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Shaw's Triple-Double Leads Larkin to Victory

JERRY FITZPATRICK

ROCKFORD -- Coaches usually have a long list of issues to address after the first game of the season, but the Larkin boys basketball team played so well in Tuesday's 74-61 victory over McArthur (Fla.) at the Rockford Thanksgiving Tournament coach Deryn Carter was left with little to criticize.

The Royals jumped to a 23-12 lead after a quarter at Rockford East and led the Mustangs by no less than 9 points the rest of the way.

Larkin (1-0) was led by 6-foot-10 senior center Jalen Shaw's 21 points, 15 rebounds and 10 blocks, senior guard Anthony Lynch's 20 points and 5 assists and 9 points apiece from senior guard Kindrel Nomo and junior guard Pierre Black.

The only negatives? The Royals made only 17 of 32 free-throw attempts (53 percent) and allowed a 19-point halftime lead to be reduced to 9 with 10 minutes left.

"I told those guys there's a lot of messages and things you can learn from the first game, but if you're talking about missing free throws and finishing down the stretch and not turning a 20-point game into a 30-point game, that's good messages to be talking about as a team," Carter said. "They're a good team. They're athletic. We took their best shot from them and I thought we did a really good job."

Lynch scored 9 points in the first quarter and Shaw had 8 points, including 2 thunderous dunks, to spark the Royals. A 3-pointer by Victor Perez staked them to an 11-point lead after a quarter.

Meanwhile, Shaw dominated the lane. A senior with offers from Southern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, SIU-Edwardsville and Manhattan, he blocked 4 first-half shots and affected the arc of

several more. He notched a double-double before halftime (11 points, 10 rebounds) and capped Larkin's 39-point first half with a putback slam off Black's missed layup.

"Hey, it was a great time. I had to have fun tonight," Shaw said. "I worked hard. I gotta play hard."

Larkin's 39-21 halftime lead was trimmed to 45-36 with two minutes left in the third quarter, partly because the Mustangs' upped the defensive pressure.

Larkin ended the period with a 10-1 run to take a 55-37 lead. First, Lynch found Morris open for a 3-pointer. Morris, in turn, assisted on consecutive 3-pointers by Black on the next 2 Larkin possessions.

"It was just fun, man," Morris said. "With regard to all the big games and whatever, it was just fun to get on the court and compete against another team because we've been beating each other up for 12 practices, all fall and all summer. So, it was fun to compete against somebody else. We're all excited. We couldn't wait for that."

Larkin gets an early season test on Friday against highly regarded Whitney Young at Rockford Guilford at 1 p.m. The Royals enter with confidence with a win under their belt.

"We only had 12 practices but I think those practices paid off," Lynch said. "I think we're going to come back on Friday and compete against Whitney Young and I'm just ready for it."

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Batavia Derails Bartlett

BY SCOTT CARPENTER

Things are finally looking up for the Batavia girls basketball team.

After suffering through a 9-22 season last year the Bulldogs stumbled out of the gate this year with back-to-back losses. However, they have turned it around with 2 straight wins. The latest was an impressive 54-39 victory at Bartlett Tuesday in a game that was part of the Naperville Central Thanksgiving Classic.

"It feels good to put a couple wins together," Batavia coach Kevin Jensen said. "Our defense has really been the difference. We've had good movement and the spacing on the floor these past two games."

The defense played a big part in the Bulldogs jumping out to a 15-3 lead after one quarter against the Hawks as they forced 9 turnovers.

Batavia (2-2) went on to extend the lead to 34-17 by halftime. The Bulldogs were also getting it done on the offensive end. They shot 15 of 25 (60 percent) from the field in the first half. Haley Orman added three 3-pointers.

"I was just really pleased with the defensive effort," Jensen said. "That was the best start we had in a long time. We've been trying to tell them if we play hard on the defensive end it's going to allow our offense to take off. It's amazing how the shots start falling after some good defensive plays. That's what happened for us tonight"

Erin Golden led the Bulldogs' attack with a team-high 17 points. She scored 13 of those in the first half.

"We came out with a lot of energy," Golden said. "That's really been the big difference the past couple of games. It really shows on the defense. We've been working a lot on putting pressure on

the ball. Now we are starting to apply what we've been doing in practice to the games. We are executing all of our plays better."

Batavia's shooting (6 of 23) cooled off some in the second half, but Bartlett wasn't able to take advantage. The Hawks (1-2) could get no closer than 11 points in the second half.

Kayla Hare scored 11 of her team-high 15 points in the second half, but it was too little too late.

"We weren't able to run our offense the way they are taught to run it," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "We had too many quick shots and didn't take care of the ball. We were kind of shellshocked when they pulled out to the lead. It's the second straight game where we have laid an egg at the beginning of the game, so we need to figure some things out on how to prevent that from happening. I thought the second half we were more patient and that elicited some open 3s and drives to the basket, but you can't spot a team that many points at the beginning of the game and expect to come back."

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Change in defenses keys Metea Valley triumph over

Bartlett

BY D.J. WANBERG

Tuesday's 62-48 Metea Valley boys basketball victory over Bartlett at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament was a study in making the right adjustment at the right time.

The Mustangs (1-1) led just 49-45 with 5:23 left in the game. But a switch in defense helped spark a 13-3 run that put the victory in their corner.

"We went to a 1-3-1 and that helped. They were missing shots on 50-50 balls and we were able to take advantage," said Metea coach Matt Walpole.

Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said all was well for the Hawks (1-1) until that point.

"It was a good game until the fourth quarter. All of a sudden, they are getting multiple possessions and scoring. We're getting multiple possessions and we missed layups. They had big guys in the zone and if you are not hitting your shots, it's tough to get looks in the zone," he said.

Three players hit net during that late Metea surge. Ethan Helwig scored 8 of his game-high 15 points during the span, including two 3-point baskets. Brad Hartje, who with Cory Adams each scored 11 points, converted on a three-point play and Manny Hess converted a putback. Hess grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

"I think our all-around play was key. We rallied together and became like one," Helwig said. "The team picks up a player if he is having trouble and that player does the same thing for other players."

The game started like the scorekeeper would need additional pages to get all the numbers recorded. The contest was tied at 14 and then each team's offense really got going in the second quarter. The Mustangs shot 8 of 13 from the field while the Hawks hit for 50 percent and Metea led just 34-31 at halftime.

The third quarter saw both teams' scoring cool with Metea still somewhat warm with a 13-point performance on 5-of-9 shooting. Bartlett though just churned out 8 points on 3-of-13 shooting. The Mustangs led 47-39 at the end of 24 minutes.

"The coaches told us to get in front of our man and to stop them from getting to the rim. We were executing our sets and when we do that we keep the ball moving and find the open man," Hartje said.

Senior Ben Tompson led Bartlett with 15 points, including 6 of the Hawks' 9 points in the final quarter. Teammate Austin Gates scored 9 of his 10 points in the Hawks' big second quarter.

"We expect our seniors to step up and Ben did that tonight and last night (51-47 tournament opening win over St. Francis)," Wolfsmith said.

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Sports complex to be topic of new U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on another proposal relating to the Bartlett High School sports complex as well as an energy savings contract at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Nov. 20. The items were presented on Nov. 6.

Addressing the Bartlett sports complex is a resolution approving the Installment Purchase Agreement regarding the terms with JP Morgan Chase Bank for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) that will be used for some of the cost of constructing the complex.

The total cost of the previously approved project is \$1.6 million, the Bartlett Boosters Club having raised \$925,000 through private donations, with the QZAB totaling \$466,270 along with \$281,934 coming from the district's operations and maintenance fund. The boosters are expected to pay off the debt from the QZAB.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said "we're using debt certificates" and the bank has agreed to purchase the certificates if necessary. The potential interest rate is 0.25 percent.

Under the original proposal the total from the QZAB was \$370,766, but the low-interest debt is offered through the state and can only go towards the project, in this case the sports complex, that was approved. King said at the time the district could receive more if other schools awarded funds through the QZAB dropped out.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "I thought that they only needed \$371K, so why would we borrow more than what is needed? And by the way [the boosters] are paying it back, not us, correct?"

King said "well, [the boosters] gave us

a letter saying they would" pay back the debt and Donna Smith, the board's president, interrupted to note that the board is essentially the co-signer, which Ward noted before the October vote that approved the project.

"I hope we all understood that when we voted yes for this that if they don't [pay], we are held responsible," Smith said.

"Right, but they will. They've shown good faith thus far and raised nearly \$1 million. They will certainly pay it back," Ward responded and reiterated her original question on why the district is seeking more from the QZAB. She said: "Just because it's available doesn't mean that we should borrow more."

King said "well, it's a low interest borrowing" and "we need the funds for the project. They'll all be allocated towards that project. If there's something that we don't spend, then obviously we can return it and pay off that section of that debt."

Ward asked if the boosters club was "on board" with paying off the higher amount which King said they were aware of it.

Board member Phil Costello asked if it was a drawdown or advance which King said "it's just an advance."

"So then we have to repay it under their terms, so it's not like a line of credit," Costello said.

Board member Melissa Owens asked if seeking the higher amount from the QZAB offset the money coming from the operations and maintenance fund which King said it would not.

The energy savings proposal is for a five-year contract with Cenergistic which King called an "efficiency contract."

"If we reduce our expenditures, then

the company... will get a percentage of those savings," said King who added Cenergistic would provide three of its own employees to check the all district buildings and their energy systems.

The estimated savings over the five years is \$4.4 million, ranging from \$800,000 to \$1 million each year, and Cenergistic would receive 50 percent of those savings. There is also a cost of \$59,988 for software.

Costello asked if there were any competitors and if the 50 percent was a normal rate and King said "I couldn't find anything else, and actually that

was a negotiating point with them." King said Cenergistic picks up most of the up front costs and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "surrounding school districts... brought this to our attention."

Costello also asked what the current energy costs in the district were that would be the base to seeing any savings to which King said the district spends about \$5 million a year on energy.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if the district would provide an annual report on savings and King said he would.

Sponsorship email scam surfaces in local form

By Seth Hancock

An email circulating in the area seeking sponsorship on schedule cards for prep sports teams has been found to be a scam.

The name of the sender on the email is Jane Lester and comes from the email addresses janesays@richl.twcbc.com and jane@richl.twcbc.com.

The body of the email reads: "Happy Fall:) I'm working on the upcoming basketball/winter sports schedule cards for Bartlett High School, and wanted to check with you about being a sponsor. The pocket sized schedule cards will be in full color, they will include winter sports, and you'll be on all 3,000 cards if you participate. Bartlett High School receives the cards for free, and You will also receive 500 cards to give out. We need to sell two ads, one for the front and one for the back. The cost of one ad is 300.00, or 550.00 for both the front and back. Please let me know if you would like to see a previous card, and I will email it to you. You can pay for your ad after delivery if you like:)"

The email has been circulated in other states with reports of the scam coming from the Jackson County Sheriff's office in Minnesota and the Janesville Police Department in Wisconsin.

The Examiner asked some area athletic directors if they've heard about the scam, including Jeff Bral at Bartlett High School and Jason Ward at South Elgin High School.

Ward said he had not heard of anyone in South Elgin receiving the email. Bral said he's "heard a little tiny bit" but Bartlett had "not had any communication with them at all."

Bral added: "There was a schedule that showed up this past summer for the fall but had no advertising on it so we threw them away. I don't think they are related, but maybe."

The Bartlett Police Department, when contacted, indicated that they had not heard of the scam.

"The police department is not aware of this particular scam," said Deputy Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis.

Pretkelis added that he was able to locate several national scam alerts by copying and pasting the email address that was provided to him by The Examiner. The police department also reached out locally.

"[We] contacted the Chamber of Commerce, Bartlett High School and the Bartlett Boosters Club," Pretkelis said. "However, we are not aware of anyone being victimized by the scam as yet."



Sandwich shot

The Sabres' Riya Patel putting up a shot between Crystal Lake South's Lauren Schoen, left, and Brooke Kuffel on Wednesday, Nov. 15. For story and more photos see page 8. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Christmas activities set to commence in the village

By Joe Hyland

For better or worse, the holidays are now nearly on us and preparations are underway for kicking off the Christmas season in the village.

One of the first events on the calendar will be Luminaria 2017. This will be the 33rd annual incarnation of the event. For those who are unfamiliar with them, luminarias are decorations made by placing candles in a bed of sand at the bottom of a paper bag. The candles can then be lit. The light will show through the bag with a soft glow, and the sand will prevent or at least miti-

gate the possibility of a fire should the luminaria be knocked or blown over. While primarily a holiday tradition, luminarias have now become popular for other commemorative events as well.

In the village a mass lighting of these is used to kick off the holiday season. Families, civic organizations and businesses all participate in the event, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

After picking up their luminarias, volunteers will line the medians on Park

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Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Thursday, Nov. 2

★ At 12:15 p.m., Kyle J. Piecko, 25, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was transported to bond call.

Saturday, Nov. 4

★ At 7:40 p.m., Prabhu N. Narasimman, 34, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with no driver's license, improper display of license plates and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 10 a.m., Jason F. Born, 49, Elgin, was arrested on warrant. He was released on bond and faces an undeter-

mined court date.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 3:57 p.m., Kyle J. Piecko, 25, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 3:58 a.m., Elena Kotlyar, 46, Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage, use of an electronic communications device while driving, open alcohol within reach of driver and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 4:31 a.m., Jose C. Delgado, 31, Elgin, was arrested and charged with

three outstanding warrants and four counts of failure to appear. He was transported to bond call.

Monday, Nov. 13

★ At 10:13 p.m., Adrian Adamczyk, 26, Hoffman Estates, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and defective windshield. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 8:19 p.m., Vemarye Space, 18, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis.

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

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Sunday, Nov. 5

★ At 12:02 p.m., John F. Brooks, 21, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a sign violation. He was released on an I-bond and faced a Nov. 20 court date. He was also cited for possession of cannabis and faces a Dec. 20 hearing date for that charge.

Sabres boys hoops seeks to take next step this season

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team hopes to build off the past two seasons as the Sabres prepare for the 2017-18 campaign.

The last couple years the Sabres have been competitive, including earning some upset wins, but they've struggled in the win-loss column. Last year, Streamwood was 7-25 overall, 0-12 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division.

"Our goal this season is to continue building on the competitive season we had last year," said Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn. "We've made some good strides in being competitive in both tournaments and conference play, but this year we are looking to take the next step and win those close games that we lost last season."

The Sabres return some talent led by 6-foot-7 junior forward Keenon Cole (10.4 points, 6.8 rebounds and two blocks per

game) and 6-5 senior forward Brendon Marton (10.3 points, 6.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.4 steals per game) who were both all-conference honorable mentions last year.

Some other key returners include seniors Lamont Cole, Jack Maybrun, Sam Enno, Kevin Bauer and Philip Cruz (out until January due to injury) as well as junior DeAngelo Flynn. Junior Nikola Sinik is a transfer and Zack Marquez, a freshman, will be a newcomer to watch.

"One of our keys this year is going to be getting what we expect out of our upperclassmen," Kowalyszyn said. "We have some extremely experienced players coming back, and we are going to need them to perform regularly at a high level if we want to take the next step as a program."

Kowalyszyn added: "Also, we will have to be able to defend well against many different styles of play. In our conference and in tournaments, we see a wide range of styles so we will have to be able to adjust on the defensive end accordingly."

Size and balance are two areas Kowalyszyn feels will help the Sabres succeed.

"We have some players that have a bit of height but are also long on the defensive end. With that, we should be able to attack the defensive glass well this year and hopefully limit teams to one shot most of the time," Kowalyszyn said. "Also, we will be able to have a good balance of inside and outside play as we have some players that can shoot and others that can play down low at the basket. We also have a few that can do a bit of both."

Streamwood opens the season at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

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Boulevard and other designated locations. In addition, the municipal campus, including Village Hall, the Police Department and the Public Works building will be lit up with the decorations.

After the lighting, volunteers can retire to Village Hall for the annual tree lighting.

"The tree lighting is usually between 7:15 and 7:30," said Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke via email.

Hot cocoa and cookies will be available at Village Hall following the tree lighting. There will also be a visit by a certain right jolly old elf and his wife. Finally, there will be carols and holiday tunes sung by the Streamwood Childrens Choir. Those wishing further information should contact either the Village Hall or the Public Works Department.

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U-46 wrestles with its vaccination restrictions

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 may loosen its first day exemption restrictions regarding vaccinations but will likely remain stricter than the state standard as the Board of Education discussed its policy on Monday, Nov. 6.

Currently the state requires all students, except those with religious or medical exemptions, to be vaccinated by Oct. 15 of a given school year or be denied access to school, but U-46's policy is stricter with students being required to be vaccinated by the first day of school, which was Aug. 16 this year and Aug. 23 for preschool. The U-46 policies are under sections 7.100 and 7.102.

Back in May, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "the board has always had a policy that says we exclude students on the first day of school" but this was the first school year the policy was going to be enforced.

The district, which increased communication over the summer to prepare for actually following the policy this year, collected data and presented it to the board.

The data showed that there were 711 students whose parents or guardians were notified of not being in compliance on Aug. 16, and through Aug. 23 there were 178 students actually excluded from attending. The district's compliance average was 98.8 percent, and all schools were above the 90 percent compliance required by the state.

Board members Veronica Noland and Jeanette Ward both said they would like to see the board's policy align with the state requirement of Oct. 15 as Ward said "I want to change the policy to mirror what the

state requires so we are not more stringent than the state" and Noland saying "I don't know that we have to be so rigid to exclude students from school on the first day."

"I struggle with this one because on the public health side and that hat I get why we do this, but on the other side of working with families and knowing how difficult it is for families to get information over the summer time and how difficult for many of our families it is to simply comply for so many reasons.... I struggle with continuing with this first day exclusion," Noland added.

After a board discussion, the majority appeared fine with the first day exemption but open to loosening the restriction slightly for around a week after classes start. Another committee meeting will be held to hash out the details.

Jeff Judge, the district's health services supervisor, said "provisions were made" and waivers were applied for to allow as many students to attend class despite not being compliant on the first day. The average number of school days missed by those students who were excluded was 2.138 according to the district data.

Sanders suggested that if the policy were changed to the Oct. 15 date, students who were excluded from class at that time would miss more important class time as classes would be "deeper into the content with curriculum" than the first day.

Noland said "I wouldn't make that assumption" that there would be many students non-compliant as the later date leaves more time to communicate with parents and guardians,

and that communication would more easily be received as students are already attending classes.

Board member Traci Ellis, Sue Kerr, Melissa Owens and Donna Smith all said they supported continuing with the first day exemption but said they were "flexible." Board member Phil Costello said "I really don't like the Oct. 15, waiting for that date" but also said he would like to see a looser standard than the first day exemption.

Owens said "we're immunizing people for herd immunity," which is the idea that those who are not vaccinated will still be protected if others are vaccinated. Noland said "I understand herd immunity, I support it" but noted that there are still going to be non-compliant students regardless of when the board sets the date in its

policy.

Judge suggested there is never 100 percent compliance noting the state minimum is 90 percent saying "compliance is a constant struggle that we work with all the time" and currently "we do not have students who are excluded, but there's a difference between being excluding and completely compliant or fully immunized."

Ward said "it's a philosophical reason for me" and "I did vaccinate my children" but "I think it ought to be up to parents to decide whether their children are vaccinated, yes or no, which is why I wanted to move this back to Oct. 15."

"People who believe my body my choice, I think parents ought to have the freedom to decide that for their children," Ward said.

Tax measures, budget keynote meeting agenda

By Joe Hyland

At its Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting, the Village Board will take up a number of measures related to taxes. These will include the proposal of ordinances authorizing the village's annual tax levy as well as the supplemental tax levies for the various special service areas in the village.

There will be hearings on the annual levy as well as the village's annual budget prior to the meeting. The budget hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and the tax levy hearing for 6:40 p.m. prior to the scheduled board meeting at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to attend the meeting should they wish to provide any testimony. The proposed budget can be reviewed at Village Hall.

The total proposed tax levy is just un-

der \$11.4 million. This is the same as the levy for the previous year. The proposed budget is listed at \$60.5 million.

The supplemental levies for the 28 special service areas will total just under \$141,000.

The ordinance for the special service area levies will be presented for its first reading only, so no action will be taken at Thursday's meeting. This is also the case for the ordinances authorizing the annual budget and property tax levy. The ordinances will then be presented for their second reading and passage at the board's first meeting in December. The levy must be submitted to county authorities by the end of December in order to be included on next year's property tax bills.

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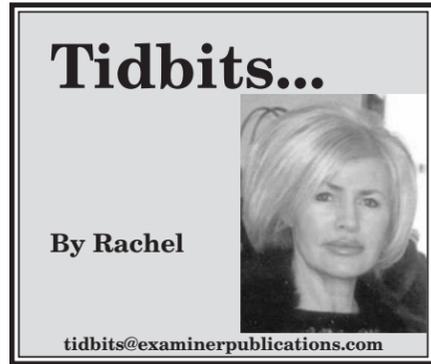
Once again it's Thanksgiving and, oh yes, guess who is serving the turkey and trimmings and having guests from as far as Nebraska! Of course we're not complaining but we all know how those days ahead will turn out with the relatives. Uncle Fritz will bring his homemade concoction of beer that tastes worse than the cod liver oil my mother used to shovel into our mouth each day. Auntie Mina will definitely bring her mystery food and we will all have to guess what's in it. Most of us couldn't identify the ingredients inside the last pastries she brought, but we all knew they were inedible and had to use our napkins to spit out the awful tasting tart dessert she made. We all had stomach aches but were afraid to turn down the appetizers she brought for fear she'd cut all her nieces and nephews out of the will. Yes, Auntie Mina had a lot of money, and it was mostly because she was too cheap to spend any of it. She would go to garage sales for all of her furniture and shopped for clothes at Good Will and other second-hand places. As sweet as she was she possessed a sharp tongue and temper when she got upset so we all tried to kiss up to her as much as we could for fear she'd fake her annual heart attack.

We had a great family bond with both Uncle Fritz and Auntie Mina because despite their quirky ways they were our relatives and we had to tolerate all of their shenanigans. Their only son Derrick came on crutches and had to be catered to the entire time because he had an accident during a bike ride with his friends. They had been speed biking and two of the bikers with him ran into him accidentally causing Derrick to take a major spill and putting him on crutches for the next eight weeks. Auntie Mina couldn't do enough for her one-and-only child and babied him until finally Uncle Fritz told her to let him do things for himself. Poor Auntie Mina, all she had was her one son and coddled him from the day he was born.

Everyone arrived bringing more food than necessary but we all know how that goes. Most of us who are planning meals and bringing dishes to pass will overdo things, making too much and having to toss out what's left. There must have been more potato dishes and desserts than the local restaurants. In fact we had 11 apple pies, 16 bottles of wine, nine dishes with veggies and three people brought their own recipe for turkey dressing. I hated making dressing because I would either overcook it until it was a burnt up mess or serve it too cold and crispy so I swore to never make it again.

Our newest family member from Russia who married Uncle Fritz's much younger brother Darren came and cooked many strange dishes, but believe it or not they turned out amazing and everyone loved what she

made. Her hubby found Helena through an online dating site and sent for her after only chatting with her for three months, but Helena said she'd only come to the United States if she could bring her widowed mother. This was okay with Darren who fell in



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By Rachel

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love on sight with Helena. Both she and her mother were sweet folks but a bit on the chunky side which didn't bother Darren who was totally smitten with Helena. His love for her only deepened when he began eating her odd but wonderful cooking. All went well and the younger kids played games and had fun sitting around the fireplace while the adults sat together reminiscing about the good old days. Turkey time was great with mouthwatering dishes being passed around the table and even Uncle Fritz's homemade beer was a hit. Once all the food was gone and tummies were full we all realized how lucky we were to once again celebrate Thanksgiving together.

The Streamwood Woman's Club will be hosting the eighth annual Gingerbread House Raffle event on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread in Streamwood, located at 971 Irving Park Road. Join us for a chance to win one of many Gingerbread Houses. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there as well. Bring the kids! Panera will supply sugar cookies for the kids to decorate. This is a community event that brings business and families together. It is located in Streamwood where homeowners are encourage to buy locally. In addition, the event also raises money to be used for end of year donations to causes such as the D.A.R.E. program, Hanover Township Food Pantry and Open Gym program, Streamwood High School Theater Arts and provide scholarship for graduating seniors heading off to college.

The Streamwood Park District will hold its Frosty 4K Race on Sunday Dec. 3, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Hoosier Grove Park, 700 West Irving Park Road. The route is a 2.5-mile trek along the paved path from Hoosier Grove Park to Aquarius Park and back. This is a family event. A well-de-

served cup of hot chocolate and a visitor from the North Pole await you at the finish line. All participants will receive a Frosty 4K T-shirt. All ages and strollers are welcome. For more information, visit www.spdcares.com or call 483-3025.

The Streamwood High School automotive program is in desperate need of car donations. They would accept any running vehicle. Please contact Dan at 372-4700 ext. 4099 if you are able to help.



Daily DVD Raffle!
Nov. 19 to 26

The Media Department will have a daily raffle through Sunday, Nov. 26 for the chance to win select DVDs. The more DVDs you check out, the more chances you have to win! Stop by the Media desk or call 483-4926 for more information.

Drop-in STEM

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2 to 2:30 p.m.
Children's Department

Come to the library and have fun while learning how to build using magnetic tiles, play with gears, or learn how to make a complete circuit and many other hands-on activities. Kids under seven must be accompanied by a caregiver. Ages five and older. No registration required. For more information all the Children's Service desk at 483-4923.

Illinois Veterans' History Project
Nov. 1 to 30

If you are a veteran, having served our country during times of war or peace, but have never shared your story with the Illinois Veterans' History Project, we will interview you and record your story. Call Scott Casper at 483-4764 to make an appointment.

Tween Scene: Game Day
Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m.

Children's Department

Get together after school for snacks and board games at the library. Bring a friend! Ages fourth through sixth

grade. Register online or call 483-4923.

Writing Group

Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Join other local writers for sharing ideas and receiving constructive feedback on your latest project. If seeking feedback, bring five copies of a sample that is no more than 10 pages, double spaced for other writers to read and critique. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Art Gallery Display
"The Beauty of Creation"
by Tiffany Whisler

Stop by and visit the beautiful color photography of Tiffany Whisler. The gallery is located on the main level of the library, near the water fountains. Whisler's photography will be on display through the end of December.

Holiday Closures

The main and branch libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open with regular hours on Friday, Nov. 24.

The Board and Staff of Poplar Creek Public Library District wish you a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

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. Questions? Call 837-6800.

Co-op swim team season ends with six state events

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett-Streamwood co-op girls swimming team capped the season with qualifying swimmers in six events to state.

The Sabrehawks did not advance anyone from the preliminaries on Friday, Nov. 17 at New Trier, but had three finishes just shy of the needed 12th place to make the finals. Sophomore Sydney Kelly was 14th in the 500-yard freestyle (five minutes, 4.2 seconds) and 15th in the 200 free (1:53.49), and sophomore Kellsie Krisch was 15th in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.79).

"We've got a young team, and almost everybody who is here is swimming the meet for the first time," said Sabrehawks coach Jeremy Meserole. "I thought they handled it pretty well."

Kelly was a state qualifier as a freshman and she led Bartlett-Streamwood to a third place finish at the St. Charles North Sectional where she won the 200 free (1:52.19) on Saturday, Nov. 11. She was second in the 500 free and Krisch fourth in the 100 breaststroke as they advanced.

"(Kelly) had a great meet," Meserole said. "She got a taste last year as a freshman. She's taken more of a role as a leader and a go-to person this year."

Bartlett-Streamwood also qualified all three of its relay teams including the first time qualifying its 200 medley relay team which was comprised of Krisch, senior Gabby Seberger, freshman Olivia Rygula and junior Paige Edmier as they finished third.

Kelly, Edmier and freshman Emily Rygula joined sophomore Abby

Hultquist in the third place finishing 200 free relay and Seberger in the third place finishing 400 free relay.

"This was a good, solid third place finish," Meserole said. "We were right at or a little faster than our best times."

Meserole added: "Every single event, we did exactly what we came here to do."

At the Upstate Eight Conference meet, the Sabrehawks finished third led by second place finishes from Kelly (200 and 500 free) and Krisch (100 breaststroke) on Saturday, Oct. 28 at St. Charles North.

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Shorthanded Sabres fall in two tourney games

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team couldn't hold onto a halftime lead as the Sabres dropped their season opener and opening game of the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament, a 48-40 loss to Crystal Lake South on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The game ultimately hinged on the third quarter when the Sabres were outscored 15-4 to turn a 21-20 lead into a 35-25 deficit. Streamwood only trailed 27-25 with 3:45 left in the period when Crystal Lake South went on a 15-0 run making it 42-25 with 6:14 left in the game.

"The third quarter was the ballgame for sure," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "We missed some open shots and gave them open shots."

The Sabres were without two returning senior starters, Maddi Exline and Monica Brown who are injured, but Rosner said others stepped up to make it a game.

In the first half, Streamwood fell behind 11-4 after one quarter but rallied for the one-point lead by the break as Mandy Mien scored 10 of her team-high 15 points over the opening two frames and Riya Patel had five of her nine points.

The 42-25 deficit was the largest for the Sabres who rallied to within single digits behind five points from Mien and four from Rebecca Roncone.

"I thought we had some different girls step up and have some strong performances which kept us in the game," Rosner said. "The key, though, was rebound-

ing. We have to do a better job on the boards."

Andrea Bracy and Taylor Sewell both scored five points for Streamwood.

The Sabres went on to drop a 40-36 game in overtime against tournament host Dundee-Crown on Friday, Nov. 17.

Streamwood, which led 10-9 at halftime and 23-21 after three quarters in the defensive game, broke a 34-34 tie after regulation as Mien (eight points) put her team ahead 36-34 before the host scored the final six points of the game.

"It was a one possession game," Rosner said. "I was very proud of the kids and the effort."

Bracy had 11 points, Roncone eight and Alexis Rojas six to help lead Streamwood.



Andrea Bracy rising above the floor and Crystal Lake South's Ava Sevcik to bang a shot off the glass during the Sabres opening game loss to the Gators at the Dundee-Crown Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 15.



Rebecca Roncone looking to put up a shot while locked between the Gators' Kate Lawson, left, and Izzy Doyle. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Streamwood's Mandy Mien was fouled and stripped of the basketball while attempting to split the defense of the Gators' Brooke Kuffel, left, and Lauren Schoen.



Colleen Veguilla of Streamwood following through on a two-handed set shot from the field over the Gators' Kate Lawson.

Police Reports

BARTLETT

Sunday, Nov. 5

★ At 12:02 p.m., John F. Brooks, 21, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a sign violation. He was released on an I-bond and faced a Nov. 20 court date. He was also cited for possession of cannabis and faces a Dec. 20 hearing date for that charge.

★ At 3:55 p.m., a 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with aggravated speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faced a Nov. 20 court date.

★ At 11:24 p.m., Scott M. Treece, 30, Schaumburg, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.

Monday, Nov. 6

★ At 10:16 a.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Lakeside Drive reported damage to his residence following tree removal service. Police spoke with the tree removal supervisor and advised him of the incident and relayed to the complainant that he needed to contact his homeowners' association to report the incident.

★ At 1:57 p.m., police responded to Get Fresh Produce, 1000 block of Brewster Creek Boulevard, for an unruly employee who was terminated following an outburst and multiple previous incidents. The subject was advised that he is no longer welcome on the premises.

★ At 2:28 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of North Oak Avenue reported that his bicycle was missing from the bike rack after school. Police spoke with other students who ride

their bikes to school with negative results. Estimated loss \$75.

★ At 3:25 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of South Illinois Route 59 reported a verbal dispute with the owner of 7-Eleven for being denied a refund for a non-working stereo. Police were advised by the owner that the subject would need to return the item to the location where it was purchased. The parties were separated and peace was restored.

★ At 10:41 p.m., Eduardo Lopez, 21, Aurora, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

★ At 9:38 a.m., a 14-year-old juvenile was cited for disorderly conduct. He faces a Dec. 20 hearing date.

★ At 10:21 a.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Deere Park Circle reported that an unknown offender attempted to force entry into a residential unit. The tenant arrived and advised the residence had not been burglarized but the door had not been fixed properly.

★ At 7:42 p.m., a complainant in the area of Stearns Road and Nicole Drive reported that his vehicle caught fire.

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 12:05 a.m., a complainant in the 900 block of South Bartlett Road reported that an unknown subject approached her vehicle in the parking lot but she drove away and did not talk to the subject. Police spoke with the subject who advised she is the owner of the business and thought the complainant was suspicious. Police spoke with both subjects and advised them of the misunderstanding.

★ At 1:53 p.m., Ian R. Alexander, 32, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 21 court date.

★ At 3:18 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Congress Drive reported two male subjects in green vests in his yard. Police spoke with the subjects who advised they were subcontracted by Comcast. Police relayed the information back to the complainant.

★ At 9:06 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Park Place Drive reported three teenagers threw a bike in the pond at Kermit's Korner Park. Police located the bike and tried to pull it out with negative results.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 4:02 a.m., Carissa A. Burke, 34, Aurora, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, driving with revoked registration, operation of an unauthorized motor ve-

Police Dept. issues warning as scam incidents increase

The Bartlett Police Department is warning residents to be vigilant after an increase of "grandparent scam" telephone complaints. The scam generally involves an unexpected telephone call from someone in distress who claims to be a grandchild or relative.

The caller will indicate they were involved in some type of an emergency situation, such as a terrible accident or an arrest and are in need of an immediate wiring of money or the purchase of gift cards to fix their vehicle, get out of jail, or to pay customs fees to get back into the United States from another country. The scammer will also ask that the person receiving the call not to contact or tell his parents or other family members about the emergency situation. The caller might also pose as an attorney or law enforcement official making contact on behalf of a grandchild or relative.

Here are some safety tips to protect

individuals being a victim of a "grandparent scam:"

- Resist the urge to act immediately if a phone call is received from someone who is asking to wire money or provide them with gift card claim code due to an urgent emergency situation.
- Try to contact the family member or relative on their home or cellular telephone number that is known to be genuine.
- Make sure to confirm the caller's story with other family members, relatives and friends.
- Verify the caller's identity by asking questions that would be hard for an imposter to answer correctly.

For more information about the "grandparent scam" or similar types of scams contact the Bartlett Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 837-0846. Police also encourage residents to immediately file a police report if they believe they were a victim or a target of a "grandparent scam."

Sinclair, Hare shine in Hawks opening victory



Following a Bartlett steal, Miranda Hedeem leading a fast break for the Hawks against the Tigers.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team held on to earn a 64-55 victory in its season opener over Plainfield North in the Naperville Central Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday, Nov. 17.

The Hawks built a 10-3 lead at the start and led for good building as

large as an 18-point advantage, but Plainfield North would rally eventually pulling to 57-52 with 2:07 remaining in the game.

For the game, Bartlett was 24-for-42 from the free-throw line, but over the final two minutes the Hawks shot 70 percent (7-for-10) including 3-for-4 performances from senior Kayla Hare and freshman Lexie Sinclair to seal the win.

"That was their third game, our first," said first-year Bartlett coach

Brad Hunt. "We held our composure enough and hit enough free throws at the end."

Sinclair and Hare were a one-two punch for the Hawks with Sinclair taking the lead early and Hare coming through big late. Sinclair finished with a game-high 24 points, and Hare had 23.

In her first career varsity game, Sinclair came out on fire hitting a pair of three-pointers and scoring 16 points in the first half as the Hawks built a 34-24 lead by halftime.

"It feels pretty good because coming in you have some nerves," Sinclair said. "You just have to trust your teammates." Sinclair added: "I did well, but my teammates did well finding me when I was open."

In the first half, Hare was held to seven points but she exploded for 11 in the third quarter as Bartlett's lead grew to 52-34 entering the fourth.

Hare entered the game with 132 career threes and sat just one shy of the Hawks record holder Haley Videckis, a 2012 graduate. Hare tied that record with a trey in the first quarter then added two more in the third to set the new record.

"It's really exciting knowing all of the teammates I have had



Alexis Sinclair of Bartlett dealing with the defense of Plainfield North's Greta Thompson will assaulting the Tigers basket. Sinclair, a freshman, got her high school career off to a rousing start by putting up a game-leading 24 points for the Hawks.

over the years who have helped me grow as a player, and to be in the record books is pretty cool," Hare said.

Junior Teagan Noesen, who hit a three, added seven points in the effort.

Bartlett did go on to drop a 73-59 game against tournament host Naperville Central on Saturday, Nov. 18. Hawks' freshmen Sinclair (22 points) and Justina Hernandez (15 points) led the effort.



Bartlett's Kayla Hare releasing an open shot from behind the arc. Hare established a program record for three-point field goals during the Hawks victory over Plainfield North while scoring 23 points.

U-46 math curriculum ratified despite debate

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved three curriculum proposals, but two came with dissent on Monday, Nov. 20.

A proposed geometry bridge course, designed for high school freshmen who scored in the 30th percentile or below on the MAP tests, received a 5-2 vote, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no. An AP Physics 1 course, with a total estimated cost of \$266,090 for resources and an ongoing cost of \$1,575 a year for professional development, was approved 6-1, Ward voting no.

The geometry course imbeds some algebra principles in the course according to the administration to prepare students for Algebra 1-2 to be taken in the sophomore year. The course did not have an estimated cost with no specific resource chosen yet, but staff provided, within the proposal, some supplementary resources currently being used in math classes as examples.

One of those resources is Yummy Math which Ward made social media postings showing math lessons that had little, if anything, to do with math and having more to do with political lessons on things such as climate change to Christopher Columbus.

"Math should not be about man-made global warming, cow flatulence, the politics of banning Big Gulp drinks, how Columbus was horrible or about the glories of honoring labor unions," Ward said. "Math should be about math."

The administration said the resources were included in the proposal because "teachers were trying to be helpful and sharing free resources," and Ward asked if the biased resources could be removed from the proposal since they were not being purchased by the district thus allowing her to vote for the proposal. Ward said "administration declined to remove the resource from the curriculum document."

Rick Newton, who said he was a "math major in college," said during public comments he was "deeply concerned and disgusted" by the Yummy Math resource but was not surprised it would be used in U-46.

"My lack of surprise is based upon the all too often bias of our academic leadership that refuses to differentiate between education and indoctrination," Newton said.

One of the lessons from the resources stated "we've got flatulence humor, percentage calculations and global warming education in this activity" while another promoted bans on sugary drinks about New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg asked why he "tried to make it illegal to sell sodas larger than 16 ounces?"

Newton said: "Beside from having nothing to do with math, do you think that the intended answer would be that (Bloomberg's) a full-fledged socialist who seems to have no value for individual freedom and would rather subject all citizens to a nanny state that oversees everything we do? Somehow, I don't believe that's what the authors intended, but maybe they should have."

Noting the plethora of examples from a math resource that had nothing to do with math, Newton also said in the classes where these issues should be discussed "we should allow and teach students to develop opinions of their own" and the one-sided resources are "deceitful and detrimental."

Board member Sue Kerr, who voted for the proposal, said "any parent who does not like a particular resource has the right to request something different."

On the AP Physics 1 course, which plans to use Addison Wesley's "College Physics: A Strategic Approach" as its textbook, Ward said the resources presented bias in regards to climate change claiming "man-made global warming is established scientific fact with no opposing viewpoint."

A computer science proposal to establish two new courses, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A, was approved 7-0. The total cost for resources is estimated at \$584,875, which includes a notebook computer for each student, with an ongoing cost of \$15,393.

On the resources, Ward said: "I found it to be excellent. It was balanced, and there was one section... which had a very thoughtful discussion on the social and ethical issues related to information technology. I thought that was fantastic."

Also receiving unanimous votes were a proposal approving the Installment Purchase Agreement for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) to go towards the Bartlett High School sports complex, a five-year contract with Cenergistic to seek energy savings and \$7.6 million in itemized bills. The QZAB totals \$466,270.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said regarding the QZAB that "our interest charge will be 0.25 percent," but there is a 4.09 percent interest charge "that the federal government will be giving." Ward noted "we're taking out the bonds, but it's going to be paid back" by the Bartlett Boosters Club which King said the district received a letter from stating "they would raise funds and do that."

King called the Cenergistic's proposal an "efficiency contract." He said "if we reduce our expenditures, then the company... will get a percentage of those savings," and Cenergistic would provide three of its own employees to check all district buildings and their energy systems.

There is a cost of \$59,988 for software while Cenergistic will receive 50 percent of any savings achieved. The estimated savings over the five years is \$4.4 million.

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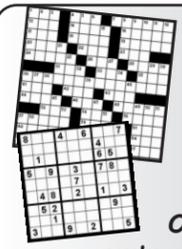
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U-46 wrestles with its vaccination restrictions

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 may loosen its first day exemption restrictions regarding vaccinations but will likely remain stricter than the state standard as the Board of Education discussed its policy on Monday, Nov. 6.

Currently the state requires all students, except those with religious or medical exemptions, to be vaccinated by Oct. 15 of a given school year or be denied access to school, but U-46's policy is stricter with students being required to be vaccinated by the first day of school, which was Aug. 16 this year and Aug. 23 for preschool. The U-46 policies are under sections 7.100 and 7.102.

Back in May, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "the board has always had a policy that says we exclude students on the first day of school" but this was the first school year the policy was going to be enforced.

The district, which increased communication over the summer to prepare for actually following the policy this year, collected data and presented it to the board.

The data showed that there were 711 students whose parents or guardians were notified of not being in compliance on Aug. 16, and through Aug. 23 there were 178 students actually excluded from attending. The district's compliance average was 98.8 percent, and all schools were above the 90 percent compliance required by the state.

Board members Veronica Noland and Jeanette Ward both said they would like to see the board's policy align with the state requirement of Oct. 15 as Ward said "I want to change the policy to mirror what the state requires so we are not more stringent than the state" and Noland saying "I don't know that we have to be so rigid to exclude students from school on the first day."

"I struggle with this one because on the public health side and that hat I get why we do this, but on the other side of working with families and knowing how difficult it is for families to get information over the summer time and how difficult for many of our families it is to simply comply for so many reasons.... I struggle with continuing with this first day exclusion," Noland added.

After a board discussion, the majority appeared fine with the first day exemption but open to loosening the restriction slightly for around a week after classes start. Another committee meeting will be held to hash out the

details.

Jeff Judge, the district's health services supervisor, said "provisions were made" and waivers were applied for to allow as many students to attend class despite not being compliant on the first day. The average number of school days missed by those students who were excluded was 2.138 according to the district data.

Sanders suggested that if the policy were changed to the Oct. 15 date, students who were excluded from class at that time would miss more important class time as classes would be "deeper into the content with curriculum" than the first day.

Noland said "I wouldn't make that assumption" that there would be many students non-compliant as the later date leaves more time to communicate with parents and guardians, and that communication would more easily be received as students are already attending classes.

Board member Traci Ellis, Sue Kerr, Melissa Owens and Donna Smith all said they supported continuing with the first day exemption but said they were "flexible." Board member Phil Costello said "I really don't like the Oct. 15, waiting for that date" but also said he would like to see a looser standard than the first day exemption.

Owens said "we're immunizing people for herd immunity," which is the idea that those who are not vaccinated will still be protected if others are vaccinated. Noland said "I understand herd immunity, I support it" but noted that there are still going to be non-compliant students regardless of when the board sets the date in its policy.

Judge suggested there is never 100 percent compliance noting the state minimum is 90 percent saying "compliance is a constant struggle that we work with all the time" and currently "we do not have students who are excluded, but there's a difference between being excluding and completely compliant or fully immunized."

Ward said "it's a philosophical reason for me" and "I did vaccinate my children" but "I think it ought to be up to parents to decide whether their children are vaccinated, yes or no, which is why I wanted to move this back to Oct. 15."

"People who believe my body my choice, I think parents ought to have the freedom to decide that for their children," Ward said.

Village resident selected to officiate state football title game

Craig Ochoa, a resident of Bartlett, has been selected to referee one of the eight (8) classes of

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) selected Bartlett's Craig Ochoa as an official for its state championship football games.

Ochoa, who is in his 38th year as a high school and college football and basketball official, as been assigned to work the Class 4-A game on Friday night, Nov. 24 between Rochester and Morris high schools.

All the IHSA state championship games will be played in DeKalb at Northern Illinois University.

"This is quite an honor" said Ochoa.

There are approximately 2,500 football officials who officiate in Illinois but only 40 total officials (or eight total officiating crews) are chosen to work

the state final games. The selection is based on the many different combined factors such as: number of high school games worked during the football season, coaches ratings, annual test scores, a game assigner top 15 list, on field evaluations, attendance at various football official meetings and video rules review.

This will be the second state final trip for Ochoa who also worked a championship game in 2006. Ochoa has also worked in the Big Ten Conference, Arena League and was selected to be one of the replacement officials (as a head referee) in the NFL during the 2012 season.

Ochoa and his wife of 33 years, Eileen have three children, Meghan, Erin and Shannon, along with three grandchildren.



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Youth Musical Theater Auditions
'Mulan Jr.' Dec. 1 and 2

To Audition: You must be between the ages of eight to 18 and must be eight by the audition date and not turn 19 prior to March 19, 2018. Auditions are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2. Audition forms and information regarding how to set up your audition time is located on our website at <http://bartlettparks.org/programs/theatre.aspx>. The production takes place on the BCC Oak Room Stage March 15 to 18, 2018.

Nutcracker: All Jazzed Up:
Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9

The Bartlett Park District and Lisa's School of Dance will present the annual production of "The Nutcracker- All Jazzed Up" on the Bartlett Community Center Stage, 700 S. Bartlett Road. Tickets available to the general public at the Bartlett Community Center Registration Counter. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$9 and non-refundable and non-transferrable. Special group prices

available. To order tickets by phone with a credit card, call Katie at 540-4873. No internet ticket purchase is available.

Holiday Shopping Blitz
Friday, Dec. 8, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Start or finish your holiday shopping at the annual Holiday Shopping Blitz. This shopping extravaganza takes place in the Bartlett Community Center Gymnasium, 700 S. Bartlett Road. For more information email jhandelsman@bartlettparks.org.

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

This special event includes an early visit from Santa, plated breakfast, holiday crafts, festive music and plenty of fun. All guests must pre-register. Online registration not available. This event takes place at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake St. Cost is \$14 for adult resident/\$18 nonresident; \$12 child resident/\$16 nonresident child. Reduced fee for additional children in same household and those under age two.

Santa's Calling
Monday, Dec. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.

Elves from the Bartlett Park District are working with the North Pole to coordinate phone calls to children in response to their letter to Santa. Pick up holiday stationary from the front desk and help your child write their letter. Visit the North Pole mailbox at the Bartlett Community Center (located at the front desk) to deliver your letter. Letters will only be accepted on the stationary provided by Santa's Elves when you register. Do not use the regular mail. Online registration not available. Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 4 or until filled. Letters must be received by Saturday, Dec. 9 at noon. Open to all ages. \$5 per person.

Storm, co-op teams swim to season's finish line

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett-Streamwood co-op girls swimming team capped the season with qualifying swimmers in six events to state.

The Sabrehawks did not advance anyone from the preliminaries on Friday, Nov. 17 at New Trier, but had three finishes just shy of the needed 12th place to make the finals. Sophomore Sydney Kelly was 14th in the 500-yard freestyle (five minutes, 4.2 seconds) and 15th in the 200 free (1:53.49), and sophomore Kelsie Krisch was 15th in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.79).

"We've got a young team, and almost everybody who is here is swimming the meet for the first time," said Sabrehawks coach Jeremy Meserole. "I thought they handled it pretty well."

Kelly was a state qualifier as a freshman and she led Bartlett-Streamwood to a third place finish at the St. Charles North Sectional where she won the 200 free (1:52.19) on Saturday, Nov. 11. She was second in the 500 free and Krisch fourth in the 100 breaststroke as they advanced.

"(Kelly) had a great meet," Meserole said. "She got a taste last year as a freshman. She's taken more of a role as a leader and a go-to person this year."

Bartlett-Streamwood also qualified all three of its relay teams including the first time qualifying its 200 medley

relay team which was comprised of Krisch, senior Gabby Seberger, freshman Olivia Rygula and junior Paige Edmier as they finished third.

Kelly, Edmier and freshman Emily Rygula joined sophomore Abby Hultquist in the third place finishing 200 free relay and Seberger in the third place finishing 400 free relay.

South Elgin was 10th at the sectionals led by juniors Shelby Spencer and Katherine Adams who were third and fourth respectively in the 1-meter dive. Alaina Gilsinn was 11th in the 50 free and joined Rebecca Palmquist, Lynette Schlueter, Kellyn Todd and Michaela Brumball in a pair of scoring relay teams.

"Overall, I think we did well as a team," said South Elgin coach Dianna McDermott. "We had some bumps in the road, but the girls continued to work hard and not let things bother them this year. Their hard work and dedication to the team really showed as the season went on, with all of the swimmers dropping their times."

At the Upstate Eight Conference meet, the Sabrehawks finished third led by second place finishes from Kelly (200 and 500 free) and Krisch (100 breaststroke), and the Storm were sixth on Saturday, Oct. 28 at St. Charles North.

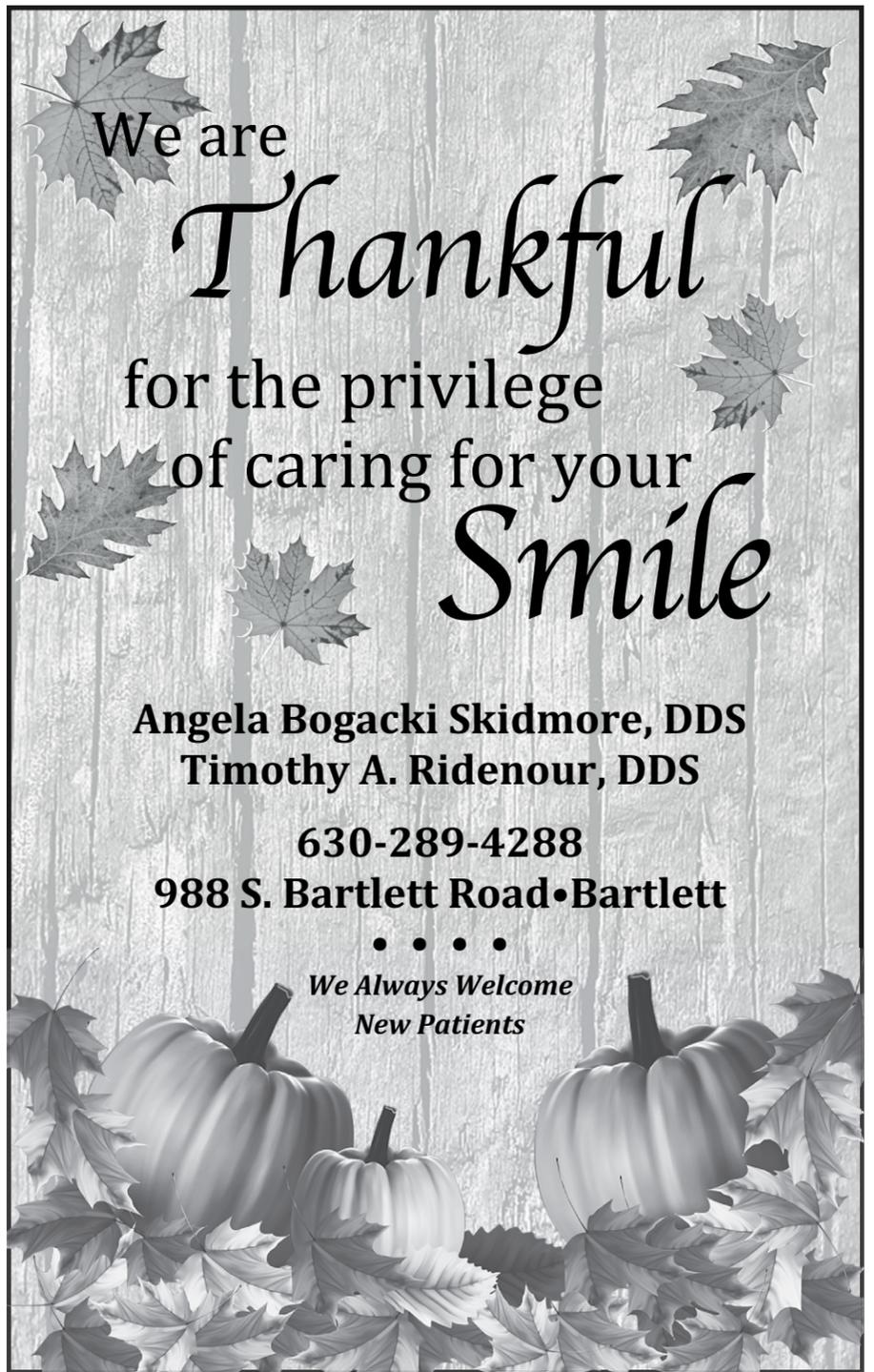
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Friday, Nov. 24, 3 p.m.

All ages. Join us to make a fun fall craft! Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver age 16 or older. Location: Youth & Teen Services

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Holiday Show

Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

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Sports complex to be topic of new U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was primed to vote on another proposal relating to the Bartlett High School sports complex as well as an energy savings contract at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 20. The items were presented on Nov. 6.

Addressing the Bartlett sports complex is a resolution approving the In-

Mt. Pulaski to host annual Xmas events

Visit the Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Site on Saturday, Nov. 18 during the 29th Christmas on Vinegar Hill celebration in Mt. Pulaski. There will be crafts and food all over town. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse will be decorated for the holidays. Hot cider and coffee will be served. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse Foundation will display all the small Christmas trees which have been decorated by different community members. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite tree. Some trees will be offered in a silent auction. All other trees will be auctioned off on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse will also be the venue for the lighting of a community Christmas tree next to the Band Stand on Friday, Dec. 1. A Christmas tree auction will take place in the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse Foundation has a goal to raise \$75,000 this winter in order to fund the project to repair the exterior of the east wall of the courthouse in the spring of 2018.

stallment Purchase Agreement regarding the terms with JP Morgan Chase Bank for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) that will be used for some of the cost of constructing the complex.

The total cost of the previously approved project is \$1.6 million, the Bartlett Boosters Club having raised \$925,000 through private donations, with the QZAB totaling \$466,270 along with \$281,934 coming from the district's operations and maintenance fund. The boosters are expected to pay off the debt from the QZAB.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said "we're using debt certificates" and the bank has agreed to purchase the certificates if necessary. The potential interest rate is 0.25 percent.

Under the original proposal the total from the QZAB was \$370,766, but the low-interest debt is offered through the state and can only go towards the project, in this case the sports complex, that was approved. King said at the time the district could receive more if other schools awarded funds through the QZAB dropped out.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "I thought that they only needed \$371K, so why would we borrow more than what is needed? And by the way [the boosters] are paying it back, not us, correct?"

King said "well, [the boosters] gave us a letter saying they would" pay back the debt and Donna Smith, the board's president, interrupted to note that the board is essentially the co-signer, which Ward noted before the October vote that approved the project.

"I hope we all understood that when we voted yes for this that if they don't [pay], we are held responsible," Smith said.

"Right, but they will. They've shown good faith thus far and raised nearly \$1 million. They will certainly pay it back," Ward responded and reiterated her original question on why the district is seeking more from the QZAB. She said: "Just because it's available doesn't mean that we should borrow more."

King said "well, it's a low interest borrowing" and "we need the funds for the project. They'll all be allocated towards that project. If there's something that we don't spend, then obviously we can return it and pay off that section of that debt."

Ward asked if the boosters club was "on board" with paying off the higher amount which King said they were aware of it.

Board member Phil Costello asked if it was a drawdown or advance which King said "it's just an advance."

"So then we have to repay it under their terms, so it's not like a line of credit," Costello said.

Board member Melissa Owens asked if seeking the higher amount from the QZAB offset the money coming from the operations and maintenance fund which King said it would not.

The energy savings proposal is for a five-year contract with Cenergistic which King called an "efficiency contract."

"If we reduce our expenditures, then the company... will get a percentage of those savings," said King who added Cenergistic would provide three of its own employees to check the all district buildings and their energy systems.

The estimated savings over the five years is \$4.4 million, ranging from \$800,000 to \$1 million each year, and Cenergistic would receive 50 percent of those savings. There is also a cost of

\$59,988 for software.

Costello asked if there were any competitors and if the 50 percent was a normal rate and King said "I couldn't find anything else, and actually that was a negotiating point with them." King said Cenergistic picks up most of the up front costs and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "surrounding school districts... brought this to our attention."

Costello also asked what the current energy costs in the district were that would be the base to seeing any savings to which King said the district spends about \$5 million a year on energy.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if the district would provide an annual report on savings and King said he would.



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Bartlett, was arrested and charged with DUI, endangering the life of a child, speeding, improper lane usage, and failure to signal. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Monday, Nov. 6

★ At 3:39 a.m., Francisco Marin, 20, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of cannabis and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

★ At 8:24 a.m., Kaine Lorenzo Roe Garcia, 27, Batavia, was arrested on warrant and charged with violation of an order of protection. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 5:05 p.m., Efrain Cano-Bautista, Aurora, was arrested on warrant and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 10:02 p.m., Elias O. Shavers, 23, Oak Lawn, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding, failure to signal, no insurance and driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, Nov. 11

★ At 1:02 a.m., Jovan Navarro, 24, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, improper stopping on roadway and no insurance. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 11:09 p.m., George L. Leon, 20, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 11:22 p.m., Candice Yanke, 34, St. Charles, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 11:17 p.m., Thomas A. Loiacono, 27, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia

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

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 8:17 p.m., Sirpaul M. Sanders, 27, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, no insurance and operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic communications device. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

★ At 10:03 a.m., John R. Johnston, 58, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with destruction of property. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Nov. 16

★ At 6:48 p.m., Jaime E. Aughnay, 31, St. Charles, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and DUI. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Friday, Nov. 17

★ At 12:53 p.m., Bogdan Napirko, 73, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with two counts of domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Saturday, Nov. 18

★ At 1:55 a.m., Eric Michael Strieker, 22, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Nov. 8

★ At 6:53 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of South Lakewood for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 6:54 a.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a threats complaint.

★ At 7:41 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 31 and Ross for a report of a three-vehicle collision. Jose Flores, age and address withheld, was issued four citations.

★ At 11:53 a.m., police responded to the Toys R Us-Babies R Us, 486 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 3:46 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of Holt for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 5:03 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South Elgin Boulevard and Oak Street for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Alevanta Phengsavath, age and address withheld, was issued a citation.

★ At 5:57 p.m., police responded to Image 360, 506 Sundown Road, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 6:13 p.m., police responded to

Chilis, 620 Randall Road, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 6:57 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of North Walnut for a report of theft.

★ At 7:17 p.m., police responded to the Associated Bank Corp., 300 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 2:48 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Woodridge for a report of an inside gas leak.

★ At 4:33 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a keep the peace request.

★ At 6:26 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 6:58 p.m., police responded to the CVS Pharmacy, 255 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 7:55 p.m., police responded to Sperry Park, 730 Dean Drive, for a report of criminal damage to property.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 7:27 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of North London for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 9:54 a.m., police responded to Caputo's, 622 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 4:10 p.m., police responded to the Randall Road Animal Hospital, 207 Randall Road, for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 5:27 p.m., police responded to

Kohl's, 350 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 7:04 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Sweetbriar for a report of a domestic in progress.

Saturday, Nov. 11

★ At 10:52 a.m., police responded to Walgreens, 290 Randall Road, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 11:40 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Kane for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:55 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 12:14 p.m., police responded to Toys R Us-Babies R Us, 486 Randall Road, for a report of theft.

★ At 12:27 p.m., police responded to the Waters Edge of South Elgin, 418 N. Center, for a report of a drug law violation.

★ At 2:36 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Heartland for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 2:53 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Lowell for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 2:56 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Sandhurst for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 3:32 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Riverside for a report of theft.

★ At 3:46 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Lowell for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 9:52 p.m., police responded to

Hawks boys hoops looks to link experience to success

By Seth Hancock

An experienced Bartlett boys basketball team hopes to build off the success of last season as the Hawks prepare for the 2017-18 season.

Last year Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said his team underwent a "trial by fire" with only one senior starter, Drew Martin, and his Hawks exceeded expectations going 18-12 overall and staying in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, which they finished 7-3 in, race until the final week.

"We're going to be in a different scenario than last year," Wolfsmith said. "There will be a higher level of expectation of what we can accomplish this season. Last year, we were inexperienced at the varsity level. Now, we're going to be a target, and that's a different vibe, a different set of challenges so we'll see."

The Hawks return four starters including three all-conference players in seniors Ben Tompson (16.2 points,

three rebounds and three steals per game) and Ben Fisher (nine points and five rebounds per game) as well as junior Austin Gates (10 points and five rebounds per game). Bartlett also returns senior starter Tomas Vikonis who had 7.1 points and 4.4 rebounds a game last year.

Some other returners with experience include seniors Jake Ibegbulem, Harsh Mangrola, Kyle Martin and Brandon Sinclair.

Bartlett will rely on its athleticism.

"It's not a big team, it's a small team of good athletes to great athletes who get after it," Wolfsmith said. "We're going to get up and down, that's for certain."

Wolfsmith added: "We're not built for slow, grind it out games. There's not enough size for that, but we like our depth. We like our team."

The Hawks open the season at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

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Police Reports

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Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 1:07 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Renee for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 12:36 p.m., police responded to the Speedway, 1775 N. LaFox, for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 4:55 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of South Gilbert for a report of harassment.

★ At 5:55 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a threats complaint.

★ At 9:36 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a report of harassment.

Monday, Nov. 13

★ At 6:27 a.m., police responded to the Towerhill Care Center, 759 Kane, for a report of theft.

★ At 6:53 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Cole for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 2:54 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Carla for a keep the peace request.

★ At 3:56 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Randall for a report of theft.

★ At 6:38 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Carla for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 4:41 p.m., police responded to

the 0 block of Ione for a fraud complaint.

★ At 6:55 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Harvard for a child custody dispute.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 3:10 a.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Chipstone for a request to remove a subject.

★ At 3:41 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hickory for a report of a residential fire alarm.

★ At 4:19 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Oakwood for a report of a three-vehicle collision. Steven A. Felker, age and address withheld, was issued a total of five citations.

★ At 10:28 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Ashton for a report of shots fired.

★ At 12:14 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a fraud complaint.

★ At 2:45 p.m., police responded to Casco Industries, 540 Division St., for a fraud complaint.

★ At 3:19 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Riverview for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 6:47 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Medford for a fraud complaint.

★ At 8:05 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Middle for a report of a suspicious incident.

STREAMWOOD

Thursday, Nov. 2

★ At 12:15 pm., Kyle J. Piecko, 25, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was transported to bond call.

Saturday, Nov. 4

★ At 7:40 p.m., Prabhu N. Narasimman, 34, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with no driver's license, improper display of license plates and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 10 a.m., Jason F. Born, 49, Elgin, was arrested on warrant. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 3:57 p.m., Kyle J. Piecko, 25, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 3:58 a.m., Elena Kotlyar, 46, Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage, use of an electronic communications device while driving, open alcohol within reach of driver and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 4:31 a.m., Jose C. Delgado, 31, Elgin, was arrested and charged with three outstanding warrants and four counts of failure to appear. He was transported to bond call.

Monday, Nov. 13

★ At 10:13 p.m., Adrian Adamczyk, 26, Hoffman Estates, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and defective windshield. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 8:19 p.m., Vemarye Space, 18, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

WAYNE

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 5 p.m., police responded to the 4N block of Honey Hill for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was found to be a limousine that a resident had called. The driver had gotten lost.

Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 9:46 p.m., police responded to the 34W block of Army Trail for a report of a suspicious person. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the subject.

★ At 10:45 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Dunham roads, an officer observed a female subject standing on the side of the road. She advised she had gotten into an argument with her husband, and asked to be let out of the vehicle. The husband later returned, and confirmed her story. The couple later left with no incident.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 7:33 p.m., police responded to the 6N block of Dunham for a request to assist Fox River Emergency Medical Services personnel with a female subject who had broken her leg. The subject was transported to Delnor Hospital by EMS personnel.

High expectations exist for Storm boys basketball

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team's expectations are high as the Storm prepare for the 2017-18 season.

Last year under first year coach Brett Johnson, the Storm finished 18-10 overall, 5-5 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

The Storm will have some size and return some experience led by 6-foot-6 junior forward Vincent Miszkiewicz and 6-5 senior forward Christopher Hankins, both returners, as well as 6-5 newcomer junior forward Patrick Roy.

Some other key returners include senior forwards David Binion and Noah Rohr as well as senior guard Kyle Sy.

"I'm not sure we'll know until we get out there, but I have high expectations for this team," Johnson said. "I think we can play with the best of teams. We just have to decide we need to execute. To be a good team you have to beat good teams by executing."

Johnson added: "We could potential-

ly beat teams on talent alone, but that won't get us to a conference, regional or sectional championship. The true test is executing when you need a bucket or a stop. It's something we couldn't do last year, so we took it to heart over the summer."

Some newcomers to watch include senior Mohammed Rahman and juniors Drake Montgomery and Lorenzo Vergara, all guards, as well as junior forward Jace Warrick.

Last year, Johnson was hired just weeks before the season began, but this year he's had more time to prepare.

"It feels so different after 60 some games over the summer and summer camp," Johnson said. "I can feel the togetherness with this team already, and practice has been phenomenal with so much energy. I hope it transfers to games. If it does, the sky is the limit for this team because you can't coach energy."

South Elgin opens the season at the Sycamore Thanksgiving Tournament.

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on to the next one. There's no doubt you'll have fun in our family friendly version of "The Amazing Race." The Bartlett Public Library is located at 800 S. Bartlett Road. For more information, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

Bartlett High School's annual Giving Tree has begun. Each tag on the tree in the Main Office represents a gift request from an in need BHS student or their family. Return your unwrapped gift to the main office no later than Monday, Dec. 11. Student council will wrap all the gifts and the guidance counselors will deliver the gifts. If you prefer to donate money to help pay for gifts for the remaining tags, please send checks payable to Bartlett High School, 701 Schick Road. On the envelope write: Attention Kristen Gac, student council.

Each of the past nine years, the Bartlett Lions Club has donated and delivered nearly 20,000 pounds of food, in the form of complete holiday meals, to 300 area families in need of help. This year, our local schools and

food pantries indicate that need remains high. This year the Bartlett Lions would like to continue this holiday tradition for as many families as possible and are seeking the help of Bartlett residents and local businesses who are willing and able to support this effort. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted and used 100 percent to purchase as much food as possible through the Northern Illinois Food Bank at or below wholesale prices. The Bartlett Lions are a 501(c)(3) charity, and tax-deductible donations will be used exclusively to support this year's undertaking. If you feel that you can contribute at any level, please mail your donation (payable to Bartlett Lions Charities, Inc.) to: Bartlett Lions Charities, Inc., c/o Holiday Food Baskets, P.O. Box 8049, Bartlett, IL 60103. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help the Lions serve our community.

Arts in Bartlett is accepting holiday crafts, hand crafted gifts, décor and fashion accessories for the Holiday Boutique at the Arts Center, 215 S. Main St. Crafters pay a small commission for items sold during November and December. Contact artsinbartlett@comcast.net for details and forms.

The Bartlett Fire District and Auto

Truck Group are teaming up to participate in the Marine Corps Christmas Toys for Tots collection program. If you would like to bring hope to a needy child, it's easy! Simply donate any new, unwrapped toy - large or small (please - no stuffed animals or toy weapons) and bring it to one of the following locations through Friday, Dec. 8: Auto Truck Group, 1420 Brewster Creek Blvd.; Bartlett Fire Station #1, 234 North Oak Ave.; Bartlett Fire Station #2, 501 Struckman Blvd.; Bartlett Fire Station #3, 1575 W. Bartlett Road. Support Toys for Tots in your community! Help make a difference for an underprivileged child this holiday season.

Learning to read begins long before a child enters kindergarten. The Bartlett Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, designed for children from birth to the first day of kindergarten, invites families to spend time together outside of the library fostering a love of reading, while gaining pre-literacy skills that are essential to reading success. Children receive prizes for every 100 books that are read to them, with a grand prize being a book to take home and having their picture taken for the "Wall of Fame." Register at the Youth & Teen Services Desk to pick up your reading packet. The Bartlett Public Library is located at 800 S. Bartlett Road. For more information, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

The **Streamwood High School** automotive program is in desperate need of car donations. They would accept any running vehicle. Please contact Dan at 372-4700 ext. 4099 if you are able to help.

Bartlett VFW Post 11018 has its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Clare Oaks just off West Bartlett Road and east of Illinois Route 59. Men and women who have served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters may be eligible for membership. A DD-214 is required, plus citizenship and honorable service. Your fellow comrades welcome you!

Looking for a job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join our career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see our job board; check out the materials in our Quiet Room, which cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; look at our Career Networking blog; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for Veterans

who are interested in serving your community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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.

Real people, real weight loss, affordable, effective weight-loss support. TOPS IL428 meets every Monday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Poplar Creek Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., Streamwood. Attend a free meeting and get more information. Call Linda 280-6628 or email ma300k@gmail.com.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Wayne/Winfield Area Youth/Family Services (WAYS) provides adult anger management classes on Wednesdays 8 to 9 p.m. and Fridays 9 to 10 a.m. Classes in Spanish meet on Saturdays 8 to 9 a.m. All adult anger management classes are held at WAYS, 27W031 North Ave., in West Chicago. For more information, please call 231-7166.

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous (OA) may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA offers mutual support at its weekly meeting at Living Lord Lutheran Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1044 Congress Drive. For more information or directions, contact Dwayne at 433-0656.

You can feed a family pet for less than \$10 a month. Bruno's Pro Bone O Pet Pantry is a 501 (c)(3) charity pet food pantry that distributes free food to help elderly, disabled, or low-income pet owners who are struggling to keep food in the bowls of their beloved companions. Even \$10 a month for food may be too much to spend for someone who's trying to keep their furry family members at home-where they belong. Please help by donating food or funds to Bruno's Pet Pantry: they believe no one should have to give up a dog or cat because of money. They need your help! Please call 926-3610, or www.brunospantry.com.

USS Illinois being assigned to Pearl Harbor as home port

Newly commissioned Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Illinois (SSN 786) will arrive at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m. for a permanent change of home port.

Illinois will be the fifth Virginia-class submarine home-ported in Pearl Harbor. Illinois was commissioned and christened by the ship's sponsor, former First Lady Michelle Obama, during a ceremony at Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, Oct. 29, 2016.

Family members of the crew have already started relocating to Pearl Harbor and the crew will arrive just in time for Thanksgiving

The Virginia-class, also known as the VA-class or 774 class, is a class of nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarines in service with the U.S. Navy. The submarines are designed for a broad spectrum of open-ocean and littoral missions. They were conceived as a less expensive alternative to the Seawolf-class attack submarines, designed

during the Cold War era, and are replacing older Los Angeles-class submarines, 20 of which have already been decommissioned.

Illinois measures 377 feet in length, displaces 7,800 tons and has speeds upwards of 25-plus knots. She is capable of attacking targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and can conduct covert long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters or other sea-based forces.

The Pacific Submarine Force includes fast attack, ballistic missile and auxiliary submarines, submarine tenders, floating submarine docks, deep submergence vehicles and submarine rescue vehicles throughout the Pacific.

The Pacific submarine force provides anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface ship warfare; precision land strike; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and early warning and special warfare capabilities to U.S. Pacific Command, and strategic deterrence capabilities to U.S. Strategic Command.



The future Virginia-class attack submarine USS Illinois (SSN 786) conducting sea trials. Illinois is a flexible, multi-mission platform designed to carry out the seven core competencies of the submarine force: anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; delivery of special operations forces; strike warfare; irregular warfare; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and mine warfare.

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Storm dig out win after buried in pair of losses

By Seth Hancock

After facing a pair of state-caliber teams to start the season, the South Elgin girls basketball team was able to end the week with a win in the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Storm dropped their first two games by a combined 83 points, but they were able to escape with a 41-40 victory over Crystal Lake South on Saturday, Nov. 18. Casey Brennan scored 16 points to lead the Storm.

In its opener, South Elgin fell 83-38 against Rockton Hononegah on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Huntley.

Hononegah opened with a 21-0 run and led 35-4 by the end of one quarter, 53-15 by halftime.

"They definitely threw the first punch," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "That's a new level of press right there."

Mandernack added: "We've got a lot of hungry girls, but to start out against a team like that it's hard. We were just unable to match some of their athleti-

cism."

South Elgin's deficit grew to 77-25 heading into the fourth quarter, but the Storm kept fighting to win the final frame 13-6.

The Storm had six three-pointers including three from Catora Brown (15 points, four rebounds), two from Alexis Roberts and one from Miah Galvin. Megan McClure grabbed five rebounds, and Brennan scored four points.

"I told them there's no losing on a night like this," Mandernack said. "You're either going to win or you are going to learn."

Mandernack added: "Their body language was good. We'll battle back. We've just got to try and stay positive and battle for each other."

South Elgin followed with a 59-21 loss to Homewood-Flossmoor on Friday, Nov. 17. The Storm trailed 21-4 after the first quarter and 43-8 by halftime.

McClure (six rebounds), Brown and Galvin each had five points.



Crystal Lake South's Lauren Schoen securing a rebound while dueling with the Storm's Megan McClure. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Catora Brown releasing a jumper for the Storm over the Gators' Kate Lawson.



Alexis Roberts of South Elgin pulling up off a dribble looking for an outlet pass while being defended by the Gators' Brooke Kuffel.

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Storm girls hoops opens at tournament
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U-46 math course draws some debate
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Committee discusses liquor license request

By Kristin Carreno
 During the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, committee members discussed an application for a Class E liquor license requested by Roll the Dice, Inc, a proposed gaming facility at 105 N. La Fox St. The petitioner, Olga Maradiaga of Roll the Dice, Inc. was present at the meeting. Class E licenses authorize the retail

sale of beer and wine for consumption on premises in conjunction with food service. According to Village Administrator Steven Super, only the local liquor commissioner may approve a liquor license, however, the first step in the process is to determine whether board members will grant an additional license.

"I don't have a problem with these businesses as long as they don't bring problems in to the village along the lines of serving alcohol to minors,"

said Trustee Michael Kolodziej. "I would just say that you be responsible

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Fire District approves new ambulance fee rates

By Kristin Carreno
 At the Fire Protect District meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, members voted unanimously in favor of an ambulance billing ordinance. According to Fire Chief William Sohn, the ordinance allows the same ambulance billing rates for village residents and non-residents. Ambulance billing is separated into three different categories depending on the medical needs of the patient. According to Sohn, the levels of care include basic life support (BLS), advanced life support 1 (ALS 1) and advanced life support 2 (ALS 2). BLS is when emergency transport for a patient is provided. ALS1 is when the transported patient is in more critical condition and a paramedic needs to assist in treatment before or during transport to an emergency room facility and ALS2 is

when even more medical care is required. This may include chest decompressions, intubation, cardiac pacing or administering various medications. "It depends on what we do for them," said Sohn. The ordinance states emergency medical services incurs costs to the district and its residents which have been increasing steadily over the years. The fire district board finds that it is in the best interest of the district to increase its fees for providing emergency medical services. According to Sohn, the rates in effect prior to the approval of the ordinance were \$1,000/\$1,200 (residents / non residents) for BLS, \$1,200/\$1,400 for ALS 1 and \$1,400/\$1,600 for ALS 2. The new, approved rates for residents and non-residents are \$1,200 for BLS, \$1,400 for ALS 1 and \$1,600 for ALS 2.



Important correspondence
 Victoria Ponte dropped her letter to Santa in the special mailbox at the Annex at the annual Almost Winter Day event Saturday, Nov. 18. For story and more photos see page 7. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Sponsorship email scam surfaces in regional form

By Seth Hancock
 An email circulating in the area seeking sponsorship on schedule cards for prep sports teams has been found to be a scam. The name of the sender on the email is Jane Lester and comes from the email addresses janesays@richl.twcbc.com and jane@richl.twcbc.com. The body of the email reads: "Happy Fall:) I'm working on the upcoming basketball/winter sports schedule cards for Bartlett High School, and wanted to check with you about being a sponsor. The pocket sized schedule cards will be in full color, they will include winter sports, and you'll be on all 3,000 cards if you participate. Bartlett High School receives the cards for free, and you will also receive 500 cards to give out. We need to sell two ads, one for the front and one for the back. The cost of one ad is 300.00, or 550.00 for both the front and back. Please let me know if you would like to see a previous card, and I will email it to you. You can pay for your ad after delivery if you like:)" The email has been circulated in other states with reports of the scam coming from the Jackson County Sheriff's office in Minnesota and the Janesville Police Department in Wisconsin. The Examiner asked some area athlet-

ic directors if they've heard about the scam, including Jeff Bral at Bartlett High School and Jason Ward at South Elgin High School. Ward said he had not heard of anyone in South Elgin receiving the email. Bral said he's "heard a little tiny bit" but Bartlett had "not had any communication with them at all." Bral added: "There was a schedule that showed up this past summer for the fall but had no advertising on it so we threw them away. I don't think they are related, but maybe." The Bartlett Police Department, when contacted, indicated that they had not heard of the scam. "The police department is not aware of this particular scam," said Deputy Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis. Pretkelis added that he was able to locate several national scam alerts by copying and pasting the email address that was provided to him by The Examiner. The police department also reached out locally. "[We] contacted the Chamber of Commerce, Bartlett High School and the Bartlett Boosters Club," Pretkelis said. "However, we are not aware of anyone being victimized by the scam as yet."

Sohn acknowledged via letter from Elgin Fire Dist.

By Kristin Carreno
 At the Fire District Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, Board President Mary Van Winkle read a letter from Elgin Fire Chief David Schmidt acknowledging the work of Fire Chief William Sohn. Schmidt submitted the recognition letter after establishing a working relationship with Sohn over the past several years. "I believe Bill recognizes the importance of the mission of the fire service not only in South Elgin but also in Elgin," read Van Winkle from Schmidt's letter. The letter went on with Schmidt recognizing that Sohn was always ready with an operational engine when one

of Elgin's fire engines was undergoing a maintenance issue and he described Sohn as an excellent partner in both communities who delivers the highest level of fire and emergency medical services possible. Sohn received a standing ovation from everyone who attended the meeting after the letter was read. "I'm not sure what I did to deserve that," Sohn said in response to the letter. "Let me make one thing clear, I'm just the fat guy who sits behind the big desk. In pointing towards the firefighters in attendance, Sohn added: "All the guys who are out there are the guys that actually make me look good."

Police Reports

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- ★ At 6:53 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of South Lakewood for a report of a domestic in progress.
 - ★ At 6:54 a.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a threats complaint.
 - ★ At 7:41 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 31 and Ross for a report of a three-vehicle collision. Jose Flores, age and address withheld, was issued four citations.
 - ★ At 11:53 a.m., police responded to the Toys R Us-Babies R Us, 486 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 3:46 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of Holt for a report of a disturbance.
 - ★ At 5:03 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South Elgin Boulevard and Oak Street for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Alevanta Phengsavath, age and address withheld, was issued a citation.
 - ★ At 5:57 p.m., police responded to Image 360, 506 Sundown Road, for a 911 investigation.
 - ★ At 6:13 p.m., police responded to Chilis, 620 Randall Road, for a 911 investigation.
 - ★ At 6:57 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of North Walnut for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 7:17 p.m., police responded to the Associated Bank Corp., 300 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.
- Thursday, Nov. 9**
- ★ At 2:48 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Woodridge for a report of an inside gas leak.

- ★ At 4:33 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a keep the peace request.
 - ★ At 6:26 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a report of a suspicious incident.
 - ★ At 6:58 p.m., police responded to the CVS Pharmacy, 255 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of a suspicious incident.
 - ★ At 7:55 p.m., police responded to Sperry Park, 730 Dean Drive, for a report of criminal damage to property.
- Friday, Nov. 10**
- ★ At 7:27 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of North London for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.
 - ★ At 9:54 a.m., police responded to Caputo's, 622 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.
 - ★ At 4:10 p.m., police responded to the Randall Road Animal Hospital, 207 Randall Road, for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
 - ★ At 5:27 p.m., police responded to Kohl's, 350 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.
 - ★ At 7:04 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Sweetbriar for a report of a domestic in progress.
- Saturday, Nov. 11**
- ★ At 10:52 a.m., police responded to Walgreens, 290 Randall Road, for a 911 investigation.
 - ★ At 11:40 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Kane for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 11:55 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 12:14 p.m., police responded to Toys R Us-Babies R Us, 486 Randall Road, for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 12:27 p.m., police responded to

- the Waters Edge of South Elgin, 418 N. Center, for a report of a drug law violation.
 - ★ At 2:36 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Heartland for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
 - ★ At 2:53 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Lowell for a report of a suspicious incident.
 - ★ At 2:56 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Sandhurst for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.
 - ★ At 3:32 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Riverside for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 3:46 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Lowell for a report of a suspicious incident.
 - ★ At 9:52 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Juli for a report of an activated alarm.
- Sunday, Nov. 12**
- ★ At 1:07 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Renee for a request to assist fire department personnel.
 - ★ At 12:36 p.m., police responded to the Speedway, 1775 N. LaFox, for a report of a domestic in progress.
 - ★ At 4:55 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of South Gilbert for a report of harassment.
 - ★ At 5:55 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a threats complaint.
 - ★ At 9:36 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a report of harassment.
- Monday, Nov. 13**
- ★ At 6:27 a.m., police responded to the Towerhill Care Center, 759 Kane, for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 6:53 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Cole for a report of an activated alarm.

- ★ At 2:54 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Carla for a keep the peace request.
 - ★ At 3:56 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Randall for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 6:38 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Carla for a report of a domestic in progress.
 - ★ At 4:41 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Ione for a fraud complaint.
 - ★ At 6:55 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Harvard for a child custody dispute.
- Tuesday, Nov. 14**
- ★ At 3:10 a.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Chipstone for a request to remove a subject.
 - ★ At 3:41 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hickory for a report of a residential fire alarm.
 - ★ At 4:19 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Oakwood for a report of a three-vehicle collision. Steven A. Felker, age and address withheld, was issued a total of five citations.
 - ★ At 10:28 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Ashton for a report of shots fired.
 - ★ At 12:14 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a fraud complaint.
 - ★ At 2:45 p.m., police responded to Casco Industries, 540 Division St., for a fraud complaint.
 - ★ At 3:19 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Riverview for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 6:47 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Medford for a fraud complaint.
 - ★ At 8:05 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Middle for a re-

Storm dig out win after buried in pair of losses

By Seth Hancock

After facing a pair of state-caliber teams to start the season, the South Elgin girls basketball team was able to end the week with a win in the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament. The Storm dropped their first two games by a combined 83 points, but they were able to escape with a 41-40 victory over Crystal Lake South on Saturday, Nov. 18. Casey Brennan scored 16 points to lead the Storm.

In its opener, South Elgin fell 83-38

against Rockton Hononegah on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Huntley.

Hononegah opened with a 21-0 run and led 35-4 by the end of one quarter, 53-15 by halftime.

"They definitely threw the first punch," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "That's a new level of press right there."

Mandernack added: "We've got a lot of hungry girls, but to start out against a team like that it's hard. We were just unable to match some of their athleti-

cism."

South Elgin's deficit grew to 77-25 heading into the fourth quarter, but the Storm kept fighting to win the final frame 13-6.

The Storm had six three-pointers including three from Catora Brown (15 points, four rebounds), two from Alexis Roberts and one from Miah Galvin. Megan McClure grabbed five rebounds, and Brennan scored four points.

"I told them there's no losing on a

night like this," Mandernack said. "You're either going to win or you are going to learn."

Mandernack added: "Their body language was good. We'll battle back. We've just got to try and stay positive and battle for each other."

South Elgin followed with a 59-21 loss to Homewood-Flossmoor on Friday, Nov. 17. The Storm trailed 21-4 after the first quarter and 43-8 by halftime.

McClure (six rebounds), Brown and Galvin each had five points.



Crystal Lake South's Lauren Schoen securing a rebound while dueling with the Storm's Megan McClure. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Catora Brown releasing a jumper for the Storm over the Gators' Kate Lawson.



Alexis Roberts of South Elgin pulling up off a dribble looking for an outlet pass while being defended by the Gators' Brooke Kuffel.

Sports complex to be topic of new U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was primed to vote on another proposal relating to the Bartlett High School sports complex as well as an energy savings contract at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 20. The items were presented on Nov. 6.

Addressing the Bartlett sports complex is a resolution approving the Installment Purchase Agreement regarding the terms with JP Morgan Chase Bank for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) that will be used for some of the cost of constructing the complex.

The total cost of the previously approved project is \$1.6 million, the Bartlett Boosters Club having raised \$925,000 through private donations, with the QZAB totaling \$466,270 along with \$281,934 coming from the district's operations and maintenance fund. The boosters are expected to pay off the debt from the QZAB.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said "we're using debt certificates" and the bank has agreed to purchase the certificates if necessary. The potential interest rate is 0.25 percent.

Under the original proposal the total from the QZAB was \$370,766, but the low-interest debt is offered through the state and can only go towards the project, in this case the sports complex, that was approved. King said at the time the district could receive more if other schools awarded funds through the QZAB dropped out.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "I thought that they only needed \$371K, so why would we borrow more than what is needed? And by the way [the boosters] are paying it back, not us, correct?"

King said "well, [the boosters] gave us a letter saying they would" pay back the debt and Donna Smith, the board's president, interrupted to note that the board is essentially the co-signer, which Ward noted before the October vote that approved the project.

"I hope we all understood that when we voted yes for this that if they don't [pay], we are held responsible," Smith said.

"Right, but they will. They've shown good faith thus far and raised nearly \$1 million. They will certainly pay it back," Ward responded and reiterated her original question on why the district is seeking more from the QZAB. She said: "Just because it's available doesn't mean that we should borrow more."

King said "well, it's a low interest borrowing" and "we need the funds for the project. They'll all be allocated towards that project. If there's something that we don't spend, then obviously we can return it and pay off that section of that debt."

Ward asked if the boosters club was "on board" with paying off the higher amount which King said they were aware of it.

Board member Phil Costello asked if it was a drawdown or advance which King said "it's just an advance."

"So then we have to repay it under their terms, so it's not like a line of credit," Costello said.

Board member Melissa Owens asked if seeking the higher amount from the QZAB offset the money coming from the operations and maintenance fund which King said it would not.

The energy savings proposal is for a five-year contract with Cenergistic which King called an "efficiency contract."

"If we reduce our expenditures, then the company... will get a percentage of those savings," said King who added Cenergistic would provide three of its own employees to check the all district buildings and their energy systems.

The estimated savings over the five years is \$4.4 million, ranging from \$800,000 to \$1 million each year, and Cenergistic would receive 50 percent of those savings. There is also a cost of \$59,988 for software.

Costello asked if there were any competitors and if the 50 percent was a normal rate and King said "I couldn't find anything else, and actually that was a negotiating point with them." King said Cenergistic picks up most of the up front costs and U-46 CEO Tony

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This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, Nov. 22

- 3 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball vs. Sandwich High School at Sycamore High School Tournament.*

Thursday, Nov. 23

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All South Elgin administrative offices closed.

Friday, Nov. 24

- TBD St. Charles North boys basketball vs. TBD at Rock Island, Illinois Tournament.*
- 7:30 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball vs. Sycamore High School at Sycamore High School Tournament.*

Saturday, Nov. 25

- TBD South Elgin boys basketball vs. TBD at Sycamore High School Tournament.*
- TBD St. Charles North boys basketball vs. TBD at Rock Island, Illinois Tournament.*

Monday, Nov. 27

- 7 p.m. Recreation Board meeting at Village Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

- 7 p.m. St. Charles girls basketball at Batavia High School.*

* Home game unless otherwise specified.

Pet of the Week



Charlie could really use a home!

Charlie is a 13-year-old black and white domestic medium-hair neutered male cat and he is blind. He was owner-surrendered on Halloween due to allergies. Not being able to see doesn't seem to hold him down. Charlie does use the litter box and he loves getting held and petted. He's also front-paw declawed. Due to his sight restrictions, he might do better in a home with no other animals and due to Charlie's special needs his adoption fee is \$50.

All Kane County Animal Control adoptable cats and dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on all vaccines including rabies. They are tested for feline leukemia/FIV and heartworm. The adoption fee for dogs is \$200 and \$100 for cats. Adoption of two dogs is \$300 and it is \$150 to adopt two cats. For more information regarding Kane County Animal Control's adoptable animals and for an adoption application, please go to www.kanecountypets.org.
(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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While this is a free event, a suggested \$5 donation for K9s for Warriors is appreciated.

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Winter drives namesake event inside

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted the annual Almost Winter Day on Saturday, Nov. 18. The day started with breakfast with Santa at Village Squire restaurant, followed by lunch with the jolly old elf at Riverside Pizza & Pub. The day concluded with activities at The Municipal Annex, brought inside due to weather. Indoor activities included crafts and coloring, making cookies, visiting with Santa, balloon figures, hot chocolate, s'mores, plus a bonfire outside.



Bryan Cortez rang the sleigh bells while Santa Claus led guests in singing 'Jingle Bells.'

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Zachary Lauver sported a Santa 'costume' created by Magic Matt.



Jessica Mertogul brought her 8-month-old elf Mason to the Village Squire restaurant to meet Santa for the first time.



A festively decorated Ava Bachewicz enjoyed her decorated cookie while coloring a holiday picture.

Church hosts fundraising Thanksgiving meal

Community United Methodist Church hosted a Thanksgiving dinner fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 9. The funds raised will benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and California that is working to help residents of these areas.

More than 150 guests enjoyed a dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, scalloped corn casserole, rolls, desserts and beverages.



Pack 3 Scouts Nick Tichner, left, and Troy Daum sat down to dinner after greeting guests and serving desserts.



From left, Bob Schweitzer, Shirley Remes and Kim DeVlieger served up turkey and trimmings to diners.



After working for several hours to help prepare and serve dinner, Gloria Mason was joined by her husband Jeff Mason to enjoy dinner.



The dining hall stayed busy during most of the three hours the Thanksgiving dinner was served.

(Examiner photos by Julie Schatz)

Police Reports

released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

★ At 9:38 a.m., a 14-year-old juvenile was cited for disorderly conduct. He faces a Dec. 20 hearing date.

★ At 10:21 a.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Deere Park Circle reported that an unknown offender attempted to force entry into a residential unit. The tenant arrived and advised the residence had not been burglarized but the door had not been fixed properly.

★ At 7:42 p.m., a complainant in the area of Stearns Road and Nicole Drive reported that his vehicle caught fire.

Thursday, Nov. 9

★ At 12:05 a.m., a complainant in the 900 block of South Bartlett Road reported that an unknown subject approached her vehicle in the parking lot but she drove away and did not talk to the subject. Police spoke with the subject who advised she is the owner of the business and thought the complainant was suspicious. Police spoke with both subjects and advised them of the misunderstanding.

★ At 1:53 p.m., Ian R. Alexander, 32, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 21 court date.

★ At 3:18 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Congress Drive reported two male subjects in green vests in his yard. Police spoke with the subjects who advised they were subcontracted by Comcast. Police relayed the information back to the complainant.

★ At 9:06 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Park Place Drive reported three teenagers threw a bike in the pond at Kermit's Korner Park. Police located the bike and tried to pull it out

with negative results.

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 4:02 a.m., Carissa A. Burke, 34, Aurora, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, driving with revoked registration, operation of an unauthorized motor vehicle and an outstanding warrant. She was released on an I-bond on local charges and transported to DuPage

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North, Storm teams swim to season's conclusion

By Seth Hancock

The North girls swimming team capped the season with state qualifications in every swimming event as well as earning a sectional title and its final Upstate Eight Conference title before joining the DuKane Conference next year.

At state, the North Stars brought home the third place trophy and were led by their 200-yard medley relay team's second place finish (one minute, 43.67 seconds) with senior Audrey Guyett and juniors Rachel Ponte, Mallory Jump and Julianna Engesser on Saturday, Nov. 18 at New Trier.

Guyett also finished third in the 500 free (4:54.89), fourth in the 200 free (1:49.98) and fifth along with sophomore Megan Armstrong, junior Kayleigh Lewis and sophomore Sydney Maxwell in the 400 free relay (3:28.76).

"I'm going to miss these girls so much," Guyett said. "I feel like I've been here more than four years, watching my sister Monica swim, but it's an amazing feeling."

Jump was fifth in the 100 butterfly (55.65) and 10th in the 200 individual medley (2:04.51) and Armstrong was seventh in the 100 breaststroke (55.35) and 12th in the 200 free (1:52.89). Lewis, Jump, Engesser and Armstrong were sixth in the 200 free relay (1:35.4), and sophomores Mary Kate Phillips and Hayley Olsen competed in the state prelims.

Hosting the sectional, North took

two relay titles along with event titles from Engesser (50 free), Jump (100 butterfly), Lewis (100 free), Guyett (500 free) and Armstrong (100 backstroke) on Saturday, Nov. 11. South Elgin was 10th at the sectional.

Juniors Shelby Spencer and Katherine Adams led the Storm with third and fourth place finishes respectively in the 1-meter dive. Alaina Gilsinn was 11th in the 50 free and joined Rebecca Palmquist, Lynette Schlueter, Kellyn Todd and Michaela Brumball in a pair of scoring relay teams.

"Overall, I think we did well as a team," said South Elgin coach Dianna McDermott. "We had some bumps in the road, but the girls continued to work hard and not let things bother them this year. Their hard work and dedication to the team really showed as the season went on, with all of the swimmers dropping their times."

McDermott added: "We had upperclassmen Rebecca Palmquist, Lynette Schlueter, Michaela Brumball and Kellyn Todd stepping up to help the younger girls. We had several younger girls, so next year they can step up and lead the team. We have some talented girls that will be returning next year."

The North Stars also hosted the UEC meet earning the title including all three relay titles and a pair of titles each from Guyett (100 and 500 free), Jump (200 IM, 100 butterfly) and Armstrong (100 free, 100 back) on Saturday, Oct. 28. The Storm were sixth.

U-46 math curriculum ratified despite debate

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved three curriculum proposals, but two came with dissent on Monday, Nov. 20.

A proposed geometry bridge course, designed for high school freshmen who scored in the 30th percentile or below on the MAP tests, received a 5-2 vote, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no. An AP Physics 1 course, with a total estimated cost of \$266,090 for resources and an ongoing cost of \$1,575 a year for professional development, was approved 6-1, Ward voting no.

The geometry course imbeds some algebra principles in the course according to the administration to prepare students for Algebra 1-2 to be taken in the sophomore year. The course did not have an estimated cost with no specific resource chosen yet, but staff provided, within the proposal, some supplementary resources currently being used in math classes as examples.

One of those resources is Yummy Math which Ward made social media postings showing math lessons that had little, if anything, to do with math and having more to do with political lessons on things such as climate change to Christopher Columbus.

"Math should not be about man-made global warming, cow flatulence, the politics of banning Big Gulp drinks, how Columbus was horrible or about the glories of honoring labor unions," Ward said. "Math should be about math."

The administration said the resources were included in the proposal because "teachers were trying to be helpful and sharing free resources," and Ward asked if the biased resources could be removed from the proposal since they were not being purchased by the district thus allowing her to vote for the proposal. Ward said "administration declined to remove the resource from the curriculum document."

Rick Newton, who said he was a "math major in college," said during public comments he was "deeply concerned and disgusted" by the Yummy Math resource but was not surprised it would be used in U-46.

"My lack of surprise is based upon the all too often bias of our academic leadership that refuses to differentiate between education and indoctrination," Newton said.

One of the lessons from the resources stated "we've got flatulence humor, percentage calculations and global warming education in this activity" while another promoted bans on sugary drinks about New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg asked why he "tried to make it illegal to sell sodas larger than 16 ounces?"

Newton said: "Beside from having nothing to do with math, do you think that the intended answer would be that (Bloomberg's) a full-fledged so-

cialist who seems to have no value for individual freedom and would rather subject all citizens to a nanny state that oversees everything we do? Somehow, I don't believe that's what the authors intended, but maybe they should have."

Noting the plethora of examples from a math resource that had nothing to do with math, Newton also said in the classes where these issues should be discussed "we should allow and teach students to develop opinions of their own" and the one-sided resources are "deceitful and detrimental."

Board member Sue Kerr, who voted for the proposal, said "any parent who does not like a particular resource has the right to request something different."

On the AP Physics 1 course, which plans to use Addison Wesley's "College Physics: A Strategic Approach" as its textbook, Ward said the resources presented bias in regards to climate change claiming "man-made global warming is established scientific fact with no opposing viewpoint."

A computer science proposal to establish two new courses, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A, was approved 7-0. The total cost for resources is estimated at \$584,875, which includes a notebook computer for each student, with an ongoing cost of \$15,393.

On the resources, Ward said: "I found it to be excellent. It was balanced, and there was one section... which had a very thoughtful discussion on the social and ethical issues related to information technology. I thought that was fantastic."

Also receiving unanimous votes were a proposal approving the Installment Purchase Agreement for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) to go towards the Bartlett High School sports complex, a five-year contract with Cenergistic to seek energy savings and \$7.6 million in itemized bills. The QZAB totals \$466,270.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said regarding the QZAB that "our interest charge will be 0.25 percent," but there is a 4.09 percent interest charge "that the federal government will be giving." Ward noted "we're taking out the bonds, but it's going to be paid back" by the Bartlett Boosters Club which King said the district received a letter from stating "they would raise funds and do that."

King called the Cenergistic's proposal an "efficiency contract." He said "if we reduce our expenditures, then the company... will get a percentage of those savings," and Cenergistic would provide three of its own employees to check all district buildings and their energy systems.

There is a cost of \$59,988 for software while Cenergistic will receive 50 percent of any savings achieved. The estimated savings over the five years is \$4.4 million.



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The library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving eve, at 6 p.m. and will remain closed on Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving Day.

For Adults

The **St. Charles Writers Group** is a workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets the second and the fourth Saturday of each month. The group is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and seeking to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. The next session is Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The topic: Italo Calvino: Why Read the Classics?

Business librarian Chris Flood welcomes **TUG Career Services** on Monday, Dec. 11 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. TUG will help with career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. Each program includes a presentation by various speakers, followed by networking.

For Kids

On the road for the holiday and looking for something for the kids to do?

Check out a **Playaway View**, a handheld video player pre-loaded with content like read-aloud picture books, television shows like Sesame Street or animal videos from National Geographic.

Life-Size Game: Hungry, Hungry Hippos, an event for grades six to eight, will take place Monday, Nov. 27 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jump into a favorite board game that is as big as you are. With your hungry, hungry hippo, we challenge you to gobble up as many balloons as possible for the win. Register or drop in for this event.

Gears: Fun Park for students in grades three to five is on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Build and play with funny gears - interlocking pieces that have a motor to make your creations come to life and move! Each workshop will teach components of mechanics and engineering, beginning with learning to build a creation together and then free building time afterwards. Registration is required.

U-46 wrestles with its vaccination restrictions

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 may loosen its first day exemption restrictions regarding vaccinations but will likely remain stricter than the state standard as the Board of Education discussed its policy on Monday, Nov. 6.

Currently the state requires all students, except those with religious or medical exemptions, to be vaccinated by Oct. 15 of a given school year or be denied access to school, but U-46's policy is stricter with students being required to be vaccinated by the first day of school, which was Aug. 16 this year and Aug. 23 for preschool. The U-46 policies are under sections 7.100 and 7.102.

Back in May, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "the board has always had a policy that says we exclude students on the first day of school" but this was the first school year the policy was going to be enforced.

The district, which increased communication over the summer to prepare for actually following the policy this year, collected data and presented it to the board.

The data showed that there were 711 students whose parents or guardians were notified of not being in compliance on Aug. 16, and through Aug. 23 there were 178 students actually excluded from attending. The district's compliance average was 98.8 percent,

and all schools were above the 90 percent compliance required by the state.

Board members Veronica Noland and Jeanette Ward both said they would like to see the board's policy align with the state requirement of Oct. 15 as Ward said "I want to change the policy to mirror what the state requires so we are not more stringent than the state" and Noland saying "I don't know that we have to be so rigid to exclude students from school on the first day."

"I struggle with this one because on the public health side and that hat I get why we do this, but on the other side of working with families and knowing how difficult it is for families to get information over the summer time and how difficult for many of our families it is to simply comply for so many reasons.... I struggle with continuing with this first day exclusion," Noland added.

After a board discussion, the majority appeared fine with the first day exemption but open to loosening the restriction slightly for around a week after classes start. Another committee meeting will be held to hash out the details.

Jeff Judge, the district's health services supervisor, said "provisions were made" and waivers were applied for to allow as many students to attend class despite not being compliant on the first day. The average number of school days missed by those students who were excluded was 2.138 according to the district data.

Sanders suggested that if the policy were changed to the Oct. 15 date, students who were excluded from class at that time would miss more important class time as classes would be "deeper into the content with curriculum" than the first day.

Noland said "I wouldn't make that

assumption" that there would be many students non-compliant as the later date leaves more time to communicate with parents and guardians, and that communication would more easily be received as students are already attending classes.

Board member Traci Ellis, Sue Kerr, Melissa Owens and Donna Smith all said they supported continuing with the first day exemption but said they were "flexible." Board member Phil Costello said "I really don't like the Oct. 15, waiting for that date" but also said he would like to see a looser standard than the first day exemption.

Owens said "we're immunizing people for herd immunity," which is the idea that those who are not vaccinated will still be protected if others are vaccinated. Noland said "I understand herd immunity, I support it" but noted that there are still going to be non-compliant students regardless of when the board sets the date in its policy.

Judge suggested there is never 100 percent compliance noting the state minimum is 90 percent saying "compliance is a constant struggle that we work with all the time" and currently "we do not have students who are excluded, but there's a difference between being excluding and completely compliant or fully immunized."

Ward said "it's a philosophical reason for me" and "I did vaccinate my children" but "I think it ought to be up to parents to decide whether their children are vaccinated, yes or no, which is why I wanted to move this back to Oct. 15."

"People who believe my body my choice, I think parents ought to have the freedom to decide that for their children," Ward said.

High expectations exist for Storm boys basketball

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team's expectations are high as the Storm prepare for the 2017-18 season.

Last year under first year coach Brett Johnson, the Storm finished 18-10 overall, 5-5 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

The Storm will have some size and return some experience led by 6-foot-6 junior forward Vincent Miskiewicz and 6-5 senior forward Christopher Hankins, both returners, as well as 6-5 newcomer junior forward Patrick Roy.

Some other key returners include senior forwards David Binion and Noah Rohr as well as senior guard Kyle Sy.

"I'm not sure we'll know until we get out there, but I have high expectations for this team," Johnson said. "I think we can play with the best of teams. We just have to decide we need to execute. To be a good team you have to beat good teams by executing."

Johnson added: "We could potentially beat teams on talent alone, but that

won't get us to a conference, regional or sectional championship. The true test is executing when you need a bucket or a stop. It's something we couldn't do last year, so we took it to heart over the summer."

Some newcomers to watch include senior Mohammed Rahman and juniors Drake Montgomery and Lorenzo Vergara, all guards, as well as junior forward Jace Warrick.

Last year, Johnson was hired just weeks before the season began, but this year he's had more time to prepare.

"It feels so different after 60 some games over the summer and summer camp," Johnson said. "I can feel the togetherness with this team already, and practice has been phenomenal with so much energy. I hope it transfers to games. If it does, the sky is the limit for this team because you can't coach energy."

South Elgin opens the season at the Sycamore Thanksgiving Tournament.

Costello also asked what the current energy costs in the district were that would be the base to seeing any savings to which King said the district spends about \$5 million a year on energy.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if the district would provide an annual report on savings and King said he would.

with failure of adult responsibility. She faces a Dec. 20 court date. In the same incident, a 14-year-old minor and a 13-year-old minor were cited for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The subjects face a Dec. 20 court date.

WAYNE

Friday, Nov. 10

★ At 5 p.m., police responded to the 4N block of Honey Hill for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was found to be a limousine that a resident had called. The driver had gotten lost.

Sunday, Nov. 12

★ At 9:46 p.m., police responded to the 34W block of Army Trail for a report of a suspicious person. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the subject.

★ At 10:45 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Dunham roads, an officer observed a female subject standing on the side of the road. She advised she had gotten into an argument with her husband, and asked to be let out of the vehicle. The husband later returned, and confirmed her story. The couple later left with no incident.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

★ At 7:33 p.m., police responded to the 6N block of Dunham for a request to assist Fox River Emergency Medical Services personnel with a female subject who had broken her leg. The subject was transported to Delnor Hospital by EMS personnel.

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Sanders said "surrounding school districts... brought this to our attention."

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County Jail.

Saturday, Nov. 11

★ At 1:25 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Dorchester Lane reported hearing two subjects whispering outside of her residence and spotted them shortly after running across the neighbor's yard. Police searched the area with negative results.

★ At 3:26 a.m., Steven A. Barbush, 43, Romeoville, was arrested and charged with DUI, driving while license suspended and failure to provide information upon striking a parked vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 4 court date.

★ At 10:06 a.m., Lukasz K. Dylski, 25, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with aggravated speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 26 court date.

★ At 6:18 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Hill Avenue reported a structure fire. The homeowner advised police that his fireplace was the primary heating method for his residence and he fell asleep. The Bartlett Fire Protection District extinguished the fire and the residence was secured by the homeowner.

★ At 10:44 p.m., Marnie L. Brewer, 46, Bartlett, was arrested and charged

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Road) in St. Charles.

Low impact/sculpt aerobics exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S 7th Ave., St. Charles Tuesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free and open to all.

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.

The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Anderson Animal Shelter needs your help! They have litters of puppies and kittens that are in need of temporary homes immediately. Foster homes provide a safe and loving space until they are ready for adoption. Whether you have fostered before or this is your first time, Anderson is here to help you along the way! To learn more about fostering or the animals that need your help and love, contact Rayann at 815-901-5501 or via email at

rsanchez@andersonanimalshelter.org.

Line dancing at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon. Open to all and free. No registration required.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Fox Valley Wildlife Center has received 1,500 animals since Jan. 1, 2014! Almost all of these animals have been babies. Due to this, they are in much need of Kleenex. They are asking for donations of non-scented Kleenex boxes. They are also in much need of fruits and vegetables, mainly grapes, melon, zucchini, squash and greens. If you are able to donate these items, please drop-off at the center any day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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



Sharing the Holidays with Your Loved One Who Has Dementia

**Tuesday,
December 5, 2017**

Presented By:
Rebekah Wilson, MSW
Dementia Care Specialist

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Registration & Dinner

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Presentation

Located at

Bartlett Hills Golf Club & Banquets

800 W. Oneida Avenue, Bartlett, IL 60103

Hurry! Seating is limited.

RSVP by November 28th
Bartlett@artismgmt.com
or 630.855.5939

The holidays are a time when family and friends often come together. But for families living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, the holidays can be challenging. However, with some planning and adjusted expectations, your celebrations can still be happy, memorable occasions.

Rebekah Wilson, MSW will discuss the unique considerations for sharing holiday time with patients with dementia, explain the importance of adjusting expectations related to celebrating the holidays and help identify possible safety concerns and how to avoid potential problems.



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