

## Press Clippings 3/14/2018

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### **U-46 board looks to address student discipline inequity**

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY

**Elgin Area School District U-46** officials acknowledged they aren't doing enough to address racial inequities with the overrepresentation of black students in referrals for discipline.

School board members Monday directed the administration to develop an equity plan addressing concerns of implicit racial bias and cultural discrimination.

Student referrals for discipline went from 8,802 in the 2015-16 school year to 8,876 last year.

About 22 percent of the roughly 39,000 students are involved in the referrals. While black students comprise roughly 6 percent, or about 2,500, of the population, more than half those students are involved in referrals, and about 60 percent of black male students face some form of discipline, data show.

"The overall behavior offense that causes the most discipline referrals is defiance -- disrespect insubordination and noncompliance," said John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture.

While the number of unique students receiving referrals has decreased for the white and Latino populations the past four years, it has remained steady or increased for blacks, who also are overrepresented in out-of-school suspensions, officials said.

School board member Traci O'Neal Ellis called the statistics "distressing" and a systemic American problem.

"Research shows black male children do not act out more than white children. They act differently," she said.

Ellis said what's happening in U-46 mirrors a national trend and reflects how blacks are profiled and disproportionately penalized by the justice system.

"Kids can't learn if they are not in school," she said. "We have to address implicit bias. This has to be an imperative. I don't care if we stop out-of-school suspensions because something is going wrong. If we saw this disproportionality among white students this would be fixed. The community wouldn't stand for it and everybody's job would be on the line. I want that same sense of urgency for our black male students."

Heiderscheidt stressed U-46's system of discipline is not built on punishments, but focuses on interventions and consequences.

"We need to build more interventions that are actually differentiated for all students," Heiderscheidt said. "Our interventions are working for some students. They are not working for all students."

Officials are trying to raise awareness during safety and crisis prevention trainings about race and ethnicity and disproportionality in student discipline. More than 500 district employees have undergone equity training this year.

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## **‘They want answers’**

**Cop with 22 commendations fatally shot Elgin woman, 34, holding knife in I-90 standoff**

BY JANELLE WALKER

The Elgin police officer who shot a woman armed with a knife on Interstate 90 Monday is a 19-year department veteran who has received 22 commendations, including 2014 manager of the year, Elgin police Chief Jeffrey Swoboda said.

Lt. Christian Jensen is a member of the department’s SWAT team, Swoboda said in a news release.

He was promoted to his current rank in January 2017 after stints with the department’s drug and gang units and was assigned to oversee the department’s midnight shift, according to an article in The Courier-News.

During his promotion ceremony, Swoboda credited Jensen with leading “from the front” and lauded him for his role in getting a new Illinois law passed under which communities are allowed to seek to recoup the cost of a drug investigation from a suspect following his conviction, Courier-News reports said.

Swoboda did not provide any additional details as to why Jensen shot Decynthia Clements, 34, of Aldine Avenue in Elgin, after she was pulled over by an Elgin police officer on I-90, near Route 25, at 12:35 a.m. Monday but refused to exit her SUV.

Clements displayed a knife as officers spent more than an hour attempting to persuade her to leave the vehicle, Swoboda said in an initial news release on the incident.

When they saw the interior of the SUV was on fire, they were forced to pull her from the vehicle, Swoboda said.

Family members said Clements was an Elgin native who had several minor run-ins with the law but was a loving woman who liked to be the “life of the party.”

At least one said he didn’t think police had an adequate “reason to kill her.”

An autopsy conducted by the Chicago medical examiner’s office on Tuesday revealed Clements had been shot multiple times, and her death was classified a homicide.

Becky Schlikerman, spokeswoman for the office, would not disclose how many times Clements was shot or if toxicology or other testing would be conducted.

No other information will be released until the case is finalized, she said.

The incident is being investigated by the Elgin Police Department, but the use of deadly force portion of the case has been turned over to the Illinois State Police, according to Lt. Donald Orseno, an ISP public information officer.

“There’s not much I can say about it at this time,” Orseno said. “The investigation is still ongoing.”

Jensen has been placed on paid leave, officials said.

Because he is an administrator for the department, Jensen is not represented by the police union.

The officers involved, and others on scene, were wearing body cameras, Swoboda said in his release.

Clements’ brother, Nehemiah, said his sister had a 16-year-old son and was not married.

“She was a lovable person,” Nehemiah Clements said. “She always tried to be the life of the party.”

He acknowledged his sister had run-ins with the law but said most of the cases, which included arrests for DUI, driving with a suspended license and possession of cannabis, were minor.

Nehemiah Clements said he is one year younger than his sister, and they were close as children.

Both attended **Elgin High School**. Decynthia lived most of her life in the Elgin area other than short times she lived in Florida and Las Vegas, he said.

He didn’t know if his sister was employed, he said.

Decynthia Clements’ father, Charles Clements, said the family is waiting to learn more details.

“I’m not sure what happened myself,” he said.

Clements’ cousin, Arthur Dorsey, said Clements lived at the Aldine Avenue home on a part-time basis with her father.

Dorsey said she had been going back and forth between her father’s home and a place on Cedar Avenue.

“There was no reason for this, to do that to her,” he said.

“She was a good girl. There was no reason to kill her, what Elgin did to her. It was unjustifiable, to me, but I am not the law, and I can’t say,” why the shooting occurred, he said.

“We all have our trials and tribulations,” he said, noting that Clements was on medication for various health problems. Her mother died in 2002.

He said his cousin had recently been involved in a car accident and bought the SUV with money she received from the settlement.

Clements’ interaction with the police began Sunday night when police officers spotted her SUV on Cedar Avenue in Elgin, Swoboda said in a news release.

They attempted to pull her over — Swoboda said he did not know why they wanted her to stop — but she kept going, and the officers ultimately ended their pursuit.

The officers later saw her traveling west on I-90, Swoboda said. Her SUV had “obvious signs of damage,” so they attempted to pull her over again, he said.

Clements refused to get out of her vehicle for more than an hour, periodically driving a few feet forward as they spoke to her, Swoboda said.

After the shooting, Clements was taken to Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, where she was pronounced dead.

“I want to express my condolences to the family,” Swoboda said. “Anytime anyone loses their life in an incident like this, it’s extremely sad.”

A neighbor on Aldine Avenue said he had seen Clements only a few times but thought she had moved out.

Ronald Mitchell, who lives in the apartment complex, said police were at the home in the early morning hours and brought a police chaplain with them.

Swoboda said in a release that “a direct line of communication has been provided to the family of the shooting victim, including meeting with them, to ensure (they have) accessibility to department resources and information.”

According to the Elgin Police Department, this is the third officer-involved shooting death in Elgin since 1989 and the first in nearly 20 years.

In June 1989, Officer Todd Eschman shot and killed Francisco Garcia during a violent domestic disturbance on Illinois Court.

Eschman survived but committed suicide three years later.

In August 1999, John Bierdz was shot and killed as he stabbed his wife, Joan, in the driveway of their house on Eagle Road. She died as a result of her wounds.

Bierdz was a teacher at **Larkin High School**.

The officer involved, Gene Fowler, was cleared following an internal investigation, according to reports at the time.

"We just need to have a process in place to deal with the escalation and protect all students, even the perpetrators in these situations," Costello said. "They deserve our care, but we have to take care of all students to make sure that everyone has the ability to enjoy school."



# Split board vote ratifies U-46 personnel report

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved a personnel report and workers' compensation cases file, but it came with some division and a 5-2 vote on Monday, March 5.

Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted against the file citing an expansion in the central office administration that's seen within the file. Suzanne Johnson was promoted to a newly created deputy superintendent for instruction while Josh Carpenter was hired to fill her former position, the assistant superintendent for teaching and learning.

Ward noted at the meeting that "this isn't about individuals" as to why she was voting no but rather the expansion in the administration.

"I have no problems with the individual, but the personnel report and workers' compensation case files does include the hiring or an expansion in the number of administrators at the administrative building," said Ward who added: "I don't agree with expanding the number of administrators and I will therefore be voting no."

In a memo to the board, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders answered a question from Ward. Ward said, according to the memo, that she "expressed in closed session" that she opposed the expansion of administration and that is the effect of promoting Johnson and hiring Carpenter.

"Since I don't see another way to vote/express this publicly I am going

to pull the personnel report off the consent agenda and vote no, with explanation," Ward wrote.

Sanders replied that he "never filled the vacant position of Chief of Staff" that he held under former Superintendent Jose Torres, and since June 2017 the district no longer needed an interim superintendent.

"Instead of filling the vacant Chief of Staff position, I asked the Board to support my new organizational structure which included the elevation of Dr. Johnson to Deputy Superintendent for Instruction," Sanders wrote. "The Board of Education supported my new organizational structure."

Torres left U-46 in September 2014 for a position at IMSA and Sanders was promoted to the CEO position to take over Torres' role but was not qualified for the position under state law requiring the district to hire an interim superintendent, Kenneth Arndt, to sign documents that required a qualified superintendent. A new state law was approved and took effect in June 2017 that affects Sanders solely allowing him to assume the role without the need for an interim superintendent.

Ward noted at the meeting that "the board majority did support it" but said she opposed it.

Donna Smith, the board's president, said: "We are not actually adding a position. We are bringing back a position from before that wasn't needed because we had the interim superintendent and CEO working together. So we're just

bringing back that position and filling."

Costello asked if this new organizational structure was budgeted for which Sanders said it was.

Like Ward, Costello said "this is not in any way a reflection on" the individuals involved, but he also disagreed with an expansion of administration especially with the current fiscal climate.

"We do have to look at any avenue possible," Costello said. "I think that these are things that should be challenged any time we can to make sure that we are advancing this organization understanding that we're in a very tight financial burden."

Also concerning personnel, the board

approved a human resources (HR) resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of teachers. The resolution was approved 7-0.

Melanie Meidel, assistant superintendent of HR, said there were 60 teachers included in the dismissal which include "certified staff who are part time, late hire or categorized as temporary staff."

Resolutions for dismissal of staff are common for this time of year according to the agenda item which stated: "While the Board of Education takes this action very seriously, dismissal consideration is customary at this time of year in order to follow state requirements."

## SHS soccer to stress teamwork, development

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team hopes to play as one unit as the Sabres prepare for the 2018 campaign.

The Sabres went 5-11 overall last year, 0-6 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division. For Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy, the goal this year is player development and teamwork.

"My goal for the 2018 girls soccer season is to develop our team as a whole since a lot of our talented seniors graduated last year," Duffy said. "My overall and conference goals are the same, to have our players play as one unit at a high level."

Losses to graduation after last season included a pair of all-conference recipients, Alondra Blanco and Yasmine Resendiz, but Streamwood does return some talented players. Top returners include seniors Kaila Ford (defender), Esmeralda Navarro (defender) and

Michaela Gundersen (midfielder).

Some newcomers to watch include Candy Nava and Abigail Nunez.

On the keys to a successful season, Duffy said: "Our team will need to develop together as a single unit as new players learn to play together. Learning our system, each other's tendencies and abilities will be our key strength."

Another strength, according to Duffy, is that the squad is coachable which Duffy feels will carry over from practice to the game field.

"Executing what we do in practice and translating it onto the field will be our key strength," Duffy said.

Streamwood's opening week of play includes two road games for a non-conference match at Dundee-Crown on Tuesday, March 13 and an UEC crossover match at East Aurora on Thursday, March 15.

## Sabres baseball seeks to improve upon 2017 season

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team hopes to build off a solid season last year as the Sabres prepare for the 2018 campaign.

Last year the Sabres finished with their first winning record since 2011 at 16-15 overall. They were 9-12 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

"We would like to build on the season we had last year," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "We have several guys who have not played varsity baseball, so trying to get them acclimated and fundamentally sound will be important for our growth and success. With that said, we have several seniors who saw significant time last season to help lead the way for us."

Lasota said pitching depth will be solid this year with returning seniors Colin Caminiti, Michael Pawlikowski and Daniel Kuehl bring back the most innings pitched on the team. All three play the infield as well.

Other key returners are junior AJ Reyna (outfield/pitcher) and seniors Dominic Robles (catcher/pitcher),

Jared Oliver (catcher), Cody Motykowski (outfield), Chris Randel (pitcher/utility), Martin Saldivar (utility) and Kevin Bauer (pitcher/infield).

New to the team are juniors Anthony Caruso, Connor Johnson, Dillon Skelnik and Jared Martinez as well as sophomores Tyler Jones, Colin Bielinski and Max Alanis.

"Numbers wise this is the most pitching we have had on our roster compared to previous years," Lasota said. "We have several guys who pitched coming back from last year to shoulder the load for us. Having more pitchers this season will give us more flexibility to mix and match defensively and offensively later in the game."

Lasota added: "Defense should be an area of strength for us as we have some nice depth at each position and several guys who can play multiple positions. Offense will be our biggest question mark."

Streamwood opens the season at home for a nonconference game against Fenton on Monday, March 19.

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Police Station. Membership is open to any woman who is 18 years and older. Not restricted to Streamwood residents. Contact Jennifer at 773-787-9854 for more information.

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West Suburban Patriots Patriots Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until 11 a.m. at Wheaton Bowl banquet room in Wheaton. There is no charge to attend their meetings. An a la carte breakfast is available for a nominal fee. Wheaton Bowl is located at 2031 N. Gary Ave. For more details, see westsuburbanpatriots.com.

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Are you looking for a fun way to celebrate your child's birthday party while also supporting a good cause? Consider having your child's birthday at Anderson Animal Shelter! Parties can now be booked on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact Carrie Frost by phone at 847-697-2880 x51 or by email at cfrost@andersonanimalshelter.org for additional information. Parties must be booked in advance by speaking directly with the coordinator; limitations apply.

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# Sabres girls represented on all-UEC squad



Andrea Bracy negotiating along the baseline against Geneva this season after passing the Vikings' Madison Mallory.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team finished the season 8-20 overall, 5-7 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division, and the Sabres finished with three players receiving recognition as senior Andrea Bracy was named all-conference and senior Maddi Exline and sophomore Mandy Mien receiving honorable mentions.

Bracy hit 30 three-pointers on the season with a 31.9 percentage behind the arc, she grabbed 7.1 rebounds per game and blocked 48 total shots. She scored 11.6 points per game but gave her best in conference games where she scored 13.1 points a game.

"She is the most complete post player I have ever coached, scoring inside and out," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "She rebounded, defended the other team's biggest player, could handle the ball and was one of the smartest players I have ever had on the floor. I have never had a player that did all the things she did for us. She can have a great college career for herself."

Exline, a four-year starter, entered the season having to miss the first eight games due to an injury suffered during the cross country season, but Rosner said she "really came back strong" when she re-

turned. She scored 12.3 points per conference game and 11 per game overall, and she shot 43.6 percent from three-point range.

"She also is a leader on the floor," Rosner said. "She is another coach on the floor. She almost always guarded the other teams best outside player. She is a relentless defender to say the least."

Mien finished with 91 steals on the season for a 3.3 average while scoring 11.3 points per conference game, 10.4 points per game overall and adding 4.4 assists a game.

"She's only a sophomore but not your normal sophomore," Rosner said. "She's our main ball handler, press breaker, an amazing talent, a great passer and if she wanted



Mandy Mien scoring on a layup above West Chicago's Sophia Radice during a late January contest this past season.



Late in the year, Maddie Exline having the ball jarred loose in the paint while attempting to split the defense of Niles North's Dafina Rexhepi, left, and Alyssa Aragon.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

she could have scored a lot more. She will be the area's No. 1 point guard for the next two years. The best point guard I have ever coached and only a sophomore."

Along with Bracy and Exline, the Sabres will lose seniors Monica Brown and Rebecca Roncone who Rosner said are "all great players and great people."

# Streamwood boys earn all-conference honors

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team took a step forward this season in finishing 11-19 overall, 0-12 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division.

Helping the Sabres this season was 6-foot-7 junior forward Keenon Cole who earned all-conference honors. Senior 6-5 forward Brendon Marton was named an all-conference honorable mention.

Cole was the Streamwood leader as its primary inside threat as he topped the team in scoring (14.9 points per game), rebounding (7.8 per game) and blocked shots (two per game). He added 1.2 steals per game and shot 48.5 percent from the field including 23 three-pointers.

Along with being named all-conference, Cole was named to the all-tournament teams at Wheaton Academy (Thanksgiving) and Lake Zurich (MLK).

"Keenon Cole makes a major difference for us on both ends of the floor," said Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn. "He has had multiple 30-plus point games this year and is a major presence on the defensive end around the rim as he blocks and alters shots on a consistent basis."

Kowalyszyn added: "He is continuing to develop his motor, and when he plays in high gear he is one of the best players in the area and definitely one of the top offensive weapons."

Kowalyszyn called Marton the "glue that holds our team together both defensively and offensively" as he contributed seven points, 6.5 rebounds, four assists and 1.6 blocks per game. Marton also reached the 1,000 career points milestone this season.

"He is our Swiss Army Knife as he has the most important role on our team," Kowalyszyn said. "Defensively, whether we are playing zone or man, he can play the perimeter and the inside and offensively he has to bring the ball up the floor for us as well.

Without Marton, we definitely don't have 11 wins, and we are not nearly as competitive in conference play."

Along with Marton the Sabres will lose seniors Kevin Bauer, Sam Enno, Frank Fritzmann, Jack Maybrun, Lamont Cole and Philip Cruz.

Although going winless in conference this year, the Sabres were competitive including nearly upsetting eventual conference champs Larkin early on this season.

Streamwood will also return a lot of talent along with Keenon Cole, including junior Nikola Sinik who scored 10.6 points and hit 2.4 treys per game.

"It's the first time we have had double digit wins in a long time," Kowalyszyn said. "We have a good core returning. We just have to continue to teach them a better understanding of the game."



Brandon Marton of Streamwood pulling up off a dribble in front of the Maroons' Michael Weatherburn during the Sabres regional contest this year.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Keenon Cole, during a big-game effort this season, pulling down a rebound for the Sabres between the Blazers' Andrew Parnell, left, and Albert White III before executing a put-back shot.



# A View from the Cheap Seats



**Gamesmanship**  
**By Rich Trzupek**

A few weeks after The Donald was sworn into office (a.k.a. the Day the Left’s World Ended) I found myself on a plane sitting next to a very, very worried young woman. She was a native of South Korea and, like many others, found the rhetoric that President Trump was directing toward North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un very disturbing.

She believed that the president was leading the nation down the path to nuclear war. There was no doubt in my mind that she legitimately and sincerely believed that. Trump was behaving in a way that no American president this side of Andrew Jackson has behaved, eschewing political correctness in favor of a bluntness that was at once both distressing and refreshing.

I understood her concern, but I didn’t share it. From my point of view, Trump was adopting a negotiating position designed to ultimately box Kim into a corner. I didn’t see nuclear war in our future, I rather saw a potential meaningful nuclear deal and said so. My airplane pal said that she hoped I was right, but clearly held out little hope.

With a Trump-Kim meeting now in the making, I can’t help but wonder what my buddy is thinking now. There is – clearly – no guarantee that the first meeting between a sitting US president and a North Korean dictator will result in a denuclearized North Korea, but it’s hard to argue that this is not a step in the right direction.

This story has reminded me, in a lot of ways, of the course of events that transformed me from a starry-eyed liberal to a reality-based conservative during the Reagan administration. I recounted the events in my latest tome:

“Of the many things Reagan accomplished, one in particular left an indelible mark on me, the way I view the mainstream media, and the importance that political professionals place on messaging: the modernization of America’s medium-range nuclear deterrent in Europe.

By 1979, the Soviets had deployed a

force of 130 modern, medium-range SS-20 missiles, equipped with 390 nuclear warheads targeted at Western Europe. This naturally concerned our allies there. In late 1979, representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and West Germany got together and decided to implement a dual-track strategy to counter the Soviet threat. One track was essentially a carrot: if you get rid of your intermediate-range missiles Ivan, so will we. The other was all stick: if you refuse to dismantle those missiles, we’ll upgrade our intermediate-range nuclear force with missiles that are much better and far more accurate than what you managed to throw together. A deadline was set: 1983. If the Soviets hadn’t junked their SS-20s by then, the US would modernize its European nuclear weaponry.

This strategy, developed during the Carter years, was passed on to Reagan. He accepted it, believing that the dual track approach made all kinds of sense. He doubted the Soviets would agree to get rid of all intermediate-range nukes (the so-called zero option) but he never took it off the table. Reagan knew his enemy, and understood promises could never trump actions when dealing with tyrants.

There are a lot of twists and turns to this story, but the bottom line is that by 1983 it was clear the Soviets weren’t going to retire their SS-20s. Reagan did what he had to do: he pulled the trigger and proceeded to install modern, upgraded Pershing II missiles carrying nuclear warheads, and ground-based cruise missiles also carrying nuclear warheads, in bases in the UK and the Netherlands.

The left and much of the mainstream media absolutely freaked out. Armageddon, they assured us, was just around the corner. Supposed concerned scientists jumped out of bed to push the Doomsday Clock closer to midnight. Our worst nightmares were about to come true. Leftist protestors in America and Europe screamed, screeched, and shrieked. The world, they said, was on the verge of a nuclear war that would result in the end of life as we know it.

That’s heady stuff. The annihilation of humanity is a consequence that definitely makes one pause. But, there’s a flipside to that kind of argument: if the disaster scenario ultimately is shown to be spurious, then anyone associated with the discredited position sacrifices credibility along with a great deal (but sadly not all) of their audience forevermore. Once again, Americans had reached a decision point.

Astute readers may remember that life on earth did not vanish due to a nuclear holocaust during the eighties. Instead, in 1987 Reagan and Gorbachev signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, the first treaty actually to reduce nuclear arsenals rather than place limits on their growth. The Soviets dismantled over 1,700 missiles and the United States over 800 missiles, most of these located in Europe. Reagan had been right and the fear-mongers had been wrong. Not that many of the fear-mongers would admit that. Much of the press covered the historic INF Treaty as if their shrieks from four-years previous had never happened.”

Will Trump duplicate Reagan’s disarmament accomplishment? Perhaps. This remains to be seen.

Will the left duplicate their desperate efforts to deny and delegitimize Trump’s achievement if he gets Kim to back down?

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# Sabres softball looking to use experience, tap youth

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Streamwood softball team hopes returning leadership will help the Sabres improve on last season’s 12-16 campaign, 7-10 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Returning are all-conference pitcher Taylyr Crocilla, a junior, as well as senior catcher Becky Roncone, an all-conference honorable mention last year, and junior centerfielder Laura Dietrich.

“We will look to these upperclassmen to be leaders on our team,” said Streamwood coach William Shogren.

The Sabres will also welcome freshman Tessa Freedman as their first baseman of whom Shogren said: “Tessa is a lefty with a big bat and we are excited to see her play.”

The goal is to improve on last season’s performance, and the key will come down to fundamentals according to Shogren.

“Overall, we would love to add to our overall wins on the season as well as move up in the conference standings,” Shogren said and added: “We are looking to get better as a team at executing ‘small ball’ play, both at the plate and on the bases. Limiting both walks and errors are always goals for our team as well.”

Shogren said his team has some youth but are experienced and talented which should be strengths for the team.

“Our team has some young outfielders but they are experienced, and they are talented and fast,” Shogren said. “We also have a returning upperclassmen outfielder in Laura Dietrich who will move to center field. This should be a strength again as it was last year.”

Streamwood is scheduled to open the season on the road for a nonconference game at Addison Trail on Wednesday, March 21.

## Letters to the Editor

**Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.**

All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

**Lawmakers should get their priorities straight**  
Dear Editor,

Illinois legislative session kicked off in January. Since then, Illinois lawmakers have been busy. They’ve proposed legislation to ban youth tackle football, regulate trampolines and report honeybees.

The existence of these pet bills symbolize a troubling mindset down in Springfield: The urge to get something done – instead of the drive to fix what needs solving in our state.

For decades, Illinois has been plagued by a propensity for government to spend recklessly without consideration for taxpayers and what they can afford. That goes a long way to explaining why Illinois’ pension debt has been ballooned to \$250 billion on top of a stack of nearly \$9 billion in unpaid bills.

More than ever, Illinois needs a long-term strategy to restrain how much lawmakers can mindlessly spend.

That’s why there is bipartisan support in both chambers from suburban lawmakers for an Illinois Policy Institute-proposed spending cap, which limits the growth in government spending to a rate taxpayers can afford.

This constitutional amendment, sponsored by Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) and Rep. Allen Skillicorn (R-East Dundee), would tie growth in government spending to the average growth of Illinois’ gross domestic product per capita over the past 10 years. For example, if enacted in 2019, the cap would limit state spending growth for Fiscal Year 2020 to 2.4 percent.

It’s a simple concept that would force politicians to do what families across the state do every day: Live within their means.

On a per capita basis, state government spending outpaced Illinoisans’ income growth by 25 percent from 2005 to 2015, according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau, signaling a missing taxpayer voice in the budget conversation.

And while state government spending was far outpacing what taxpayers were earning across the state, in DuPage County the difference was even greater: state spending per capita grew more than 45 percent faster than county residents’ personal income per capita from 2005 to 2015. West suburban Chicago residents pay for this mismatch with more debt and higher taxes – fuel for the state’s outmigration fire.

Since 2010, Illinois has lost nearly 643,000 people on net to other states. That’s equivalent to losing the population of the four largest cities outside Chicago

combined: Aurora, Rockford, Joliet and Naperville. And more importantly, those residents took their wallets with them, money for core services. In tax year 2015, Illinois lost \$4.75 billion in adjusted gross income on net to other states.

It’s time to reverse that trend. With new constitutional amendments in the House and Senate, lawmakers can make a meaningful decision to commit to spending reform. The spending cap ensures growth in state spending is steady and responsible. By eliminating the threat of future tax hikes, this is a step in the right direction for the future of Illinois.

Certainty and stability can help Illinois’ economy grow.

Dr. Orphe Divounguy  
Illinois Policy Institute chief economist

**A true story**

Dear Editor,  
The State of Illinois debt is currently \$203 billion and growing rapidly, thanks to Mike Madigan and the Democratic Party.

One reason is the state has too many “breadwinners.” And, here is the story:

An emergency room physician in Chicago tells of a woman in her late 20s that came into the ER with her eighth pregnancy. She told the doctor: “My Momma told me that I am the breadwinner” for the family.”

The doctor asked her to explain. She said that she can make babies, and babies get money from the State of Illinois for the family.

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# State fishing guide now available

The 2018 Illinois fishing information guide is available at many IDNR license and permit vendor locations, and in PDF format online at this link: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/regulations/2018FishingGuide.pdf>.

Regulations in the guide are effective April 1, through March 31, 2019. A reminder to anglers, and would-be anglers, that Illinois free fishing days for 2018 will be during the Father’s Day weekend: Thursday, June 15 to Sunday, June 18.

# Reservations for 2018 campsites being accepted

Make 2018 Illinois state park campsite reservations now. Just go to the Reserve America website at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) and be all set for camping trips in the months ahead.



# District U-46 supports mass student walkout

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 Board Policy 7.196 states: "Peaceful and free expression of student ideas and opinions will be allowed as long as such expression does not disrupt the continuity of the instructional program. School personnel may reasonably regulate peaceful assembly and the time and place of petition circulation in order to avoid interference with the normal school operation. Student disruptions to the continuity of the instructional program on school district premises, or at school-related activities, will be viewed by the Board of Education, in consultation with administration, as a serious matter and may be grounds for suspension and/or expulsion."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders is using the same policy that appears to prohibit a mass walkout of students to justify allowing one as he issued a message to staff on Wednesday, March 7 directing school "administrators to establish a plan to support student-led activities" in allowing an anti-gun protest to occur on Wednesday, March 14.

Sanders' message opened stating the "Women's March Youth EMPOWER is calling for a National School Walkout at 10 a.m." and is "encouraging the walkout to last at least 17 minutes," one minute for each life lost at the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

*The Examiner* questioned the district on how it's interpreting the board policy to allow such a walkout considering it prohibits protests that "disrupt the continuity of the instructional program." Board member Jeanette Ward made a similar inquiry to Sanders prior to the board meeting on Monday, March 12.

Neither Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations, nor Sanders addressed the prohibitive language in the policy but rather justified the walkout because the policy states "school personnel may reasonably regulate peaceful assembly." They also referenced policies such as 7.130 (student academic freedom) and 7.131 (student rights and responsibilities).

The district's Student Code of Conduct also prohibits "demonstration and mass protest," which is defined as "willful disturbance of school activities through a march or rally that prevents the orderly conduct of school classes or activities." Consequences for violation range from level three to five, which are all "major offenses."

Ward also asked about the student code and

Sanders provided no standards of what would be deemed "disruptive."

Parents apparently will not be allowed on campus as Ward asked: "I heard that parents or visitors are not allowed in schools on March 14. Is this true?"

Sanders again did not provide a direct answer responding: "Parents and visitors will not be allowed to join the walkout."

Sanders called the walkout a "teachable moment" in his message to staff and claimed "we are not taking any political stance," but that was questioned at the March 12 meeting by Ward as well as residents Rick Newton and Anthony Troyke, both speaking during public comments.

Regarding the "teachable moment" comment, *The Examiner* asked if the district would encourage schools to invite representatives of the National Rifle Association (NRA), Gun Owners of America or other Second Amendment advocates to make sure students are fully informed on the issue and not just subjected to the anti-gun narrative.

Fergus responded: "The District is not encouraging schools or students to take a specific stance on this issue. Schools stand ready to respond to students who want to participate in the walkout through various activities but the District or school leaders will not dictate a particular political stance or opinion related to the school shooting in Parkland."

Ward said "the answers I received do not convince me that this does not violate board policy and the student code of conduct" and "if students leave class, instructional time is disrupted. If all the students in a class walk out, the teacher is required to follow them and supervise them. What if the teacher does not support this walkout and refuses? Will they be disciplined? I strongly disagree with U-46 supporting and facilitating a walkout like this."

"I'd like to remind everyone who the Women's March organizers are. Those were the same people who dawned pink vulgar hats and screamed obscenities on the National Mall in D.C. in January of 2017. The current walkout involves powerful, leftist adults finding kids who agree with them and then hiding behind the sentiments 'we must listen to the children,'" Ward added as she questioned if the administration would support students who supported concealed carry, arming teachers or pro-life causes?

Troyke's main question was "who cares" that an outside group is calling for a walkout and asked the

board to "direct our CEO not to play ideological gatekeeper for our families and not to expose taxpayers to needless civil liability."

"Who cares that (the Women's March) call for a walkout?" Troyke asked. "Who cares if the NRA calls for a walkout? Who cares if PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) calls for a walkout? Who cares if the Anglican Church calls for a walkout? I don't, and neither should our administrators, at least not when they are acting in their official capacities. Will our CEO issue a letter every time an advocacy group calls for a walkout? Or will he employ his own political sympathies to pick and choose worthwhile political causes?"

Troyke added: "Will we sacrifice hours of precious instructional time every week to make endless grand gestures about how we 'respect our students' rights to free speech'? Am I to believe that our academic outcomes are so impressive that we can afford to do so? Our CEO has placed U-46 on a slippery slope pedagogically, ethically and legally. And that last one can get very, very expensive."

Newton said "if there was ever a time for the citizens of U-46 to awaken and recognize the subversive, liberally biased efforts to undermine the education of our children it is now" noting the hypocrisy of the board majority just a week earlier approving a board agreement that was targeted at silencing Ward and that the majority also changed the public comments at meetings to limit speakers "due to your lack of tolerance in hearing opposing opinions. George Orwell would have told us 'I told you so.'"

"If you truly believe in teachable moments, where is the allotted time on the National Pro-Life Day each October to allow students 3,000 seconds to honestly explore the issue of abortion, one second for every life lost to abortion in the U.S. every single day?," Newton asked. "Yes, Parkland and other instances are beyond tragic, but if it's the senseless human carnage that triggers your anger, how do you then justify your silence towards abortions or for that matter towards the debilitating choke hold that various forms of liberalism place on our freedom."

Newton added: "Education, public or otherwise, is supposed to be about learning and that is an ongoing process for our entire lives. However, it is a flagrant abuse of freedom we all experience when you inject personal ideological bias that is disguised as wisdom. That is not only indoctrination, but it is also nothing short of child abuse."

## Lifelong Girl Scout's legacy to support Gold Award winners

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois has announced establishment of The Elizanne Gold Award Scholarship Fund. Financial support to start the fund was generously provided by the family of lifelong Girl Scout Elizanne Hanitz Lewis. At the time of her death in 2017, Lewis was identified and recognized by Girl Scouts of the USA as the oldest living recipient of the Golden Eaglet, Girl Scouting's highest

leadership of self, by influencing peers and as mentor/coach. Gold Award projects help girls develop project management skills, solve a community need and are designed to be sustainable.

Lewis shared the vision that every girl can change the world. Girl Scouts develop the independence and confidence to guide their own lives and make the world a better place. We put girls in the driver's seat and encourage them to customize their own experience. And with programs focused on the outdoors, career and interest exploration, travel and the global community, and practical life skills, in addition to community service projects, every girl has the opportunity to unlock her full potential.

Lewis was an exemplary woman with an admirable history as a trailblazer. She became a Brownie Girl Scout in 1928, as a member of Rockford Council of Girl Scouts Brownie Pack 1. She went through all levels of Girl Scouts and completed requirements for the Golden Eaglet, the precursor to the Gold Award, in 1937. She continued as a lifelong Girl Scout, volunteering in many different adult positions, including as Rock River Valley Council president from 1968 to 1969, where she believed that the "mission critical" of Girl Scouting was to teach girls group decision-making skills and self-sufficiency so that they can become active citizens of the world.

To achieve the Golden Eaglet, Lewis needed 21 fields of skill (similar to Girl Scout badges), her extensive camping experience, proof of community service, recommendation by the national headquarters and recommendation of the members of her troop. Her fields of skill included birdfinder,

citizen, cook, craftsman, dressmaker, electrician, first aid, home nurse, journalist and athlete among others. She received her award around a campfire at Rockford's Sinnissippi Park in front of a crowd of nearly 1,500 in June 1938.

After a lifetime of service to others, Lewis died at the age of 97, on May 6, 2017. It was her desire to leave a legacy to current and future Gold Award Girl Scouts for the furthering of their life ambitions. Thanks to the generosity of Lewis and her family, an endowment has been started to provide funds to support Gold Award Girl Scouts throughout the years.

Girls who have earned a Girl Scout Gold Award will be eligible to apply for a Gold Award Scholarship. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is proud to provide The Elizanne Gold Award Scholarship Fund in addition to other Gold Award scholarships to help positively impact the future of these bright and magnificent young women. Anyone wanting to donate to this fund or Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, please contact Lynn Momberger at 844-476-4463.

About the Girl Scout Gold Award Starting in 1916, the best and brightest have undertaken projects to improve their communities—and the world. The Golden Eaglet insignia, the highest award in Girl Scouts from 1916 to 1939, marked the beginning of a long tradition of recognizing the extraordinary efforts of extraordinary girls. From 1940 to 1963, the Curved Bar Award was the highest honor in Girl Scouts. From 1963 to 1980, the highest award was called First Class. Since 1980 and forever in the future, the Gold Award has and will inspire girls to develop their leadership styles and

skills to make a sustainable difference in their communities.

Girls can earn highest awards at various Girl Scout levels. Girl Scout Juniors (grades four and five) can become Bronze Award Girl Scouts, while Girl Scout Cadettes (grades six to eight) can become Silver Award Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (grades nine to 12) demonstrating the highest level of leadership become Gold Award Girl Scouts.

The Gold Award may be earned by any registered Girl Scout in high school who has completed the prerequisites, including Girl Scout Journeys and leadership awards, and fulfills the rigorous requirements of successfully completing the award. The award requires 80 hours minimum of personal time investment in a project. It challenges girls to identify and work in a topic area for which they have a strong interest and passion.



Elizanne Hanitz Lewis in 1943.  
(Courtesy photos)

award available from 1916 to 1939.

Now named the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award recognizes girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable Take Action projects which have sustainable impact in their local and global communities. The Gold Award encourages girls to explore many facets of leadership including



Elizanne Hanitz Lewis in 1968.





# Park Bench

...have a seat and we'll fill you in

**Special Events**  
**Spring Holiday Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, March 31 at**  
**12 p.m. Sharp**  
**Kenyon Woods Pasture – Raymond**  
**St. (across from high school)**  
Parking will be available at South Elgin High School. Bring your own camera for pictures. We will collect non-perishable food items to support the South Elgin Food Pantry. The DJ will kick-off at 11 a.m. This event is free. We strongly recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes early as we start the hunt on time and it only takes a short time to collect five eggs.

**Spring Break Camp**  
Calling K to eighth grade spring breakers! The South Elgin Parks & Recreation Department has some fun planned for you! Camp will attend three field trips during the week, along with great indoor and outdoor activities. Lunch will be included daily. Registration deadline was March 8 and a \$20 late fee will now be applied. Camp will be held March 26 to 30 at the Municipal Annex from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.southelgin.com/register](http://www.southelgin.com/register) today!

**Baseball Camp**  
Boys and girls will build confidence and self-esteem. Camp focuses on pitching, hitting, bunting, base running, fielding, catching and offensive/defensive strategies. Bring your own glove and a water bottle. Camp will be held Monday to Friday, March 26 to 30 at Pottawatomie Community Center. Six to eight year olds are 9 to 11 a.m. and nine to 12 year olds will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Youth/Teen**

**Klub Friday Night**  
**St. Patty's Party – Wear Green!**  
**March 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.**  
**at Fox Meadow Elementary School**  
KFN is a great place to drop the kids for a night out. We provide a safe and fun environment where fourth to seventh graders can come and hang out with their friends and peers. The cost is \$5 at the door with an ID or \$20 at the door without an ID. ID's can be purchased at Village Hall or on-site...your parent/guardian must be present.

**Adult**  
**Investment Strategies for Your Age**  
Doesn't matter if you are 20, 60 or any age in between, you will learn strategies on investing related to your current age. The goal: Help you be more comfortable with how you are investing. There is no charge for this class but registration is required. This class will be held Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Annex.

**Preschool**  
**Preschool Registration – Now Open**  
A \$35 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration along with a copy of your child's birth certificate. We offer preschool for two and a half, three and four year olds during the day and an evening program for three to five year olds. Your child must be the appropriate age by Sept. 1. For more information or class availability, call 847-622-0003.

*For more information on these and other programs offered by South Elgin Parks and Recreation, please call 847-622-0003 or visit our website at [www.southelgin.com-Parks & Recreation-Programs-Seasonal Brochure](http://www.southelgin.com-Parks & Recreation-Programs-Seasonal Brochure).*



## Gail Borden

Public Library District  
[www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info)  
*...where the world is just a page away.*

## Read! Learn! Connect!

**The Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss Grand Opening**  
Get your diving suit ready because the Gail Borden Public Library is going under water with the Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss exhibit. Explore the Ocean's depths with this interactive exhibit. The Grand Opening will be at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, on Friday, March 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. Presented by Evergreen Exhibitions in collaboration with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Thank you Gail Borden Public Library Foundation, EFS Foundation and KCT Credit Union for supporting Extreme Deep and our upcoming Summer Reading Program.

**Homework Heroes**  
Stumped on a math problem or need help with social studies homework? Our Homework Heroes are here to help! Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can drop by the South Elgin Branch on Monday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with homework assignments. No appointment necessary; students will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Creativity Lab: Cat in the Hat – Rainy Day Play**  
Join us for our weekly Creativity Lab: Cat in the Hat – Rainy Day Play at the South Elgin Branch on Thursday, March 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. Each week, kids in grades one to five can drop in for art, tinkering activities and games for creative play!

**Featured Author Family Day**  
Join us for a fun family game during our Featured Author Family Day at the South Elgin Branch on Sunday, March

18 from 1 to 2:45 p.m. This month, we'll explore favorite children's author Dr. Seuss with a fun memory game. This event is for families and we ask that you register in advance. Please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register), or in person at any library location.

**Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime**  
Enjoy preschool stories during Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime at Panera Bread, 269 Randall Road, South Elgin on Tuesday, March 20 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. A ReaderShip team member will read stories for preschoolers followed by a milk and cookie snack, compliments of Panera. Registration required; please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register), or in person at any library location.

**3D Printing Basics**  
Learn the basics of Tinkercad, used for 3D Printing, at 3D Printing Basics at the South Elgin Branch on Wednesday, March 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration required; please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register), or in person at any library location.

**STEAM At the Branches**  
Explore STEAM At the Branches (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) in a fun, hands-on way. This March, we'll explore Marble Run Mazes at the Rakow Branch on Wednesday, March 14 and at the South Elgin Branch on Wednesday, March 21 with students in grades one to five. Both sessions take place from 4 to 5 p.m. and we ask that you register your child prior to each session. Please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register), or in person at any library location.

# Storm's McClure earns all-conference honors

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin girls basketball team finished the 2017-18 campaign 13-15 overall, 5-5 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

Leading the way for the Storm was an underclassman, sophomore Megan McClure who earned all-conference honors.

McClure finished the season averaging 13 points, six rebounds and four assists per game.

"Only a sophomore, she can play and has played all five positions," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "She's a great shooter and defensively she guards girls much taller than her. She's smart, poised and leads on and off the court."

At the South Elgin Regional, McClure advanced in the three-point showdown before being knocked out at the Dundee-Crown Sectional. Mandernack said McClure was "hoping to

make it down state like her sister did two years ago," and although just missing this year she has two more seasons to accomplish that. South Elgin graduate Bailey McClure made state in the three-point shootout in 2016.

The Storm will lose seven seniors including Darrielle Allen, Catora Brown, Erika Burns, Shelby Puralowski, Alexis Roberts, Jasmine Rodriguez and Aniya Zinnerman.

South Elgin entered this season with an inexperienced squad after losing the majority of its scoring from last year's team, which won the program's first conference title.

"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."



In a game against Elgin this past season, Megan McClure finishing off a drive into the lane between the Maroons' Kyllie Graves, left, and Dajha Cooper.  
*(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)*

## Safe

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trating too," and she asked if there's a policy regarding that.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "I'm not aware of a specific board policy," and "I'd have to look into the circumstances. I was not aware of this before."

Ward suggested the board look into crafting a policy. She asked regarding students physically threatening their peers what can be done since the district does not expel elementary students?

"We don't expel," Sanders said. "There's always the potential to suspend even a second grader, but no matter what we do students always come back. It's really trying to find what do you do for that child when they do return to that classroom."

Ward responded that "the things that were shared here tonight are pretty serious if a second grader is saying that to other students, and I've heard other stories worse than that." She asked: "What can we do to make sure the rest of the students are kept safe?"

Sanders said that "I think we're doing that on a regular basis" as Heiderscheidt regularly updates the board on safety practices.

"I guess my concern is that we're letting bad behavior continue under the guise of helping, and we end up hurting other students by doing that and that makes me sad," Ward said.

Board member Veronica Noland said she "can appreciate" that, but the child who is making the threats needs to be thought of.

"This is a delicate balance in protecting the students that are in the class and that particular student that is perhaps creating this environment and is lashing out," Noland said and added: "I just want to caution everyone on not assuming that it's really just one side or the other."

Noland also said she was concerned about the privacy of the perpetrator saying and that the public needs to trust the administration.

"We have to be careful about what we can presume should be shared information and how they might be handling it," Noland said. "I'm going to believe that this is being handled at the highest level and that safety is the upmost concern. I can't imagine that that's not the case here."

Board member Traci Ellis said she wants "a commitment on the part of the district to follow up with this parent, with the school and look into what is happening and resolve it. I don't know what's happening. I've heard one side. I don't know. It's not really my job to know that level of detail, but I think that this full board would want this addressed."

Ward responded: "I agree with that statement."

Board member Phil Costello applauded the speakers saying "I think it was moving, and I think it needs to be dealt with," and suggested the board needs to focus on process.

"We just need to have a process in place to deal with the escalation and protect all students, even the perpetrators in these situations," Costello said. "They deserve our care, but we have to take care of all students to make sure that everyone has the ability to enjoy school."



# Storm soccer seeking fight to contend in conference

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls soccer team plans to show a “fighting spirit” in 2018 as the Storm prepares for the new season.

Last year the Storm went 6-13-2 overall, 1-3-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division. South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja said the hope is to contend in conference and advance further in the postseason.

“Overall, our big goal is to win more than we did last year,” Szwaja said. “Sounds simple, but we have talked about how 10 of our games last year were determined by a one-goal differential. With that in mind, we understand that every minute in the game matters.”

To achieve their goals, Szwaja said scoring is a key after struggling to find the net last year.

“If we want to win, we will have to score. And if we want to score, we have to shoot,” Szwaja said. “Coming off last season, that is my goal as a coach and we will utilize some of the fresh faces on our team to change our game to accomplish this goal.”

Szwaja added: “While this may seem obvious, we got caught up last year

and forgot about this simple fact of the game. We were shut out nine times last year, too many if we want to have any chance of making a name for ourselves.”

A key returner for the Storm is senior Fatima Bustamante who while a defender Szwaja said she can also score, and she added that Bustamante has “worked hard in the offseason to battle the knee injuries that have plagued her.” South Elgin returns three more seniors: Camille Defensor, Corinne Figueiredo and Nicole Matustik.

A newcomer to watch is freshman Abigail Roy who Szwaja said adds “an attacking spirit to this team.”

South Elgin has 13 new members on its squad and 12 underclassmen, but Szwaja said they’ve shown a “fighting spirit” in the preseason and camaraderie which she said: “I have seen teams that are considered underdogs succeed because of this. I think we have a great mix of a desire to improve in skill and a love for the concept of team.”

The Storm open the season hosting Hoffman Estates for a nonconference game on Saturday, March 17 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

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of all of our first responders. I have walked door-to-door with some of these firefighters, who are on their own time, speaking with residents, passing out door hangers and putting out signs. The South Elgin Fire District firefighters and board of trustees are dedicated to all of us in South Elgin and want to give us the very best service as quickly as possible.

For 32 cents per day, we can make this happen. It is so very important that these referendums pass! Vote yes for your future!

Lisa Guess

### A true story

Dear Editor,

The State of Illinois debt is currently \$203 billion and growing rapidly, thanks to Mike Madigan and the Democratic Party.

One reason is the state has too many “breadwinners.” And, here is the story:

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### Endorsing Kramer

Dear Editor,

In politics, many times humbleness is not part of the strategy. As a result, hard-working and capable people often do not participate in our representative form of government, thus leaving us with very few options on the ballot. This is why I felt it necessary to highlight my choice for Kane County Sheriff: Sheriff Don Kramer.

Although he has plenty of reasons to do so, Sheriff Kramer refuses to involve himself with negative campaigning. His philosophy has been, and will continue to be, to share his vision and the accomplishments of his team in a way that does not involve grandstanding or tearing down the opposition. Since the day he was sworn in as Sheriff, he has taken a methodical approach to solving the many issues within the Sheriff’s Office. I can personally attest that the relations between our two offices has tremendously improved. Sheriff Kramer recognized the importance of calling the Coroner’s Office promptly on criminal death cases, which has facilitated solid forensic evidence that has resulted in many criminal convictions.

Sheriff Kramer is the most qualified to continue as Sheriff. He is the only Republican candidate that has both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. He is the only candidate that has ever written a multi-million dollar budget for the Sheriff’s Office. His budgets have been in the “black” for both of the years he has been sheriff. I would hate to lose such a great collaborative partner in the Kane County Justice System. The irony of it all is that Sheriff Kramer and I were once opponents back in the 2010 Sheriff’s Primary: Opponents but not enemies! How many other political opponents have endorsed or written recommendations for the other?

Please join me by voting for Sheriff Kramer by either voting early or on March 20th.

Rob Russell  
Kane County Coroner



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## The Examiner Asked

On Sunday, March 11 participants at Anderson Animal Shelter 5K run:

### Why do you run?



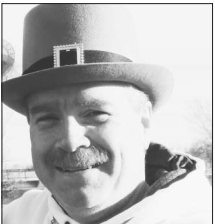
**Jeanne Price:** “This is my fourth run, and I do it mainly to stay in shape.”



**Paul Kobos:** “It keeps me healthy, it’s fun, and I make new friends at every race. We are a community.”



**Cris Ratliff:** “Running helps me start every day feeling good and ready for the rest of the day.”



**John Hauserman:** “For a few reasons: For good fitness and to stay healthy, and to try and shed a few pounds. And it’s great to get outside on days like this.”



**Robert Brown:** “It’s great stress relief and it gets me up off the couch!”



**Ray Bonno:** “I lost 120 lbs. a while ago and so I run to maintain my weight.”



**Evan Morrison:** “I started running races when I saw my dad doing it. I’ve run about five to six 5Ks and I like running for charities.”



**Mark Morrison:** “Besides keeping me fit, I like helping local animal charities and Anderson does so much good for animals.”



**Julie Lee:** “It sets a good example for my kids about keeping fit and healthy, and it makes me feel good. I’ve run more than 500 races, 5K, 10K and half-marathons.”



**Nicole Divine:** “Honestly, I run just because it’s fun! And Brantley enjoys it, too, and it gives him exercise every day.”



**Heidi and Riley Boehning:** “We love to run because it helps us stay healthy, and it’s fun to do together.”

(By Juli Schatz)



# Police Reports

## BARTLETT

### Thursday, March 1

★ At 12:06 a.m., a complainant in the 2000 block of Providence Drive reported that an unknown subject walked up his driveway and moved his recycling bins. Police checked the area with negative results.

### Friday, March 2

★ At 12:02 a.m., Gerardo Gutierrez, 26, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, driving while registration suspended and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces a March 26 court date.

★ At 11:35 a.m., Chastity Renee Steele, 42, Bloomingdale, was arrested on three outstanding DuPage County warrants. She was released on bond and faces an April 2 court date.

★ At 1:32 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of James Drive reported an unauthorized transaction on his Visa credit card. The complainant believed that his information was compromised and notified his credit card company of the incident. Estimated loss \$45.

★ At 5:54 p.m., police responded to an accident with injuries at Illinois Route 59 and Apple Valley Drive.

★ At 10:56 p.m., James C. Szczesny, 35, St. Charles, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, driving with expired plates and operation of an unauthorized motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

### Saturday, March 3

★ At 11:36 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of South Western Avenue reported multiple scratches to her vehi-

cle which was parked outside her driveway. The complainant believes this occurred sometime during the overnight hours.

★ At 9:09 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of West Chicago Street reported that he was hit in the nose at the Elgin train station by an unknown offender. He was transported to St. Alexius Hospital for further evaluation.

★ At 9:19 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Bartlett Plaza reported that an unknown subject demanded that he empty his pockets and took his money. Police searched the area with negative results. Estimated loss \$100.

### Sunday, March 4

★ At 12:50 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Lakewood Drive reported that he called Microsoft Support System after his computer stated it had a virus. The complainant advised that he believed this was a scam after he spoke to an agent who requested money to fix the issue. He refused to pay and notified his bank of the incident.

★ At 2:19 p.m., Christian N. Vences, 22, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant and charged with driving while license suspended. He was also wanted on a Kane County warrant for failure to appear, obstruction of justice and driving while license suspended. He was turned over to Hanover Park police.

★ At 2:31 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Hawkins Court reported that the back patio door of her residence was ajar and multiple rooms had been ransacked while she was away on vacation. Estimated loss \$1,000.

★ At 8:24 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of South Prospect Avenue reported that an unknown subject stole a wine bottle from 7-Eleven while she was working. The complainant advised the subject ran once confronted and she could not confirm his direction of travel.

### Monday, March 5

★ At 9:57 a.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Newport Lane reported that his neighbor constantly calls the police on him and he believes it is unwarranted. He advised that the same subject also walks his dog in the common area and believes he should walk him elsewhere. He believes that the neighbor has been looking in his windows. Police asked if the neighbor walked up to the window and the complainant advised that he stays within the common areas. Report only.

★ At 10:05 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Georgian Place advised

that her garage door had opened and closed when no one was home, according to the application on her phone. Police walked through the home with negative results.

★ At 1:34 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Washington Street reported an unknown vehicle stopped in front of her residence. The driver reportedly took pictures of her children in the driveway. The children came inside and the vehicle drove away. Moments later, a different vehicle stopped in front of the residence and took a picture as well. The complainant was unable to read a license plate number on either vehicle. Police searched the area for vehicles matching the descriptions provided but with negative results.

★ At 2:22 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Mable Lane reported that he believes there is an Order of Protection against him, for which he has yet to be served. Police confirmed

# Police Dept. to execute holiday traffic events

The Bartlett Police Department will be participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation's St. Patrick's Day DUI and Seat Belt Traffic Enforcement campaigns on Friday, March 16 through Monday, March 19. The police department's participation in these statewide traffic safety initiatives is fully funded by a grant awarded by the Illinois Department of

Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety, which aims to deter impaired driving and seat belt infractions. Bartlett police encourage everyone to have a safe St. Patrick's Day holiday by always wearing their seat belts, assigning a designated driver and not permitting friends or family members to drive under the influence of alcohol.

# Late rally falls short as Hawks bow to Benet

By Seth Hancock

A rally by the No. 12 Bartlett boys basketball team fell short against No. 2 Benet Academy as the Hawks' season ended in a 47-41 loss in the Glenbard East Sectional semifinals on Tuesday, March 6.

Ultimately, the game was decided early as the Hawks came out scoring just two points in the first quarter, 11 for the first half. Bartlett trailed 24-11 at the break.

"I definitely would have liked to see us get off to a better start than that," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I thought we started a little bit tight. Our shots were a little bit off, a little flat, a little bit long. They had much better rhythm."



The Hawks' Austin Gates having a shot blocked by the Redwings' Colin Crothers.

Wolfsmith added: "That's one of the better defensive teams that we've seen. It takes some time to find your sea legs against a team like that, and you just don't want to fall too far behind before you do."

A 13-point deficit remained heading into the fourth, 33-20, but the Hawks responded at the start of the final period. Senior Tomas Vikonis (six points) had a steal and layup to start an 11-3 run which included a three-point play from senior Ben Tompson (11 points) and capped by a three-pointer by senior Byron Price (seven points) which made it 36-31 with 5:20 left in the game.

Benet countered with a 5-0 run to make it 41-31, and the Hawks were never able to get closer than the final six-point deficit.

"We played well in the second half," Wolfsmith said. "The fourth quarter we played how we did all year, with energy and enthusiasm."

The Hawks were without 6-foot-2 junior forward Garrett Jurina who was injured in their regional title win over Wheaton Warrenville South, and both Tompson and senior Ben Fisher (six points) fouled out late in the fourth quarter.

Austin Gates, a junior, finished with nine points, including a pair of threes, and eight rebounds.

Bartlett ends the season 17-13 overall and will also lose seniors Harsh Mangrola, Jake Coffinbargar, Brandon Sinclair, Johnny Angell, Jake Ibegbulem, Kyle Martin and Andrew Wolf.

Early on this season, the Hawks lost one of their senior leaders in Tompson to an injury for a lengthy period of time, but they came together and finished strong including capturing their first regional title since 2010.

"These kids have been awesome all year long," Wolfsmith said. "It's been a strange season with the loss of Ben early on this year and the team had to adjust. I thought we gave [Benet] a great game. It's just awful hard to dig a big hole against them and complete a rally."



Bartlett's Nick Wolf, defended by Benet's Jacob Petrovic, directing a pass to a teammate at the low post.



Tomas Vikonis of the Hawks driving the baseline and past Benet's Ben Cooney. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# Split board vote ratifies U-46 personnel report

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved a personnel report and workers' compensation cases file, but it came with some division and a 5-2 vote on Monday, March 5.

Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted against the file citing an expansion in the central office administration that's seen within the file. Suzanne Johnson was promoted to a newly created deputy superintendent for instruction while Josh Carpenter was hired to fill her former position, the assistant superintendent for teaching and learning.

Ward noted at the meeting that "this isn't about individuals" as to why she was voting no but rather the expansion in the administration.

"I have no problems with the individual, but the personnel report and workers' compensation case files does include the hiring or an expansion in the number of administrators at the administrative building," said Ward who added: "I don't agree with expanding the number of administrators and I will therefore be voting no."

In a memo to the board, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders answered a question from Ward. Ward said, according to the memo, that she "expressed in closed session" that she opposed the expansion of administration and that is the effect of promoting Johnson and hiring Carpenter.

"Since I don't see another way to vote/express this publicly I am going to pull the personnel report off the consent agenda and vote no, with explanation," Ward wrote.

Sanders replied that he "never filled the vacant position of Chief of Staff"

that he held under former Superintendent Jose Torres, and since June 2017 the district no longer needed an interim superintendent.

"Instead of filling the vacant Chief of Staff position, I asked the Board to support my new organizational structure which included the elevation of Dr. Johnson to Deputy Superintendent for Instruction," Sanders wrote. "The Board of Education supported my new organizational structure."

Torres left U-46 in September 2014 for a position at IMSA and Sanders was promoted to the CEO position to take over Torres' role but was not qualified for the position under state law requiring the district to hire an interim superintendent, Kenneth Arndt, to sign documents that required a qualified superintendent. A new state law was approved and took effect in June 2017 that affects Sanders solely allowing him to assume the role without the need for an interim superintendent.

Ward noted at the meeting that "the board majority did support it" but said she opposed it.

Donna Smith, the board's president, said: "We are not actually adding a position. We are bringing back a position from before that wasn't needed because we had the interim superintendent and CEO working together. So we're just bringing back that position and filling."

Costello asked if this new organizational structure was budgeted for which Sanders said it was.

Like Ward, Costello said "this is not in any way a reflection on" the individuals involved, but he also dis-

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# Hawks girls track eighth at Bud Swanson meet



Bartlett's Amyah Williams successfully clearing the bar during the high jump event at the Bud Swanson Invitational at Glenbard North High School on Friday, March 9.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls track and field team continues to improve as the Hawks finished eighth at Glenbard North's annual Bud Swanson indoor invite on Friday, March 9.

The Hawks were led by a pair of fourth place finishes including from their 640-meter relay team (one minute, 30.1 seconds) along with junior Rowan Daubenmire in the long jump (15-feet, 4-inches).

Also producing team points for Bartlett were senior Leah Kern who was fifth in the 3,200 run (12:13.1), sophomore Amyah Williams who was sixth in the 200 dash (30.0) and from its 3,200 relay team (11:25.3).

Bartlett coach John Glorioso said his team did "pretty well" in its fourth indoor meet and with little practice time

with no indoor facility at Bartlett.

"We're young and we've gotten better from our last meet, so we're doing really well," said Glorioso who added his team saw a lot of personal records on the evening. "Having no track inside kind of hampers us a little bit, but the girls are doing a great job of working hard."

The Hawks had several other top 10 finishes including seventh place finishes from Williams in the high jump (4-6) and junior Jessica Dudek in the long jump (14-7.25).

Bartlett had ninth place finishes from Kern in the 800 run (2:43.9), freshman Bridget Benson in the 3,200 run (12:56.6) and senior Casey Pearce in the triple jump (28-11.5). Sophomore Jenna Hasenstein in the high jump (4-6) and Jen Carbery in the 400 dash (1:08.1) were 10th.

The Upstate Eight Conference indoor meet is coming up this week which Glorioso said his team is looking forward to, and he said the goal is to be healthy heading into the outdoor season.

"Our goal is to make sure we're healthy and make sure no one gets hurt, get our numbers up, make sure we work on our starts for our sprints and work on the first mile for our distance girls," Glorioso said. "We're just starting to pick up some steam. We'll get better as the season progresses."



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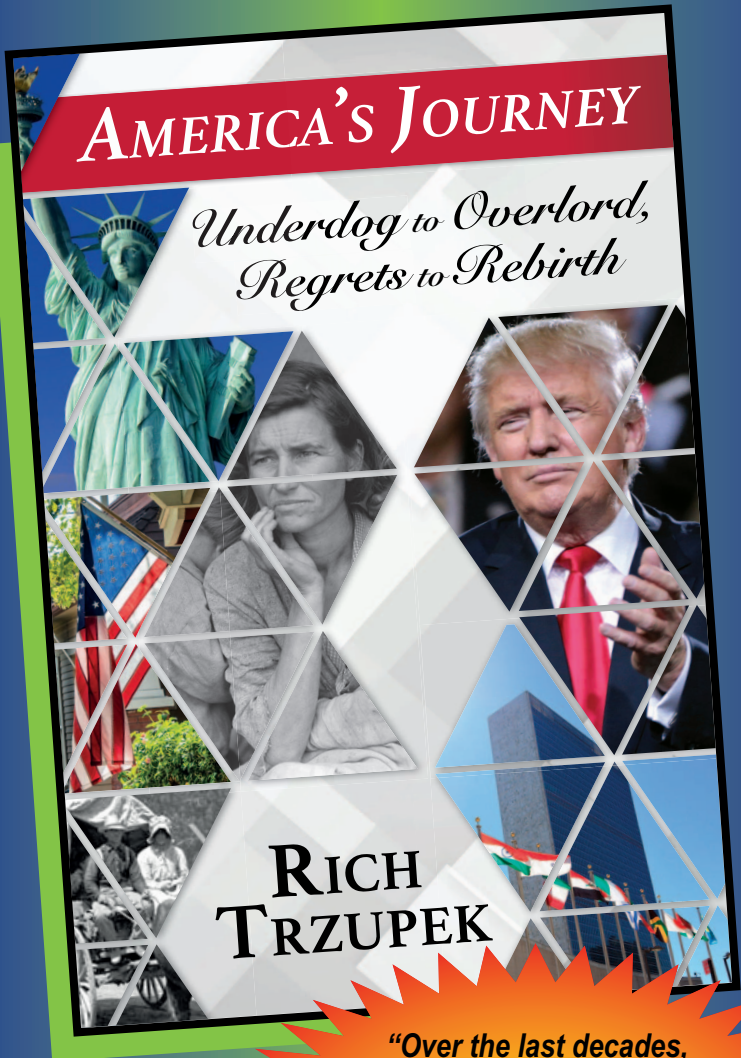
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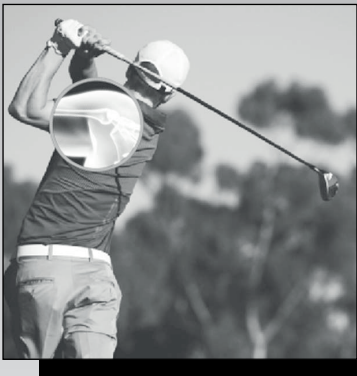
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# Hawks well represented on all-conference team

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team garnered three all-conference recipients after a 19-11 season that saw the Hawks win the Upstate Eight Valley Division with a perfect 10-0 mark.

Senior Kayla Hare was named the player of the year in the conference and junior Teagan Noesen and freshman Lexie Sinclair were all-conference.

Hare, a University of Missouri-St. Louis recruit, finished the season with 20.4 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 2.2 assists per game.

This season Hare had 582 points (37 percent from the field, 77 percent from the free-throw line) to finish third all-time in program history with 1,510 career points. She also set the program's career steals (410) and three-pointers (205) record.

"Kayla has meant everything to this program over the last four years," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "Kayla does it all. She can score, defend, pass, drive, etc. She made opposing defenses have to focus on her night in and night out. Yet, most were unsuc-

cessful at stopping her."

Hunt added: "On defense, Kayla was a one man wrecking ball. Her ability to disrupt an offense by getting in the passing lanes was just awesome to watch. More importantly, Kayla was a great leader and teammate on and off the floor. Kayla is just a special player. Kayla has a great basketball mind. She just understands spacing and angles."

Sinclair was the starting point guard for the Hawks as a freshman which Hunt said "that says everything right there." She finished the season with 350 points and averaged 11.7 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 2.4 steals a game.

"Lexie was so poised under pressure," Hunt said. "What made Lexie so special was that she could knock down the outside shot and also finish at the rim very effectively. Lexie rarely turned the ball over. I loved Lexie's toughness and grit. When things got crazy on the court, Lexie would be the calming influence. She just never backed down. I look forward to seeing how she grows even more over the next three years."

Noesen averaged six points, 3.7 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 1.3 assists a game and hit 28 threes.

"Teagan is just a great kid," Hunt said. "Her stats



UEC Conference player of the year, Kayla Hare eyeing the Bulldogs basket during the regional playoff contest against Batavia.



Bartlett's Alexis Sinclair driving into the paint while negotiating around the Bulldogs' Erin Gold during a home contest this past season.



Teagan Noesen attempting to drive past St. Francis' Ashley Sullivan during a February game.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

do not exactly explain how much Teagan meant to this team. Teagan had the responsibility for guarding the other teams best player. Sometimes that meant guarding girls that were much taller than her. She took on all challenges. Then, on offense, she became that third shooter we were looking for. Teagan would knock down many key shots as teams focused on Kayla and Lexie."

Hunt added: "Teagan has a tremendous heart and a great attitude. She knew her role and what the team needed from her. A great player to coach."

Senior Danielle Kleeman and freshman Justina Hernandez were all-conference honorable mentions. Bartlett also loses seniors Jennifer Carbery, Meghan Colley, Miranda Hedeem and Amber Pagan.

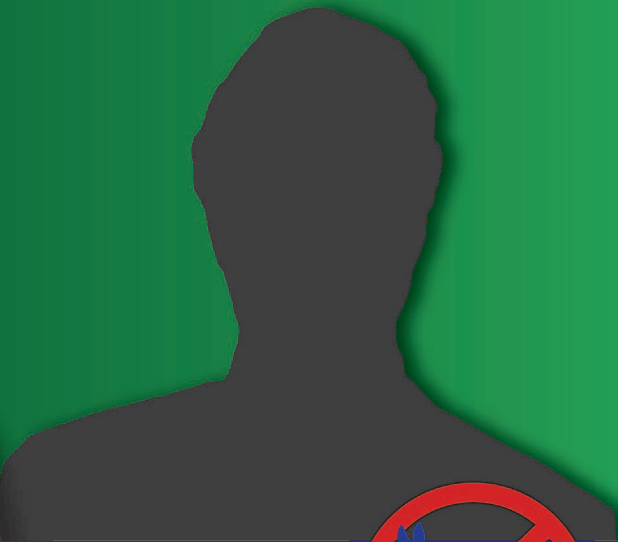
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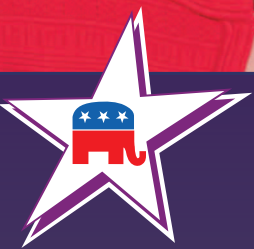
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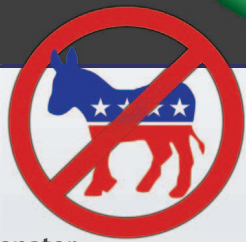
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upmost concern. I can't imagine that that's not the case here."  
Board member Traci Ellis said she wants "a commitment on the part of the district to follow up with this parent, with the school and look into what is happening and resolve it. I don't know what's happening. I've heard one side. I don't know. It's not really my job to know that level of detail, but I think that this full board would want this addressed."  
Ward responded: "I agree with that statement."  
Board member Phil Costello applauded the speakers saying "I think it was moving, and I think it needs to be dealt with," and suggested the board needs to focus on process.  
"We just need to have a process in place to deal with the escalation and protect all students, even the perpetrators in these situations," Costello said. "They deserve our care, but we have to take care of all students to make sure that everyone has the ability to enjoy school."

\$863,894 to \$961,164.  
Trustee Adam Hopkins asked if debt services percentages were high for Bartlett.  
Dowden said they weren't but "I would say it's starting to get up there a little bit because we just added a police station.... It has gone up for the last few years."  
Trustee Aaron Reinke asked about the new Munis Citizen Portal expected to be implemented and if residents could pay their water bills online, and the administration said they would be able to pay online but will not be able to access a billing history.  
In its first public review, a few expenditure items were already indicated as being able to be removed by the central services department which found in-house solutions for some problems and also suggested a new projector may not be needed. Reinke agreed: "I think the projector looks fine to me. I think we can delay that."

# Bartlett baseball looks to benefit from talent blend

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Bartlett baseball team has some returning talent and welcomes some new faces to its squad as the Hawks prepare for the 2018 season.  
The Hawks went 18-13 overall, 13-8 in the Upstate Eight Conference, last year in Bartlett coach Devin Rosen's inaugural season.  
Over the summer, Rosen saw plenty of talent on his squad that just needs some experience and playing time.  
"We're going to get the most out of these guys," Rosen said. "We've just got to keep at it. The talent is there, we just need to get it out of them."  
Bartlett's roster has 10 returning seniors and 11 newcomers, all juniors, with a pair of its returners having earned recognition in the UEC last year. Senior Ben Fisher, centerfielder, earned all-conference honors and senior Joey Allen, an outfielder, was an honorable mention.

Last year Fisher led the Hawks with a .478 on-base percentage and finished with 18 hits, three doubles, seven RBI, 12 runs, a .340 batting average and a .396 slugging percentage. Allen was the team leader in runs (27) and stolen bases (30-for-30) while finishing with 22 hits, one double, one home run, 10 RBI, a .293 batting average, a .386 on-base percentage and a .347 slugging percentage.  
"We're looking for good things from them," Rosen said. "If guys can feed off them, that's big. They've got to step up and be a leader now."  
Bartlett also returns seniors Jacob Chowanec, Andrew Fehr, Aaron Hattendorf, Jonah Medina, Nico Natali, Nick Pavell, Joseph Tomazin and Tyler Yang.  
The Hawks open the season at home with a nonconference game against Elk Grove Village on Saturday, March 17.

# Storm soccer seeking fight to contend in conference

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin girls soccer team plans to show a "fighting spirit" in 2018 as the Storm prepares for the new season.  
Last year the Storm went 6-13-2 overall, 1-3-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division. South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja said the hope is to contend in conference and advance further in the postseason.  
"Overall, our big goal is to win more than we did last year," Szwaja said. "Sounds simple, but we have talked about how 10 of our games last year were determined by a one-goal differential. With that in mind, we understand that every minute in the game matters."  
To achieve their goals, Szwaja said scoring is a key after struggling to find the net last year.  
"If we want to win, we will have to score. And if we want to score, we have to shoot," Szwaja said. "Coming off last season, that is my goal as a coach and we will utilize some of the fresh faces on our team to change our game to accomplish this goal."  
Szwaja added: "While this may seem obvious, we got caught up last year

and forgot about this simple fact of the game. We were shut out nine times last year, too many if we want to have any chance of making a name for ourselves."  
A key returner for the Storm is senior Fatima Bustamante who while a defender Szwaja said she can also score, and she added that Bustamante has "worked hard in the offseason to battle the knee injuries that have plagued her." South Elgin returns three more seniors: Camille Defensor, Corinne Figueiredo and Nicole Matustik.  
A newcomer to watch is freshman Abigail Roy who Szwaja said adds "an attacking spirit to this team."  
South Elgin has 13 new members on its squad and 12 underclassmen, but Szwaja said they've shown a "fighting spirit" in the preseason and camaraderie which she said: "I have seen teams that are considered underdogs succeed because of this. I think we have a great mix of a desire to improve in skill and a love for the concept of team."  
The Storm open the season hosting Hoffman Estates for a nonconference game on Saturday, March 17 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

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she "can appreciate" that, but the child who is making the threats needs to be thought of.  
"This is a delicate balance in protecting the students that are in the class and that particular student that is perhaps creating this environment and is lashing out," Noland said and added: "I just want to caution everyone on not assuming that it's really just one side or the other."  
Noland also said she was concerned about the privacy of the perpetrator saying and that the public needs to trust the administration.  
"We have to be careful about what we can presume should be shared information and how they might be handling it," Noland said. "I'm going to believe that this is being handled at the highest level and that safety is the

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(29 percent increase), \$1.2 million from golf (3 percent increase) and \$969,000 from food and beverage (2 percent increase). From permits, the village expects \$640,000 in revenue which is no change.  
Water consumption is down 10 percent since 2008 but revenues have increase largely due to rate increases. Sewer rates also have increases and the average sewer bill per month is expected at \$35.12 in DuPage County, \$20.55 in Cook and \$17.88 in Kane.  
The general fund balance is estimated to drop from \$10.7 million to \$8 million and the central services fund balance from \$308,825 to \$13,582 while the vehicle replacement fund balance is expected to rise from

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agreed with an expansion of administration especially with the current fiscal climate.  
"We do have to look at any avenue possible," Costello said. "I think that these are things that should be challenged any time we can to make sure that we are advancing this organization understanding that we're in a very tight financial burden."  
Also concerning personnel, the board approved a human resources (HR)

resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of teachers. The resolution was approved 7-0.  
Melanie Meidel, assistant superintendent of HR, said there were 60 teachers included in the dismissal which include "certified staff who are part time, late hire or categorized as temporary staff."  
Resolutions for dismissal of staff are common for this time of year according to the agenda item which stated: "While the Board of Education takes this action very seriously, dismissal consideration is customary at this time of year in order to follow state requirements."

*In addition, there is free health, MEDICAID, plus a monthly card entitling them to free groceries and a voucher for 250 free Obama minutes per month. This does not include any other welfare benefits they are entitled to.*  
*Indeed, grandma was correct that her daughter is the "breadwinner" for the family and now*  
*Illinois is hopelessly overrun with people who vote only for those who will continue to keep them on the dole.*  
*No wonder our state is broke.*  
*Fred Hossfeld*

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*The grandmother then volunteers to be the foster parent, and receives a check for \$1,500 per child, each month in Illinois.*  
*The total yearly income derived from this example is \$144,000. Tax free money and nobody has to go to work. And, In fact, they get more if there is no husband/father/man in the home.*



# Storm’s McClure earns all-conference honors



In a game against Elgin this past season, Megan McClure finishing off a drive into the lane between the Maroons’ Kyllie Graves, left, and Dajha Cooper.  
*(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)*

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin girls basketball team finished the 2017-18 campaign 13-15 overall, 5-5 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.  
Leading the way for the Storm was an underclassman, sophomore Megan McClure who earned all-conference honors.  
McClure finished the season averaging 13 points, six rebounds and four assists per game.  
“Only a sophomore, she can play and has played all five positions,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “She’s a great shooter and defensively she guards girls much taller than her. She’s smart, poised and leads on and off the court.”  
At the South Elgin Regional, McClure advanced in the three-point showdown before being knocked out at the Dundee-Crown Sectional. Mandernack said Mc-

Clure was “hoping to make it down state like her sister did two years ago,” and although just missing this year she has two more season’s to accomplish that. South Elgin graduate Bailey McClure made state in the three-point shootout in 2016.  
The Storm will lose seven seniors including Darrielle Allen, Catora Brown, Erika Burns, Shelby Puralewski, Alexis Roberts, Jasmine Rodriguez and Aniya Zinnerman.  
South Elgin entered this season with an inexperienced squad after losing the majority of its scoring from last year’s team, which won the program’s first conference title.  
“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.”

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## SPORTS SECTION

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### Larkin will play in Peoria

Royals build lead, hold on down the stretch

BY DAVE OBERHELMAN



Larkin players pile together after a win over Benet. John Starks | Staff Photographer

DEKALB -- A graduate of **Larkin**, a basketball star there and now the Royals boys coach, Deryn Carter feels like he belongs at the Elgin school.

Now, for the first time, his basketball program belongs in Peoria.

Larkin beat Benet 53-46 Tuesday at the Class 4A Northern Illinois University supersectional to become the first **Elgin-Area School District U46** boys team in the state semifinals since the 1955 Elgin Maroons took second place. The Royals will play another group of Maroons at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Class 4A semifinals, the Belleville West Maroons.

"It's surreal, for sure," Carter said from the NIU Convocation Center press area. "It's going to be a little while to sink in, but it's gotta sink in pretty quick because we've eventually got to move on. We're going to enjoy the heck out of this, and we should because it's an unbelievable accomplishment."

Larkin (24-8) snapped Benet's 18-game winning streak and denied the Redwings a third supersectional victory in the last five seasons.

"I was talking with someone earlier in the day, they're like, first to 50 might win," Carter said. "I said, no, the first to 35 might. It was going to be a slow game."

Benet (27-5) committed an uncharacteristic 10 first-half field goals as the Royals led 21-11. The Redwings shot 1 for 12 from the 3-point arc in that first half, and Larkin's Pierre Black and Anthony Lynch turned turnovers into points. Trailing 8-7 after one quarter, Larkin held Benet scoreless nearly the first five minutes of the second quarter.





Larkin's Pierre Black comes off the floor after hitting a three-point shot. John Starks | Staff Photographer

"We knew they were a tough outside-shooting team so we were trying to go over screens," said Lynch, who scored 16 points. "It seemed like they were throwing lollipop passes sometimes where we could get into the lanes and stuff, and we just do what we know how to do, which is run."

Benet hit its stride in the third quarter, behind David Buh and Colin Crothers, and the battle was on.

"I think we obviously needed to be more aggressive as a team," said Buh, whose 19 points led the Benet. "I wanted to just try to do what I could do to help my team get back in the game both defensively and offensively."

Pulling within 30-25 after three quarters, Benet kept the heat on, but so did Black, with 3s on consecutive trips downcourt to give the Royals a 42-33 lead with 3:03 left in the game.

"I felt the shot today," said Black, who scored 18 points. "During the season it's been like that, but I just keep playing hard and if I'm not making shots I just play defense. But my shot was on tonight, and it helped me get a win."

Benet's Jake Ronneberg scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter, getting Benet back within 48-46 on his 3 with 38.9 seconds remaining to play.

"Larkin, they were denying Dave (Buh) and Jake (Petrovic) so it opened up a couple of driving lanes for me and I knew that coming down those final minutes we needed to be more aggressive as a team, and that just kind of opened up. I kind of let the game come to me and that was what was there," said Ronneberg, who joined Colin Crothers with 10 points for the Redwings.

Benet kept fouling Kindrel Morris, and after a rocky start from the line the fireplug guard hit his last four straight. Morris scored 11 for the game.

"I feel like I shot those last five that I made, I feel like I took a little bit longer and settled down," Morris said.

Benet coach Gene Heidkamp called the Redwings the "essence of a team."



"The first half was really, I think, the difference in the game," he said. "We really struggled in the first half, got down 10 points and we were struggling the whole way in the second half, but we cut it to 2 in the second half and just couldn't make enough plays."

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## **This win has special and satisfying meaning for Carter, Larkin**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

Larkin coach Deryn Carter tends to repeat certain phrases when he gets really excited and his excitement level was off the charts after Tuesday's 53-46 victory over Benet Academy in the Class 4A NIU supersectional.

"What a game. What a game," he said walking off the court.

"It's a blessing. It's a blessing," he said seconds later of having the honor of guiding his alma mater to the state finals for the first time in five supersectional tries since 1971.

Larkin (24-8) knocked off state tournament savvy Benet (26-6) by playing a tremendous defensive game and by executing its offense to near perfection.

The Redwings packed it in defensively in the first half against 6-foot-10 Larkin senior Jalen Shaw and effectively limited him to 5 points on offense.

However, taking away one option opened another and Larkin made the Redwings pay. Benet's attention to the interior left holes on the perimeter and Larkin found Pierre Black open for 3-pointers on five occasions, mostly on penetration and kickouts by Kindrel Morris (4 assists) and Anthony Lynch. Black finished with a team-best 18 points on 5-of-11 shooting from 3-point range.

"I just felt good, man," Black said. "I felt it. I felt the arc and everything."

"As a staff we had a feeling that they were going to have to defend us the way they did and it was going to leave him open," Carter said. "They packed it in. They tried to give Jalen fits, they tried to give Anthony fits. Early on it hurt us. We had 5 or 6 turnovers in that first quarter. In the second and third quarter we really worked on penetrate and kick. He's big time. He's a big-time player and he made big-time shots." The victory was particularly satisfying for the Royals and their fans after some frustrating recent seasons. They entered the 2014 postseason 23-4 with a No. 1 seed in their subsectional, but a top player had to sit out the regional opener for a rules violation and they were upset in the first round.

Many thought Larkin had a shot to make a run at Peoria last season. Then star Christian Negron, now a freshman at Loyola University, tore his ACL two months before the season started.

Thus, breaking through for the program's first state trip this season is a pleasant surprise.

"I just couldn't believe it because from the beginning I never thought we would get here," said Shaw, who finished with 11 rebounds and 2 blocks. "But my teammates, and



the courage that everyone has ... everybody believed and we got where we are. Now, we have to keep going."

Larkin will face Belleville West in a state semifinal on Friday at Carver Arena at 5:30 p.m.

"I think a lot of people thought we were good this year, but I don't think anybody thought we could do this," Carter said. "This is just special. It's a testament to the program and the team.

"We did just enough as a group," he said. "We did just enough."

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## **Dundee-Crown dumps Streamwood**

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Katelyn Skibinski, Anna Kieltyka and Sam Christensen scored goals Tuesday as Dundee-Crown opened its girls soccer season with a 3-1 nonconference win over **Streamwood**.

Della Griffin, Rylee Quillen and Braylin Mensik had assists for the Chargers.

Diana Santillan was in goal for D-C and made 1 save.

Kristina Kellogg scored Streamwood's goal off an assist from Kaila Ford. Candy Nava had 15 saves in the net for the Sabres (0-1).

St. Charles North 8, West Chicago 0: Gia Wahlberg had a hat trick as the North Stars opened their season with this Upstate Eight crossover win. Also scoring for SCN were Chloe Netzel, Hailey Rydberg, Sarah Andrey, Claudia Najera and Bella Franco. Sara Maleski and Nathalie Grier shared time in goal.

ACC 8, Hinckley-Big Rock 0: Mary Canning and Alexa Orozco each scored twice to lead the Chargers to this nonconference win. Also scoring goals for Aurora Central (1-0) were Shannon LoPresti, Anna Dudziak, Alexia Jones and Mary Kate O'Hare. Alex Montalbano made 3 saves in goal for ACC.