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## Three SEHS staff injured in student fight

By Kristin Carreno

Three School District U-46 staff members were injured by bleach during an incident at South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., involving two female students, on Wednesday, Feb. 13, according to South Elgin Police Department Sgt. Mike Doty.

Doty said police responded around 6:50 a.m. to the high school after two female students got into an altercation over a social media posting. A 14-year-old girl had a water bottle filled with bleach and poured it on the victim. Staff members tried to intervene and stop the altercation.

Two intervening staff members received bleach in their facial area and a third received an upper body injury from the bleach, according to Doty. All three were treated for non-life-threatening injuries at St. Joseph Hospital and released.

According to U-46 Director of School Safety and Culture John Heiderscheidt, a school resource officer is assigned to South Elgin High school and, as a result, police were notified immediately.

"The 15-year-old victim had no reported injuries," said Doty.

The girl who brought the bleach to school and doused the victim was arrested and charged with one felony count of aggravated battery and one count misdemeanor battery, according to Doty. After processing, she was referred to juvenile court.

"South Elgin [police] would like to remind all parents and guardians to speak with and be involved with their children about issues happening on social media," Doty said via a press release. "Educate them on the dangers of taking matters into their own hands and the repercussions that could happen when they act out of something that occurred on social media. Parents please be advised that there are staff on hand at South Elgin High School and within the police department that are willing to work with you and your children to alleviate any incidents."

The student who was the target of this incident asked via Facebook if she could "go public with everything" because this was not the first time this girl assaulted her at school "with a weapon."

## Parks committee passes fest ordinance proposals

By Joe Hyland

At the Park District Board of Commissioners Jan. 8 committee workshop meeting, the commissioners decided to table requests for the use of district facilities for the Arts in Bartlett and Ignite the Courage summer festivals. The main issue was the sale of wine, beer and other adult beverages at the festivals.

Executive Director Rita Fletcher noted that she had seen some attendees at the latter festival walking around outside the festival grounds with beer in their hands as they looked at the car show entries. She expressed concern that this cast the district in a bad light. Fletcher agreed that fencing off the entire park would help control that behavior, but she was uncomfortable doing so as it might limit egress in the event of an emergency such as severe weather.

Commissioners agreed that an ordinance addressing the requirements for alcohol sales at such events would need to be drafted. They also agreed that a separate ordinance would be needed for each event.

At the board's Tuesday, Feb. 12 committee workshop meeting, the matter came up again. Ordinances for the Arts in Bartlett and Ignite the Courage's Bartlett Summer Fest were addressed for preliminary approval. Both ordinances stated that alcohol was only to be consumed within the confines of a fenced-in beer garden area. The ordinance did not specify the size of the area. The Arts in Bartlett ordinance was approved 6-0, Commissioner Jim Mansfield being absent.

The exact size of the fenced-in area for the festivals was described in both ordinances as "as agreed on."

"That was our way of saying, 'let's figure it out,'" Fletcher said.

Ignite the Courage president, firefighter Nick McLeod, said that if a fenced-in area were too small it could also cause access issues for first responders. He agreed that keeping alcohol consumption on-site was important.

"We don't want anyone walking

around the car show with beer," McLeod said.

McLeod did note that the festival was geared more towards families during the day, and that parents might want to have a beer while the children played while at the same time keeping them in their sights. He suggested that a too small fenced-in area could cause problems in that respect.

Commissioner Ted Lewis suggested that McLeod work with district staff to come to some kind of compromise.

"See what we can work out," Lewis said, suggesting that the police needed to be brought in as well.

McLeod agreed.

"I want to work with you guys hand-in-hand," McLeod said.

The Ignite the Courage ordinance was also passed 6-0. Both ordinances will have to be passed by the board at their regular meeting, set for Tuesday, Feb. 26.



### The man from the Land of Lincoln

Kevin Wood, portraying as Abraham Lincoln, spoke about his beloved children on Monday, Feb. 4 at the Bartlett Public Library. For story and more photos see page 11.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

## Board resolutions ratified for use of MFT funds

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved of a pair of resolutions directing the use of motor fuel tax (MFT) funds at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The votes were 5-0, Trustee Vince Carbonaro was absent.

Included was a resolution directing \$2.2 million towards 10 annual maintenance projects for the 2019-2020 year. The largest project is the annual street resurfacing and material testing at a cost of \$1.5 million.

Other projects include salt purchase (\$250,000), sidewalk repairs (\$100,000), crack sealing (\$75,000), pavement surface treatment (\$75,000), municipal parking lot maintenance (\$40,000), street light maintenance (\$20,000) and street sweeping

(\$20,000). Also included were a bridge inspection and study (\$75,000) and pavement evaluation (\$45,000) for a project on Schick Road.

Bob Allen, village engineer, wrote in a memo to the board that with the resolution's approval that village can "commit funds to these projects," and "any unused funds will be credited back to the MFT account for use on other projects."

The other resolution approved will direct \$400,000 in MFT funds toward a phase three construction project, the 2019 resurfacing project on Schick and Petersdorf roads.

Like the previous resolution "any unused funds will be credited back to the MFT account for use on other projects," according to Allen.

## Hawks girls hoops advance

On Monday night, Feb. 18, the Bartlett girls basketball team defeated two-time defending state champion Geneva 60-52 at the Batavia Sectional.

The win vaulted the Hawks into a sectional championship contest to be played on Thursday, Feb. 21 against Wheaton Warrenville South at Batavia High School with the winner of that game advancing to the Streamwood Super-Sectional.

The Examiner will have full coverage of all sectional action in next week's edition of the Bartlett Examiner.



# U-46 proposals reviewed for curriculum, expenses

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on a pair of art curriculum proposals as well as \$4.9 million in expenditures over nine items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Feb. 25. The items were presented on Feb. 4.

The curriculum proposals are for secondary arts and a music production class at the DREAM Academy.

The secondary art proposals would not be implemented until the 2020-2021 school year leaving the only current expenditures being proposed for professional development which will cost \$11,800 initially, \$550 annually.

"We are not bringing forth a full resource proposal for secondary art right now since we are over a year out from the proposed implementation," said Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, fine arts coordinator. "The quotes and the pricing information that we would have had for you today would have been drastically out of date by the time we were actually ready to make the purchases."

Abney-Giraldo said the proposal would align with the proposed career pathways as "currently we offer a wide variety of classes, but they are not directly tied to any careers."

Current courses would be phased out except for Fine Arts Studio, Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Arts (at Larkin High School) and AP Art History.

Included are changes to the middle school curriculum where the plan is for four semester based courses as currently students can only take two quarters of art at that level. Art 1 and 2 (implementation in 2020-2021) could be taken by seventh and eighth graders while Art 3 and 4 (implementation in 2021-2022) would be for eighth graders.

"We don't want any students to not have access to art whether they begin Day 1 or they want to begin midway through their eighth grade year," Abney-Giraldo said.

High school arts would include three

strands 2D Art, Photography and Design and 3D Art with introduction courses along with 11 total courses under the strands. Additional stand-alone courses for Commercial Art 1 and 2 are also proposed.

Most of the high school courses would be implemented in 2020-2021 with the senior focused courses in 2021-2022. Abney-Giraldo said the courses would clarify what careers could be pursued by students with the skills from those courses.

Along with the current Art Production course offered at the DREAM Academy, the district is proposing a Music Production course which students can repeat for credit for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year. Between recording technology and professional development it would cost \$28,675 initially, \$1,020 annually.

Regarding the phasing out of current secondary art courses, board member Sue Kerr asked how it would affect students in courses such as jewelry.

"One of the complaints I suspect the board will get was 'they're dropping this. What's my kid going to take now?'" Kerr said.

"When the new curriculum begins, the old curriculum will no longer be in place," said Abney-Giraldo, but "we're not dropping them. They're all still there. We're just repackaging them."

Board member Melissa Owens asked if high school students will be required to take the introductory courses under the specific strands and Abney-Giraldo said they'll be able to enter the strands at "comparable levels" based on their skills.

Regarding the additional expenditure proposals, the largest bid is \$1.5 million to Mechanical Concepts for a chiller replacement at Streamwood's Tefft Middle School. The cost would come out of the operations and maintenance fund if approved.

Another chiller replacement propos-

al, at South Elgin's Kenyon Woods Middle School, is priced at \$849,597 (operations and maintenance) with AMS Mechanical Systems Inc.

Kerr said Kenyon Woods is only 15 years old and was surprised to see the need for the replacement, but she noted the district citing high calcium levels in the water requiring the replacement.

Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said the water supply chosen by individual villages affects the water supply as "a lot of the water is not the best quality" at some schools.

Owens asked if Bartlett schools will benefit from the village's move to Lake Michigan water, which is planned to occur in the middle of May, and Downs said: "We're assuming that it will."

Board member Jeanette Ward said water softeners could be an option. She asked: "In this case, if a water softener had been put in it might have saved the chiller right?"

Downs said the district is "vetting" that option and "looking at it district-wide" as they have already met with vendors.

Two proposals for Elgin High School projects would cost \$972,839 (operations and maintenance) with Northwest Contractors Inc. for the second phase of a domestic water piping replacement project \$867,000 (operations and maintenance and life safety funds) with Associated Electrical Contractors, LLC for main electrical service replacement.

At South Elgin's Clinton Elementary School the district is proposing a boiler replacement costing \$479,597 (operations and maintenance and life safety funds) with AMS Mechanical Systems Inc.

With Snap-on Industrial, the district is seeking to purchase precision manufacturing kits costing \$65,952 to be paid for by the nation's taxpayers

through grant funds.

The district is proposing a \$60,449 expense (operations and maintenance) with Applied Communications Group for wireless access point installation at U-46's plant operations and distributions center.

Seeking magnet status for U-46 high schools under the career pathways, the district is asking for a \$44,700 expenditure (education fund) with Magnet Schools of America which will have on-site visits for two years.

Board member Phil Costello asked for clarification on the cost if the \$44,700 was annual and Kinasha Brown, director of educational pathways, said it was total over the two years.

The district will also ask the board to approve a \$34,647 expense (operations and maintenance) that was already spent on an emergency replacement of pool circulation pump, volute and accompanying piping after a failure at Streamwood High School.

Ward asked a logistical question as she said: "I understand this was an emergency. How do we decide what vendor to use when an emergency comes into being?"

Downs said there was only one available vendor in this case but "typically we have a list of vendors that we have within the department." She said there's a "delicate balance" between price and speed of service "especially when there's an emergency and there's a direct impact to the staff and students."

Costello noted that several of the proposals were similar but the district used different vendors, and he asked if the district looked at packaging proposals to potentially receive a lower price. Downs said "we're actually looking to do that in other areas" and "where possible we're definitely exploring that."



## Connections Poplar Creek Public Library

### Winter Reading Challenge 'Are You Yeti to Read?'

Thank you to all who participated in our Winter Reading Challenge this year! Just a reminder that it ends on Feb. 22. Be sure to stop by the library to claim the prizes you've earned!

#### Tech and Tea

Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Stumped in setting up or using your device? Come in for help and to vent among peers. You bring your questions and devices, we'll provide the tea. No registration necessary-just drop in!

#### Gardener's Corner: Climate Crisis

Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2/3

Learn the science, and see the evidence of how we got here, and what we can do to minimize the effects of "global warming" on our climate. Presented by Kent Taylor. Sponsored by the Tri-Village Garden Club and Poplar Creek Library. Registration preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome! Register online or call 483-4910.

#### Pay for College without Going Broke

Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Experienced professionals share their knowledge and expertise to guide you through actions steps you can take to reduce college costs and still attend the college of your choice. Discover creative, little-known financial and academic strategies to reduce college costs while finding the best-fit college for your child. Parents are encouraged to attend this free, 90-minute seminar presented by My College Planning Team. Register online at [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) or call 483-4928.

### Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Mercedes McGowen Board Room located on the second floor of the library. The public is welcome to attend. For more information call 483-4910.

#### A Guide to Cemetery Research Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Room 3

Learn about how to do research in cemeteries, the information found there, death records, and alternative records that can be helpful when death records cannot be located. Register online at [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) or call 483-4910.

#### Funny Film Friday!

Friday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Come enjoy some laughs at the library with hilarious new and classic movies. Refreshments will be provided. No registration required-just drop in! For specific movie title, please call 483-4910.

#### Oscar Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Join us and watch a 2019 Best Picture Nominee. Fill out a ballot for a chance to win an Oscar-themed gift basket! Snacks and water will be provided. No registration required-just drop in! Call 483-4926 for specific movie title.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., in Streamwood or Sonya Crawshaw Branch, 4300 Audrey Lane in Hanover Park, visit [www.poplarcreeklibrary.org](http://www.poplarcreeklibrary.org). Questions? Call 837-6800.

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# U-46 policy changes approved via split vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved controversial changes to the board's policy under Section 5 pertaining to personnel at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. The board voted 5-2, board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no.

Included were changes to Code 5.020 (workplace anti-harassment policy) and Code 5.203 (teacher assignments and transfers) which the administration admits could lead to staff being disciplined for recognizing biological facts as well as could lead to biological males supervising girls locker rooms and vice versa based on gender identity.

Also leading to some concerns by one of the district's unions, Education Support Service Organization (ESSO) representing custodians, came under Code 5.036 (support staff probation and tenure).

Luis Rodriguez, assistant attorney, said changes to codes 5.020 and 5.203 "make protected class verbiage" changes which add "gender identification."

Prior to the vote Elgin resident Grady Hauser addressed the board during public comments referencing a case from Boyertown, Pennsylvania that is currently in front of the Supreme Court as well as an incident about four months ago in Decatur, Georgia in which the "U.S. Department of Education began an investigation of a sexual assault by a male student against a younger girl in the girl's bathroom" after a change in that district's policy concerning gender identity.

"Sincerely I ask you tonight to consider the legal risks to our district and to the board and to U-46," Hauser said. "If you follow through on this policy tonight without carving out an exception imagine a grown man in the girl's locker room of a high school. How would that fly when a charge is made let alone a confirmed case?"

At the Jan. 14 meeting Ward had to press the question on whether males could be transferred to supervise girls in the locker room as the district's legal staff initially evaded directly answering the question but eventually Miguel Rodriguez, chief legal officer, said "the answer would probably be yes."

Prior to the vote, Ward said: "Our board lawyer admitted at the last meeting that this could happen. This should concern every parent. These policy changes also set the district up for profound potential legal challenges."

At the January meeting, board member Veronica Noland accused Ward of being offensive and that she was "getting tired" of hearing opinions she disagrees with.

Ward said: "My responsibility as a board member is to perform my fiduciary duty in assessing and warning of risks that changes in policy may bring about which could adversely affect the district. And, although those around me may tire of hearing me do so, I will never tire of doing so."

Regarding Code 5.020, Ward suggested adding language to clearly define harassment as verbal or physical conduct that is "severe, pervasive and objectively offensive" to clarify "what delineates an infraction."

Ward said her concerns were "teachers could be compelled to use language that violates their deeply held convictions and First Amendment rights. More specifically, it could be construed to mean that a teacher who refuses to refer to another teacher by the sex they are not is harassing them."

Rodriguez said a staff member's First Amendment rights are at a "very limited capacity" in the workplace meaning the district could discriminate against staff members based on their religious beliefs or world view.

Board member Melissa Owens shared concerns with the same codes saying the policy is "more narrow" than the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's policies. She said the policy was missing language regarding retaliation and false claims of harassment.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the retaliation language was in Code 5.010: "No employee or applicant will be retaliated or discriminated against for reporting, witnessing or participating in an investigation, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation or provide knowingly false information."

"It's there. It's not quite as robust,"

Owens said who also said the "nondiscrimination language" was unnecessary in Code 5.203 to which Luis Rodriguez said it's "just a recommendation to the board" while Miguel Rodriguez said he "reviewed (case law) last week" that showed a necessity for the language but said he "can't recall" if that case law concerned public schools.

Owens said her concerns were different from Ward and made assumptions of what Ward believes.

"I'm going to be abundantly clear that I'm not saying this because of the issue that Mrs. Ward raised," Owens said. "I firmly reject, and it upsets me that we are saying at this table that a class of persons is automatically assumed to be either pedophiles or sexual criminals, and I resoundingly reject that statement."

Noland thanked Owens for making the statements against Ward saying: "I completely agree in rejecting those assumptions that are made about groups and communities based on their sexual orientation."

Ward responded: "I'm not assuming that any person is assumed to be a sexual criminal. But any father of daughters, any mother of sons, does not want their children to be supervised in bathrooms and locker rooms by a member of the opposite biological sex. That is just commonsense reason."

For Costello, he said it's already "codified" in policy regarding discriminatory behavior and its unnecessary to single out certain groups for protection over other groups.

"We've described the behavior in our policy that there has to be nondiscrimination and that all means all," Costello said. "It's just it should be applicable or it's not."

Costello added: "We just drill down

to the point where it's just a little bit confusing, and we're maybe and possibly not addressing each and every sector that might be out there that may be or maybe not be affected by these things. So again, I like the overarching approach of all means all."

Tim Sheahan, ESSO's president, raised concerns with changes to Code 5.036 which he said strips seniority status from employees if they are promoted which "sets the value of a promoted employee equal to a new hire."

The changes eliminate language stating "seniority rights will be retroactive to the first day of employment in that position" and adds language that staff "may be terminated." It also adds: "For all employees who belong to a collective bargaining unit, the probationary period language of the applicable collective bargaining agreement shall apply."

"Firing an employee without just cause right after promoting them would be throwing your investment right into the garbage," Sheahan said.

Sanders said he interpreted it as "still subject to any collective bargaining units," and Luis Rodriguez said "it's not a mandate" and the "may language in there" was added to make it "very broad."

Donna Smith, the board's president, said: "We do try to write (policy) kind of general and open to allow administration and, you know to make things work well."

"We don't get involved in the day to day, and we don't want our policies to direct the day to day," Smith added. "So we try to keep our, with the may... that's a word we use a lot because it doesn't mean you will. It means you may."

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# U-46 fee structure for 2019-20 school year set

By Seth Hancock

The fees for the 2019-2020 school year in School District U-46 will remain largely the same but with some changes.

The proposal was presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 with a vote expected on Feb. 25.

The main change in fees is the addition of a \$25 repair insurance fee for district issued Chromebooks to middle and high school students as well as for fifth and sixth grade students at the elementary level and fourth grade Ignite program students.

U-46 has recently gone to one-to-one technology at the high school level and approved at the middle school level and “potentially” extending to fifth and sixth grade according to Jeff King, chief operations officer, who said that “will be encompassed in a proposal that the board will see with-in the next few weeks.”

King said the \$25 fee was not included in this year’s fees for high school “because of the timing and how quickly we rolled that out. Last spring the fees were already approved by the board so we could not implement anything at that time.”

The insurance does not cover repairs or replacement of chromebooks if a student “intentionally destroys a device” according to King. If a device is stolen, King said a police report would have to be made and given to the district to waive the replacement fee.

High school instructional fees, including the insurance, are set at \$265 with a reduction to \$245 for early payment (before May 31) and an increase to \$285 for late payment (after Aug. 31). There’s an additional \$150 fee for the academies.

The late fee is \$20 across all levels but on the document it reads that the \$285 price is the late fee at the high school level. Board member Jeanette Ward suggested the district clarify that in the document because “that would be like insane if that were the actual late

fee,” and King said he understood that’s how the document reads.

For driver’s education there is a \$300 behind-the-wheel fee and \$13 text-book fee, a parking permit is \$100 and the athletic participation fee is \$150 or \$200 for football. Additional optional high school fees include a \$40 activity fee and \$45 basic yearbook fee with customization options priced at the schools.

Middle school fees are set at \$187 with early payment at \$167 and late payment at \$207. The athletic participation fee is \$80.

Elementary school fees are set at \$116 (\$96 early/\$136 late) for first through fourth grade, \$141 (\$121 early/\$161 late) for fifth and sixth grade and \$291 (\$271 early/\$311 late) for the Ignite program.

The half-day kindergarten fee is \$48 (\$58 late) and full-day \$96 (\$116 late). There are no reductions for early payment.

The central school program fees are \$140 for Moving On, \$50 for SWEP and \$105 for Center House.

Refunds will be given if a student is withdrawn before the first day of school with no refund if withdrawn after the school year starts. New students registered after Jan. 1 will be required to pay half the fee.

Regarding the chromebooks, board member Sue Kerr asked how many have been damaged, lost or stolen and King said “we’re around 30 to 40 devices that are gone or damaged beyond repair.” King said over 12,000 were issued to high school and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said 14,000 were ordered.

Board member Phil Costello asked how much in revenue is raised through the fees to which King said “a little over \$2 million,” but only “about 50 percent or less pay the fees.”

Asked by Kerr and Ward to elaborate on why only about half of families pay the fee, King said the district has to waive the fee for free and reduced price meal families under federal law.

# Bartlett boys hoops upsets West Aurora, falls to GBS

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team split a pair of Upstate Eight Conference games heading into the final week of the regular season.

Early on this season, Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith said: “You’ve got to come ready every night in this conference because any team can win. “If you can’t put a full game together in our conference, you’re going to lose every night.”

The Hawks, who ended the week 5-12 in the UEC, proved that by handing league leader West Aurora its first loss of the season in a 58-57 game on Tues-

day, Feb. 12 at Bartlett.

The game was back and forth with Bartlett leading 18-10 after one quarter but trailing 31-23 at the break and 47-39 entering the fourth. The Hawks won the final period 19-10.

Against Glenbard South, the Hawks ended the week with a 46-41 loss on Friday, Feb. 15 at Glenbard South. Bartlett led most of the night and took a 35-30 lead into the fourth when Glenbard South rallied with a 16-6 frame.

Jack Stuenkel (10 points), Austin Gates (nine points), Clark Lewis (six points) and Hayden Angell (five points) led the Hawks.

Bartlett is 8-20 overall as it prepares for the Glenbard West Regional where the No. 20 Hawks open against No. 13 Hinsdale South.

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### **Geneva High School to host Illinois Regional College Fair April 4**

**By: Geneva Community Unit School District 304**



- The Fox Valley's 2019 Illinois Regional College Fair will be hosted on Thursday, April 4, at Geneva High School. It is also open to students from Batavia, Burlington Central, Kaneland, South Elgin, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, and West Chicago high schools.

Geneva High School will host the Fox Valley's 2019 Illinois Regional College Fair from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

Representatives from more than 160 in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities will be available to meet students and answer their questions.

The event is not only open to Geneva High students, but also to: Batavia, Burlington Central, Kaneland, South Elgin, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, and West Chicago high schools.

"This is an amazing opportunity for our students to learn more about colleges and universities from admissions experts," said GHS Director of Counseling and Advising David King. "These professionals are extensions of the campus and this is a great way for our students to show their true interest in a school while also determining their 'best fit' university or college. It's also so close to home, this is a can't miss opportunity!" King added.

More than 40 public and private Illinois-based institutions of higher education have confirmed attendance as well as more than 120 schools from other states.

International schools also will be represented.

"Students should treat this like an initial interview," King said. "They are interviewing the school as much as the representatives are learning about their educational passions. They should come prepared with 2-3 specific questions and a game plan of schools to visit."

"There are only two hours allotted for the fair, and each visit should be meaningful," he added.

Registration is now open at [www.strivescan.com](http://www.strivescan.com).



The Illinois Regional College Fair is a project of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling.

## **SPORTS**

**---The Daily Herald---02/20/2019**

### **Sectional loss leaves South Elgin in foul mood**

**By” Allen Oshinski**



- South Elgin's Casey Brennan during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.



- South Elgin's Madison Waichunas drives to the basket during the Storm's sectional semifinal loss to Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.



- South Elgin's Casey Brennan chases down a loose ball.





- South Elgin's Miah Galvin during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.



- South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack talks to an official during the Storm's loss Tuesday in Belvidere. South Elgin shot 9 free throws while Rockford Boylan attempted 33.



- South Elgin's Ella Winterhalder during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.



- South Elgin's Caroline Croft during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.





- South Elgin's Ella Winterhalder during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.



- South Elgin's Megan McClure during sectional semifinal girls basketball action against Rockford Boylan at Belvidere North Tuesday night.

BELVIDERE -- Peyton Kennedy will probably haunt the nightmares of South Elgin girls basketball players through the summer.

Rockford Boylan's junior center was seemingly everywhere in leading the Titans past South Elgin, 60-54, in the first semifinal of the Class 4A Belvidere North sectional Tuesday night.

Kennedy scored 33 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and appeared to come up with every loose ball as Boylan overcame a 6-point fourth-quarter deficit to pull out the win.

Megan McClure had 17 points for South Elgin (20-12).

Early on, it looked as if the 31-2 Titans would blow the Upstate Eight upstarts out of the gym as they took leads of 14-2 in the first quarter and 36-19 early in the third.

But then a funny thing happened on the way to the Titans' coronation: a Storm rolled in.

South Elgin went on a 27-4 run extending into the fourth quarter. Suddenly, the supremely confident Titans were dribbling out of bounds, throwing away passes and missing open shots. And the Storm was knocking them down.

South Elgin took its first lead of the game on a floater by Casey Brennan 17 seconds into the final period. McClure drained a 3-pointer and Caroline Croft added a bucket to put the Storm up 46-40 with about 5 minutes to play.



Then the Titans settled into a familiar place: the free-throw line. Boylan made 14 of 19 free throws while outscoring the Storm 20-8 the rest of the way.

For the game, Boylan attempted 33 free throws, making 23, while South Elgin went just 2-for-9 from the charity stripe.

South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack said that an unnamed faculty member was teasing him, suggesting that his squad would be huge underdogs to Boylan.

"I said, 'We're going to give them (heck),' " Mandernack said. "I told the girls, 'We're going to give them (heck). We're going to play hard, we're going to play aggressive. We're going to play free, loose, our style.'"

"What happened in that third and fourth quarter with us taking the lead, that was a sight. The gym was rocking, We couldn't miss a shot, and I think we were up six, and we couldn't make free throws."

Brennan, Croft and Ella Winterhalder scored 10 points apiece for the Storm. Madison Waichunas grabbed 6 rebounds as the Storm battled the Titans evenly on the boards, with each team grabbing 24.

With only 2 seniors in Tuesday's starting lineup, the Storm hopes to use the experience to continue building for next year.

"You've got to overcome adversity and the girls did," Mandernack said. "They stuck with it. We've got some real good players coming back. We'll lose some incredible seniors, but we just look forward to summer league.

"I told them to remember this feeling and fight in the offseason so you don't feel this way again, because it hurts. We had a great run. I don't think many people picked us to be here, and they definitely didn't pick us to be up 6 with 4 minutes left against Rockford Boylan."

## **---The Courier-News---02/20/2019**

### **Sinclair? She's simply scintillating**

Sophomore scores 26 as Bartlett beats Geneva in sectional semifinal

**By: Paul Johnson**



- Bartlett's Lexie Sinclair, right, scoots past Geneva's Grace Hinchman (11) and Katie Montgomery for a shot during Monday's game.



- Geneva's Lindsay Blackmore, right, takes a shot against Bartlett in the Class 4A Batavia Sectional semifinals on Monday. Blackmore led Geneva with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

Lexie Sinclair and her Bartlett teammates were not intimidated about playing two-time defending state champion Geneva.

Sinclair scored the first six points of the game Monday night, setting the tone for a 60-52 victory in the Class 4A Batavia Sectional semifinals.

The sophomore point guard finished with a game-high 26 points as Bartlett (28-4) advanced to Thursday's sectional championship game against Wheaton Warrenville South.

"I think that we just had a lot of energy coming into the game," Sinclair said. "We wanted to win. A lot of it is we played in games where we had to be composed. I think that helped us."

Mackenzie Hare hit a pair of 3-pointers to give Bartlett a 12-3 lead, and the Hawks never trailed.

"We started off slow the last two games," Geneva coach Sarah Meadows said. "In a sectional semifinal, you can't do that. You can't do that against good teams."

Sinclair scored 15 points in the first half as Bartlett opened up a 28-20 lead.

In the third quarter, however, Geneva (20-12) crept back into the game. Bartlett missed four layups in the first 3:20 of the second half, helping the Vikings cut the lead to 28-24.

Sinclair answered with a 3-pointer, though, and the Hawks only wound up losing one point off their halftime lead with a 41-34 advantage heading into the fourth.

"I'm proud of the girls," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "They overcame a lot of adversity, missing those layups. Geneva cut it to four just like that. Then, boom, we put it back up to seven."



Hare and Sinclair each converted 3-pointers early in the fourth to push the lead to 52-38, thwarting a repeat of Geneva's comeback win over Glenbard West for the regional title.

"We tried to come back in the third quarter like we did the other night, and they held us off," Meadows said. "(Bartlett) did the same thing (in its win over Wheaton North in the regional final). They step up and hit some big shots. Good luck to them."

Lindsay Blackmore led Geneva with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

"Lindsay really came out of her shell," Meadows said of this season. "She didn't have to do that before, and I thought she filled that role really nicely for us. There were games where she put us on her back. She's only going to get better."

The Hawks have a chance at their first sectional title since the 2011-12 season, when they placed third in the state.

"We're really excited," Sinclair said. "I've been thinking about it, that we have a chance to go far this year. It's so excited to be able to do it with (my teammates)."

# Police Reports

Continued from page 3

the 800 block of Rainbow for a fraud complaint.

- ★ At 5:12 p.m., police responded to the Willard Elementary School, 370 W. Spring, for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 5:30 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Denton for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 6:11 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and West Spring for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
- ★ At 6:19 p.m., police responded to Family Hear Care, 460 Briargate Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 6:54 p.m., police responded to Handpress Cleaners, 1280 W. Spring, for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 7 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Williams for a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 7:29 p.m., police responded to McCloud Services, 1635 N. Lancaster Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 7:52 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and North Lancaster for a report of a hit and run in progress.
- ★ At 8:41 p.m., police responded to Raynor Covering Systems, 665 Schneider Drive, for a report of an activated

alarm.

- ★ At 9:19 p.m., police responded to Victoria’s Nail Salon, 349 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:21 p.m., police responded to Zieglers Ace Hardware, 301 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:30 p.m., police responded to Dental Care of South Elgin, 342 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

**Friday, Feb. 8**

- ★ At 12:59 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Dublin in an attempt to locate an unidentified subject.
- ★ At 8:38 a.m., police responded to LA Tan 610 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:21 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Stevenson for a report of an activated commercial fire alarm.
- ★ At 11 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of South Collins for a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 3:25 p.m., police responded to Dunkin’ Donuts, 405 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of theft.
- ★ At 3:27 p.m., police responded to the Waters Edge of South Elgin, 418 N. Center, in an attempt to locate an unidentified subject.
- ★ At 4:29 p.m., police responded to Lakeview Precision Machining, 751 Schneider Drive, for a report of an ac-

tivated alarm.

- ★ At 4:41 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Crystal for a child abuse complaint.
- ★ At 6:27 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 7:08 p.m., police responded to McCloud Services, 1635 N. Lancaster Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 8:52 p.m., police responded to HD Plumbing and Heating, 860 Commerce Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**

- ★ At 1:17 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Dean for a report of a drug law violation.
- ★ At 1:38 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 3:16 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Birch for a report of a suspicious person.
- ★ At 8:33 a.m., police responded to the 900 block of Franklin for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
- ★ At 12:25 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Thorn-

wood for a report of a hit and run.

- ★ At 2:05 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hancock for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 4 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Spring for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 5:13 p.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 5:40 p.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a failure to pay complaint.
- ★ At 6:06 p.m., police responded to CVS Pharmacy, 255 N. McLean Blvd., for a shoplifting complaint.
- ★ At 7:14 p.m., police responded to the 200block of Windsor for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 11:11 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Sandhurst for a report of a hit and run.
- ★ At 11:52 p.m., police responded to McCloud Services, 1635 N. Lancaster Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

**Sunday, Feb. 10**

- ★ At 1:46 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Dean for a loud party

## Park District commissioners continue exploring options

**By Joe Hyland**

At the Park District’s Jan. 8 meeting, Executive Director Rita Fletcher reported on the start of a district effort to determine what, if any, effect climate change might have on the district’s various programs. Fletcher emphasized that only one year of data was available so far. She said that any meaningful conclusions would obviously have to wait until more data was collected and the existence of any trends determined and analyzed.

Fletcher’s report included such data as the number of days Villa Olivia, as well as the district’s sledding hills and ice rinks were open. It also included such things as the number of days soccer, football or baseball/softball fields had to be closed.

Some options were discussed at that meeting. They included purchase of ice rink equipment in order to manufacture a surface rather than waiting around for temperatures to drop low enough to flood the rink sites. Re-

placement of some of the grass fields with turf also came up.

At the district’s Tuesday, Feb. 12 committee workshop meeting, Commissioner Steve Eckelberry presented some information on skating rinks.

“Staff did some research,” said Eckelberry. “They are not cheap.”

Eckelberry said that the best estimate staff had come up with is around \$400,000. He said that staff had looked at neighboring municipalities such as Wheaton, that had similar set-ups in order to put together the estimate.

Commissioner Diana Gunsteen wanted to know how Wheaton used its rink, particularly with respect to fees.

“Theirs is all free,” Fletcher replied, noting that the Bartlett district currently has two rinks, with one set up for hockey and one for free skate.

Gunsteen also asked how long an artificial rink might be kept open.

Fletcher said it would likely be similar to the district’s current season.

## Storm, Hawks grapplers finish strong, Lopez to state

**By Seth Hancock**

South Elgin junior grappler Elijah Lopez capped the wrestling season with a trip to state at 160 pounds, and Bartlett had plenty of success in the postseason.

Lopez advanced to the state tournament on Thursday, Feb. 14 through Saturday, Feb. 16 at State Farm Center in Champaign. He went 0-2 but finished a strong 32-11 on the season.

At the Conant Sectional on Saturday, Feb. 9, Lopez went 3-1 dropping the title match for his only loss. He was one of four Storm wrestlers at sectionals, and Bartlett had three.

“[Lopez’s] confidence in his game plan and how to execute perfectly has made him so much better,” said South Elgin coach Adam Lehnus. “His length and positioning give opponents trouble and although he’s not flashy, he hits his shots and defends even better.”

Junior Vince Clinite (25-14 overall) at 195 went 2-2 for the Storm, and senior Alex Tornabene (19-17) at 132 and sophomore Michael Roath (24-18) at 220 were both 0-2.

A trio of Bartlett seniors wrestled at sectionals Trent Johnson (160, 34-14) and Cody Rivelli (138, 34-14) both go-

ing 2-2, and Jack Oliver (113, 36-12) went 1-2.

“This is the best team I’ve been around at Bartlett, and it starts with the seniors,” said Bartlett coach John Glorioso.

The Hawks were seventh at the Glenbard North Regional and the Storm fifth at the South Elgin Regional on Saturday, Feb. 2. Lopez and Roath were second and Clinite and Tornabene third to advance for South Elgin, and Johnson was third and both Oliver and Rivelli fourth for Bartlett.

At the Upstate Eight Conference meet, the Hawks were third and Storm sixth on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Streamwood.

Oliver, senior Paul Kearns (126) and junior Jacob Cwenar (182) all took titles for the Hawks while Johnson, Rivelli and junior Abe Serrato (152) were second. Lopez, Roath and Tornabene all won titles for the Storm and senior Hayden Groesser (285) was second.

“We had a wonderful conference tournament with only a couple matches we’d like to have back,” Glorioso said. “It’s that time of the year where we had to grind out victories, and that is exactly what we did.”

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Members also receive a subscription to the foundation’s colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and “The Tree Book,” which contains information about planting and care.

Joining the foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, visit [arborday.org/February](http://arborday.org/February) or send a \$10 contribution by Feb. 28 to:

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# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD Tuesday, Feb. 12

★ At 10:09 p.m., William Taylor, 51, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to Cook County Sheriff’s Department Headquarters.

## Wednesday, Feb. 13

★ At 10 p.m., Kyle B. Hickey, 20, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and speeding 15 to 20 mph over the limit. The subject was released and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:23 p.m., Oscar A. Rojas, 21, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while registration canceled/revoked/suspended, failure to obtain driver’s license after revocation and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## Thursday, Feb. 14

★ At 1:28 a.m., Michael P. Lee, 27, Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 2:40 a.m., Andres S. Suarez, 28, Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked or suspended and disregarding stop sign. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## BARTLETT Friday, Feb. 8

★ At 6:57 a.m., a 16-year-old Carol Stream juvenile was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon and disorderly conduct. He was released on bond.

★ At 10:48 a.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Ashford Circle reported that she was notified by FedEx that her package was accidentally delivered to her prior address. The complainant stated that the current resident advised her that no package was delivered there. She notified the company for a replacement.

★ At 4:10 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of First Avenue reported that an unknown offender stole her Apple air pods while at school. The complainant believes they were taken by a fellow classmate.

## Saturday, Feb. 9

★ At 1:27 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Apple Tree Court reported that an unknown offender used his information to open a credit card without his knowledge. He notified the credit card company of the incident.

★ At 1:34 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Poppy Lane reported that an unknown van with three unknown male subjects was parked outside his residence, with the occupants passing out business flyers. The complainant

believed this to suspicious after he observed houses were skipped if vehicles were in the driveway. Police searched the area with negative results.

★ At 4:47 p.m., Miriam Cayatano, 33, Cicero, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and driving with expired license plates. She was released on an I-bond and faces a March 11 court date.

## Sunday, Feb. 10

★ At 1:02 a.m., Antonio J. Young, 34, Hoffman Estates, was cited for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a March 20 hearing date.

★ At 8:46 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Acorn Court reported an unknown male subject sitting in his vehicle with the engine running overnight. The subject advised he was involved in a verbal dispute and currently had no residence. Peace was restored.

★ At 11:13 a.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Persimmon Court reported concern for her son handing out with a friend whom she believes to be a bad influence.

★ At 7:59 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Acorn Court reported that a male subject came to her residence and sold her a *Daily Herald* subscription. The complainant received a receipt for the subscription but now believes it to be a scam.

## Monday, Feb. 11

★ At 9:27 a.m., a 16-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces a March 20 court date.

★ At 11:55 a.m., Abel Rios, 22, Melrose Park, was cited for possession of cannabis. He was also given a verbal warning for speeding. He faces a March 20 hearing date.

★ At 7:43 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Peregrine Parkway reported that an unknown offender scratched multiple areas of his vehicle while it was parked in the driveway at a friend’s residence.

## Tuesday, Feb. 12

★ At 1:57 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of East Stearns Road reported being upset with school staff at Centennial School in reference to school discipline issued to a student.

★ At 10:58 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to Kane County Juvenile Detention to await a bond hearing.

## Wednesday, Feb. 13

★ At 9:17 a.m., Frankie J. Santoro, 25, Oswego, was cited for disorderly conduct. He faces a March 20 court date.

★ At 10:59 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Hillcrest Lane reported being notified by his bank that a check he canceled was cashed.

★ At 8:37 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Rose Lane reported that an unknown male subject in a vehicle was

parked in her driveway. The subject left the area prior to police arrival.

## Thursday, Feb. 14

★ At 7:51 a.m., Dave a. Chandubhai, 68, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with failure to report an accident and improper lane usage. He a released on an I-bond and faces a March 28 court date.

## CAROL STREAM Wednesday, Feb. 6

★ At 5:27 p.m., Andrew J. Lang, 51, Bensenville, was arrested and charged with pedestrian soliciting ride on roadway, intoxicated pedestrian and walking on roadway. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## Thursday, Feb. 7

★ At 2:59 p.m., Hong Wei Zhang, 45, Elgin, was arrested and charged with

prostitution and practicing massage without a license. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## Friday, Feb. 8

★ At 9:47 p.m., Jalon L. Woffard, 29, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of cannabis. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

## Saturday, Feb. 9

★ At 7:41 a.m., Letarn J. Harris, 37, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with two counts of domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 9:16 p.m., Darius J. McGee 49, Springfield, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

# Sabres wrestling team has season end at regional

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood wrestling team went out fighting and earned experience this season as the Sabres season ended.

At the South Elgin Regional, the Sabres had two wrestlers narrowly miss advancing and the team finished eighth on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Mike Brewer (152 pounds) and Edwin Rivera (160) both went 2-2 with a pair of wins by fall, but finished fourth. Sean Thompson (145) and Emigdio Mayo (220) both contributed to the team score.

Thompson, after dropping his first match, had a win by fall but finished 1-2. Mayo opened with a 12-5 victory before losing two straight matches.

Streamwood finished 10th at the Up-

state Eight Conference meet on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Streamwood.

Brewer won his first match by fall before losing to go to the consolation bracket. He then earned two wins by fall to finish 3-1 and take home third place for Streamwood’s top finish.

Taylor Bassett finished sixth for the Sabres.

Streamwood will lose eight seniors including Brewer, Mayo, Bassett, Elijah Beach, Alfonso Reyna, Cameron Rogers, Kris Smith and Diego Valdez.

“We are so young and inexperienced,” said Streamwood coach Bill Peach. “We had a lot of wrestlers who were brand new to the sport.”

Peach added: “The guys have been working hard and are always coming to practice and lifting sessions.”

# State bills introduced aimed at cutting property taxes

According to Capital News Illinois, GOP lawmaker aims to cut local property taxes. A bill that would slash local property taxes by 10 percent over the next two years has been introduced in the Illinois House.

State Rep. David McSweeney (R- Barrington Hills) introduced that legislation Monday, Feb. 4. After a two-year phase in, it would permanently cap local taxes at that lower level unless local voters approve a tax increase in a referendum.

House Bill 320 is just one of a number of efforts in the General Assembly to

put more state controls on local property taxes. Another, Senate Bill 81, by Sen. Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), would, with certain exceptions, cap individual property assessment increases at no more than 20 percent a year.

Lobby groups representing local units of government, which rely on property taxes as a major source of revenue, are expected to work hard against any such measures. The Illinois Municipal League in particular has a standing position this year of opposing any legislation to freeze property tax rates or reduce local taxing authority.

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# Applications accepted for Earth Day events

Applications will be accepted through Thursday, Feb. 28 for 2019 Earth Day in the Parks events from the IDNR in which students and their teacher conduct natural resources stewardship activities, such as planting native wildflowers and grasses, building bird nesting boxes and removing invasive, exotic plants, at participating Illinois state parks. Participants are selected through an application process. The application form is available at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/EDITPinstruct.aspx>.

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.

Constitutional Amendment proposal  
Dear Editor,

I have filed House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 14 (HJRCA 14) to protect Illinois retirees from another tax increase.

Encouraging the State of Illinois to tax retirement income to solve its budget problems is like giving a no limit credit card to a spend-alcoholic already drowning in debt, it’s absolutely ridiculous. The state needs to take a major step toward cutting its out of control spending.”

HJRCA 14 specifically changes the revenue article of the state constitution to prevent the state from imposing a tax upon retirement income.

Retirees across Illinois are already being taxed out their homes. For many of those

that haven’t already left, not having their retirement income taxed is the only thing keeping them here. But we can pretty much guarantee they’ll be gone if the state starts taxing it.

Retirement income is one of the few things Illinois does not currently tax. Moody’s also recently warned that another tax increase would cause even more taxpayers to leave Illinois, leading to more revenue losses and deepening the budget crisis.

For more information about HJRCA 14, visit: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HJRCA&DocNum=14&GAID=15&SessionID=108&LegID=115882>.

State Rep. Allen Skillicorn  
(R-East Dundee)



# U-46 fee structure for 2019-20 school year set

By Seth Hancock

The fees for the 2019-2020 school year in School District U-46 will remain largely the same but with some changes.

The proposal was presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 with a vote expected on Feb. 25.

The main change in fees is the addition of a \$25 repair insurance fee for district issued Chromebooks to middle and high school students as well as for fifth and sixth grade students at the elementary level and fourth grade Ignite program students.

U-46 has recently gone to one-to-one technology at the high school level and approved at the middle school level and "potentially" extending to fifth and sixth grade according to Jeff King, chief operations officer, who said that "will be encompassed in a proposal that the board will see with-in the next few weeks."

King said the \$25 fee was not included in this year's fees for high school "because of the timing and how quickly we rolled that out. Last spring the fees were already approved by the board so we could not implement anything at that time."

The insurance does not cover repairs or replacement of chromebooks if a student "intentionally destroys a device" according to King. If a device is stolen, King said a police report would have to be made and given to the district to waive the replacement fee.

High school instructional fees, including the insurance, are set at \$265 with a reduction to \$245 for early payment (before May 31) and an increase to \$285 for late payment (after Aug. 31). There's an additional \$150 fee for the academies.

The late fee is \$20 across all levels but on the document it reads that the \$285 price is the late fee at the high school level. Board member Jeanette Ward suggested the district clarify that in the document because "that would be like insane if that were the actual late

fee," and King said he understood that's how the document reads.

For driver's education there is a \$300 behind-the-wheel fee and \$13 text-book fee, a parking permit is \$100 and the athletic participation fee is \$150 or \$200 for football. Additional optional high school fees include a \$40 activity fee and \$45 basic yearbook fee with customization options priced at the schools.

Middle school fees are set at \$187 with early payment at \$167 and late payment at \$207. The athletic participation fee is \$80.

Elementary school fees are set at \$116 (\$96 early/\$136 late) for first through fourth grade, \$141 (\$121 early/\$161 late) for fifth and sixth grade and \$291 (\$271 early/\$311 late) for the Ignite program.

The half-day kindergarten fee is \$48 (\$58 late) and full-day \$96 (\$116 late). There are no reductions for early payment.

The central school program fees are \$140 for Moving On, \$50 for SWEP and \$105 for Center House.

Refunds will be given if a student is withdrawn before the first day of school with no refund if withdrawn after the school year starts. New students registered after Jan. 1 will be required to pay half the fee.

Regarding the chromebooks, board member Sue Kerr asked how many have been damaged, lost or stolen and King said "we're around 30 to 40 devices that are gone or damaged beyond repair." King said over 12,000 were issued to high school and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said 14,000 were ordered.

Board member Phil Costello asked how much in revenue is raised through the fees to which King said "a little over \$2 million," but only "about 50 percent or less pay the fees."

Asked by Kerr and Ward to elaborate on why only about half of families pay the fee, King said the district has to waive the fee for free and reduced price meal families under federal law.

## Streamwood tops Elgin then falls to East Aurora

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team ran away in the second half to earn an 80-68 victory over Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Elgin.

After an up and down first half which saw the Sabres leading 32-29 at the break, Streamwood pulled away in the third quarter. Elgin grabbed a 33-32 lead before the Sabres went on a 15-2 run to take the lead for good which stood at 55-42 entering the fourth.

The win was the fourth in Streamwood's last five games and was coming off their only loss of the stretch in a wild 103-93 game against West Aurora.

"The energy was terrific," said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. "Our press was much more effective in the second half. We got some big steals and turned them into points."

Payne added: "We had some guys step up and make some shots, and we were able to get Keenon the ball where we needed to. We just have a bunch of guys who love to compete, and right now we are playing our best ball of the season."

Streamwood had four players reach double digits in scoring led by Keenon Cole's double-double performance, 25 points and 12 rebounds.

Zach Marquez scored 16 points, Darryl Luce 15 and Luke Pentecost 11. Richard

Santiago (six points) and Nick Droll (five points) contributed.

"My teammates did a great job of finding me," Cole said. "They made some big shots too. They really kept us in the game. I was really proud of them."

The Sabres went on to drop an 84-65 UEC game against East Aurora on Friday, Feb. 15 at East Aurora.

Streamwood is now 12-17 overall, 8-9 in the UEC, entering the final week of the regular season as it prepares for the South Elgin Regional. The No. 8 Sabres open with No. 10 Jacobs in the quarterfinals.

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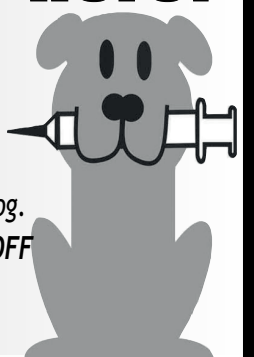
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# Hawks topple Falcons to win regional crown



The Hawks' Mackenzie Hare bracing for some inevitable contact as she attempted to split the defense of the Rams' Lauren Huber, left, and Aubrey Wendorff during Bartlett's regional semi-final win over Glenbard East.



Hawks players celebrating on the floor immediately following the team's regional championship game victory over Wheaton North, Friday, Feb. 15 on their home court.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team broke free in the fourth quarter to capture a regional title on its home court as the No. 3 Hawks defeated No. 5 Wheaton North 61-51 in the Bartlett Regional finals on Friday, Feb. 15.

Hawks coach Brad Hunt called the game a "dog-fight" against a team it beat in overtime at Wheaton North earlier this season, and the rematch was tight after Bartlett overcame an early nine-point deficit.

Ahead 36-31 entering the fourth quarter, senior Teagan Noesen (12 points) hit her fourth three-pointer to start the final period and Bartlett led by at least six the rest of the game. With a 47-41 lead and 2:55 left to play, the Hawks went on a 7-1 run for a 54-42 lead with 1:29 left and they led by double digits the rest of the game.

"I told them before the game 'take care of the ball and we win this game,'" Hunt said. "We handled the pressure and we finished strong."

"We just had a lot of energy going into the fourth," said sophomore Lexie Sinclair who scored a team-high 20 points. "That just kept us going."

Bartlett shot 12-for-16 at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter with a 6-for-6 performance from sophomore Justina Hernandez who scored 10 of her 12 points in the quarter.

Things started slow for the Hawks who fell behind 12-3 a little over three minutes into the game, but they responded with the final nine points of the pe-

riod for a 12-12 tie and led 19-18 at halftime.

Wheaton North pulled ahead 23-19 early in the third quarter when Bartlett responded with a 15-4 run to take the lead for good at 34-27 with 1:13 left in the period. Noesen opened that rally with back-to-back threes, Sinclair scored five points with a trey and junior Shelly Banks capped it with a bucket.

"We just realized we needed to shut them down on defense after our offensive letdown at the start, and we eventually got our offense going," Sinclair said.

Freshman Mackenzie Hare had nine points and senior Savannah Standefer five.

Bartlett, now 28-4 overall, advances to the Batavia Sectional to face two-time defending state champions No. 2 Geneva (20-11). The regional title is the Hawks first since 2016 and comes after a semifinal exit last year with a squad that included two freshmen starters, Hernandez and Sinclair.

"It's a nice thing to have one more year of experience," Hunt said. "They're just blossoming and growing."

Bartlett advanced to the finals after a 58-21 regional semifinal win over No. 19 Glenbard East on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The Hawks jumped to a 22-4 lead after one period and held the visitors to only four points in each of the first three frames to take a 46-12 lead into the fourth.

Hare hit five threes on the way to 20 points and Sinclair followed with 12 points. Hernandez, Noesen and Standefer each tallied six points.



After creating a fourth-quarter turnover near the Wheaton North bench, the Hawks' Lexie Sinclair lead a rush the other way helping to cement a regional title victory. Sinclair lead Bartlett on the night with 20 points.



Justina Hernandez completing an assault on the Falcons' hoop for the Hawks while passing Wheaton North's Nikki Baird.



Animated players, coaches and managers of the 2018-19 Bartlett Regional champs came together following the title win. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# Storm edge Fillies in double OT to win title



Laura Mahlum, left, in a first half struggle for possession of the ball that typified the battle the two teams fought in the double overtime Elgin Regional title game.



As South Elgin's Madison Waichunas attempted to dish off a pass, Barrington's Taylor Thompson made contact with Waichunas. *(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*



Casey Brennan scoring for the Storm on a driving layup against Streamwood during South Elgin's Wednesday, Feb. 13 regional semi-final win over the Sabres.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team defended its top-seed at the Elgin Regional as the No. 2 Storm defeated No. 3 Barrington 60-51 in double overtime on Thursday, Feb. 14.

The win sends the Storm into the Belvidere North Sectional with a 20-11 record where they'll face No. 1 Rockford Boylan (27-2). It also snaps three straight regional title game losses (2015-2017) despite South Elgin holding the top seed.

"I'm just overwhelmed right now with how hard they played," said South Elgin coach Dan Manderneck. "These girls just refuse to lose. Our resolve, our heart just shined tonight."

Trailing 27-23 at halftime, the Storm rallied to within one, 30-29, entering the fourth quarter where no more than four points separated the squads. Barrington eventually hit a bucket at the buzzer to send it to overtime at 45-45 and it was 49-49 after the first overtime.

Barrington hit the first bucket of the second overtime and later led 51-50 when junior Madison Waichunas (15 points) gave the Storm a 52-51 lead with 1:34 left in the period sparking a 10-0 finish. South Elgin went 8-for-10 from the free-throw line to finish the win.

"I knew that was the game changer," Waichunas said of the go-ahead bucket. "We knew we were going to win that game after that. Going two overtimes to win a regional title, it's an amazing feeling."

Junior Megan McClure, who had a game-high 19 points, and freshman Caroline Croft (11 points, eight rebounds, five steals) had key rebounds down the stretch.

"We had to remember that we're good enough to win a regional title," McClure said. "Coach Manderneck got us really pumped up for this, and we just had to tell ourselves 'we've got this' as the game kept going on."

The Storm advanced from the semifinals with a 58-49 victory over No. 9 Streamwood on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Tied 20-20 midway through the second quarter, the Storm pulled ahead for good from behind the arc. Freshman Ella Winterhalder (six points) hit a pair of threes and both seniors Casey Brennan, who scored a game-high 24 points, and Rachel Kelly (five points) hit one during a 16-6 run to take a 36-26 lead at halftime.

South Elgin led 50-36 after three quarters and withstood a Streamwood rally in the fourth which cut the lead to as close as seven.

"I've been in this position for three years now, and I just want this year to be special and leave the seniors something to remember this season by," Brennan said. "So I'm just working for my teammates."

McClure (seven points), Croft (six points), Waichunas (six points) and senior Miah Galvin (four points) contributed to the offense.



The South Elgin bench erupts in celebration as the clock wound down on the team's double overtime regional title game victory over Barrington.



A driving Megan McClure getting off a shot near the top of the key for the Storm between Barrington's Shanna Turczynski, left, and Michaela Goetze. McClure lead South Elgin in scoring in the contest.



# Storm top WeGo before win streak snapped

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team won a pair of Upstate Eight Conference wins to improve to 14-2 in the league potentially setting up a title showdown with West Aurora. The Storm did, however, see a nine-game winning streak snapped in a non-conference game to end the week.

Bartlett gave the Storm some help with an upset win of West Aurora, its

first league loss, the same night South Elgin defeated East Aurora 65-51 on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at East Aurora.

The Storm followed up by shaking off a slow start, trailing 20-15 after one quarter, to control the rest of the game in a 69-58 win over West Chicago on Friday, Feb. 15 at West Chicago. Vincent Miskiewicz (27 points), Drake Montgomery (18 points), Drew Cwik (eight points), Jace Warrick (eight points) and Trace Ashby (six points) led the effort.

West Aurora, which joins the Southwest Prairie Conference next year, defeated the Storm 65-61 earlier this season at South Elgin while the teams face off again on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Aurora.

"We've got to do our part on Monday (against Glenbard South) and not look past them," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "But we're hoping to set-up a good showdown for West Aurora's last Upstate Eight game."

South Elgin did drop a 58-48 game against Neuqua Valley in East Aurora's UEC-DuPage Valley Conference shootout on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The Storm built a 20-11 lead three minutes into the second quarter but Neuqua Valley rallied to make it a game with eight lead changes. South Elgin, which led 27-24 at halftime, committed 14 of its 23 turnovers in the second half as Neuqua Valley built as large as an 11-

point lead, 57-46, late in the game.

"Neuqua executed extremely well," Johnson said. "We had 14 turnovers in the second half. Neuqua is a physical team and I thought we did a great job for three quarters, but when you turn the ball over 23 times in a game with limited possessions you're not going

and finished with 20 points, Warrick scored 13 points with three three-pointers. Montgomery (eight points, four assists), Ashby (five assists, four points, four rebounds, two steals) and Lane McVicar (six rebounds) contributed.

"I can say I'm proud of our guys for



South Elgin's Vince Miskiewicz hanging on the rim after depositing two points for the Storm in the West Chicago basket.



The Storm's Trace Ashby making a move at the top of the key to avoid the obstacle provided by the Wildcats' Isaac Nelson. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

to win."

South Elgin trailed 38-37 entering the fourth quarter and never led again. The game was still within one point, 43-42, with 5:32 left to play when Neuqua Valley scored five straight on the way to a 15-6 finish.

Miskiewicz (eight rebounds, two blocks) shot 8-for-10 from the field

how hard they played," Johnson said. "I told them no one likes to lose, but this was a really good opportunity for us to see where we're really at moving into the postseason."

The Storm are now 21-7 overall and will prepare for the South Elgin Regional where the No. 3 host opens with No. 5 Hampshire.

## North Stars rally to beat Panthers and Bulldogs



Glenbard North's Jerry Abushanab looming over the North Stars' Luke Scheffers as the pair battled for possession of the basketball.



North's Lucas Heflin completing a drive on the Glenbard North basket with a reverse layup past the defensive effort of the Panthers's Brandon Cole.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

Behind a huge night from Tyler Czerniak and a stifling defensive performance from the second quarter on, the North boys basketball team defeated Glenbard North 60-34 in DuKane Conference play on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at North.

Czerniak said he entered the game with some personal issues on his mind and his team's loss to East a few nights earlier, but his mind was clear by the opening tip. He was 3-for-3 from behind the arc in the opening period, 5-for-5 with 17 of his game-high 25 points in the first half and he was 7-for-7 until his final three-point attempt in the third quarter missed.

"I just had to clear my head coming in, and I felt it right from my first shot," Czerniak said.

Although Czerniak started strong, it was Glenbard North that came out hot building as much as a 16-10

lead late in the first quarter.

The North Stars rallied behind defense and offensive contributions from Lucas Heflen (14 points) and Connor Linke (nine points).

"[Czerniak] was in the zone," said North coach Tom Poulin. "We've always felt like he's capable of hitting his shots, but I really felt tonight like we shot the ball well as a team."

With the three-point deficit after the first quarter, the North Stars dominated the rest of the game allowing just two more points in the first half for a 35-18 lead at the break. North allowed eight points in each of the final two frames and built as large as a 30-point lead in the fourth.

"[Glenbard North] came out and played really well, hit a couple shots," Poulin said. "What changed is we picked things up on the defensive end."

"Whoever we beat, it's always awesome to earn a conference win," Czerniak said. "Allowing 16 points is unacceptable against any team, but our defense was huge after that."

The North Stars went on to earn a 44-36 DKC win over Batavia on Friday, Feb. 15 at North. The North Stars trailed 19-8 at halftime and 30-22 after three quarters when they rallied in a 22-6 fourth.

Linke (13 points), Heflen (11 points), Luke Scheffers (nine points) and Czerniak (eight points) led the effort.

North ended the week with a 71-56 nonconference loss to Moline on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Moline.

The North Stars are now 11-15 overall, 5-8 in the DKC, entering the final week of the regular season as they prepare for the East Regional where No. 6 North opens with No. 11 Elgin in the quarterfinals.



# Sabres top Elgin, fall to Storm in regional play



Colleen Veguilla of Streamwood negotiating past Elgin's Sabrina Chen while working toward the Maroons basket.



Streamwood's Mandy Mien attempting to complete a scoring drive against Elgin, between the Maroon's Margie Troyke, left, and Jasmine Mann.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team fought till the final whistle but saw its season end in the Elgin Regional semifinals after the No. 9 Sabres fell 58-49 to No. 2 South Elgin on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The game was deadlocked 20-20 midway through the second quarter when South Elgin won the rest of the half 16-6 for a 36-26 lead. Streamwood's deficit grew to as large as 15 points in the third quarter and the score was 50-36 entering the fourth.

Having lost by 20-plus points twice to South Elgin in the regular season, the Sabres weren't going to let that happen again scoring the first seven points of the final period capped by a three-point play by Alexis Rojas (team-high 17 points) making it 50-43 with 5:52 left to play. Rojas scored nine points in the frame with her final bucket making it 56-49 in the final minute, but Streamwood never pulled closer than seven in the period.

"My teams don't roll over," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "We told them to leave it all on the court, and they did."

Mandy Mien scored 11 points, Riya Patel eight, Colleen Veguilla six and Peyton Hedger five.

Hurting the Sabres on the evening was a disparity at the free-throw line, South Elgin scoring 12 points and Streamwood two. The Sabres were 2-for-11 (18.2 per-

cent) after shooting 64.3 percent (18-for-28) to advance from the regional's quarterfinal against No. 10 Elgin.

"We normally shoot very well from the line and for whatever reason tonight we did not," Rosner said.

In the quarterfinals, Streamwood topped Elgin 67-38 on Monday, Feb. 11. The Sabres defeated Elgin twice in the regular season by a combined 55 points.

In the third meeting, Elgin was right there after one quarter with the Sabres clinging to a one-point lead. Streamwood pulled away with a 23-7 second quarter for a 34-17 lead at the break and never looked back.

Hedger (seven rebounds) scored eight of her team-high 15 points in the second quarter including two of her three three-pointers. Mien scored six of her 12 points in the period.

"I felt like in the second quarter, we knew we had to take things up a little," Hedger said. "It's good to know that my team and my coaches have trust in me to have those kinds of plays where I can just shoot."

Streamwood led 48-28 by the end of the third quarter and built as large as a 30-point lead in the fourth. The Sabres defense forced 27 turnovers.

Patel (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Veguilla (nine points) each hit two treys, and Vickie Kopko scored six points.

The Sabres end the season 8-23 overall and will lose seniors Patel, Rojas, Veguilla and Emily Bugarewicz.

"We had some ups and downs but these girls kept on working hard and coming to practice every day ready to work," Rosner said. "I think we got better as the season went on and became a very dangerous team down the stretch."



A driving Alexis Rojas eyeing the Elgin basket while protecting the basketball before launching a shot for the Sabres against the Maroons.



Riya Patel winning a battle for a rebound with South Elgin's Miah Galvin during the Elgin Regional semi-final game won by the Storm on Wednesday, Feb. 13. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Sabres' Emily Bugarewicz worked to corral an elusive basketball while separated from Elgin's Emily Graves, left, and Jasmine Mann.