Sarah Miller. "We're known for our defense, it drives our offense, so I felt like we weren't playing the team defense that we play."

"For us it was just, 'you've got to leave it on the floor,' " said Anna KIELTYKA, who had 6 points but was the focal point of the defense with 4 first-half steals. "In the playoffs, any game could be your last at this point. The more we play together, the more we play our game, the better we do."

"We just got together and we knew that we had to refocus because in regionals it's one and done," Skibinski said. "So we knew that we couldn't give it away that easily."

After the break, the Chargers scored the first 7 points. Alyssa Crenshaw started things with a layup. Boado nailed a 3-pointer. Crenshaw grabbed a defensive rebound and fed Skibinski on the break for a layup. The Chargers slowly pulled away from there, outscoring the Royals 18-8 in the fourth quarter to seal it.

Crenshaw finished with 8 points and 6 rebounds for D-C. Skibinski had 4 rebounds and 4 assists.

Young accounted for nearly half of Larkin's points. Aiexia Saldivar contributed 6 off the bench for the Royals.

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Conant upends Larkin

BY SCOTT MILLER

With the seeding meetings for the playoffs taking place this week the Conant boys basketball team couldn't have picked a better time for a 58-50 road win against Larkin on Tuesday night.

"It's definitely a feather in our cap," Conant coach Jim Maley IV said. "We've had some big wins this year and this one is right up there. To be able to beat a ranked team like Larkin on the road is tough and should help us with our seeding position. Plus this gets us more ready for the playoffs because we are probably going to have to face a team like this later on."

Ryan Davis led the Cougars (18-7) with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Ben Schols added 20 points.

The 6-foot-9 Davis was locked in an even battle in the post in the first half with Larkin's 6-foot-11 Jalen Shaw. However, in the second half Davis got the upper hand as he scored 17 points on 7 of 10 shooting from the floor and 3 of 3 shooting from the free throw line.

"Jalen is a really good player," Davis said. "He's really lengthy and contests every shot. He was beating me at the rim the first half, so I adjusted in the second half by trying to get him a little farther away from the basket to create more separation. It was definitely a big win with the postseason coming up. It keeps us in the right direction and gives us some more momentum."

The lead exchanged hands 6 times before Davis converted a 3-point play early in the 4th quarter to give the Cougars the lead for good 39-37. Rajat Mittal followed with a free throw and Schols had a 3-pointer to extend Conant's lead to 43-37.

It was Schols' only 3-pointer of the night. Most of his damage came on cuts to the baskets. He was 7 of 10 shooting from the field.

"Coach has been on me to be more aggressive and hunt for my shot," Schols said. "I thought we did a good job of handling their pressure and finding the open shots."

Davis had 2 clutch baskets and a pair of free throws down the stretch. Schols added 3 free throws in the final minutes to help seal the deal.

"I thought we made good decisions late in the game," Maley said. "Ryan did a good job in his match up, but I thought other guys stepped up too. That's what we need if we want to be a team that can do some good things in March."

The loss for Larkin (18-7) comes on the heels of clinching the Upstate Eight River Division title,

Anthony Lynch led the Royals in scoring with 25 points before fouling out late in the game. Shaw finished with 11 points, 7 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

"Top to bottom we were just bad, including me," Larkin coach Deryn Carter said. "They are a very good team and I don't want to take away anything from them. We just controlled the reasons why we lost. The preparation wasn't good. We probably had our worse practice of the season yesterday and it carried over to today. We have to be better than this come the playoffs or our season is going to end real quick. Maybe we needed this. I don't want to say it's a wake up call, but more of a realization that we need to bring our A game every game."

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Cary-Grove handles South Elgin

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

The final of the Class 4A South Elgin girls basketball regional will be an all-Fox Valley Conference affair.

Cary-Grove used a strong first half to down the host Storm, 69-37 Tuesday, and will face Dundee-Crown in Thursday's title game.

Katie Sowa scored 13 of her 15 points in the first half and Maddie Jannusch 12 of her game-high 18 as the Trojans roared out to a 34-8 lead.

Abby Getka and Elsa Larry each added 9 points for the Trojans (18-10). With Jannusch and Sowa combining for 13 first-quarter points, C-G raced to leads of 7-0 and 22-4.

While Cary-Grove's defense was stout, the Storm simply couldn't buy a basket. They made just 4 of 28 first-half shots (14 percent), missing numerous layups and open jump shots.

"I told them, the basketball gods just weren't on our side tonight," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "We were ice cold and obviously Cary plays really, really good D. At halftime I said the shots have just got to start falling. If they don't let's try to win the third quarter. We cut it to 17 miraculously, somehow, and they actually called a timeout. So I couldn't be prouder. I told them that if we're going to go out, let's go out leaving it all on the court like they have all year."

The Storm finally got some karma from the rims. Lexi Roberts and Catora Brown knocked down 3-pointers, and Miah Galvin converted an old-fashioned 3-point play as part of a 12-5 run to open the second half. The Storm did win the quarter, 20-15, but could never really put a dent in the Trojans' big lead.

Roberts finished with 11 points for the Storm (13-14), which saw almost a complete turnover from last year's school record-setting squad.

Brown, Galvin, and Megan McClure each scored 7 points for South Elgin. Gavin also grabbed 7 rebounds as the Storm outrebounded C-G, 30-28.