

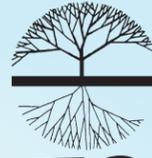
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U-46 Board discusses equality versus equity

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an update on the state of "equity" in the district at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 22.

Ron Raglin, assistant superintendent of support programs and alignment, said there is a new Illinois law surrounding "implicit racial bias training." Raglin said the district has provided such professional development in the past and from 2012-2014 there were three training sessions that had over 400 combined attendees, in 2016-17 yearlong training had over 400 attendees and the current school year has had over 450 attendees.

Raglin said the state law addresses "influences evaluations of and behavior toward those who are the subject of the bias," "understanding implicit racial bias training is needed in order to reduce that bias," "marginalized students would benefit from having access to educators who have worked to reduce their biases" and "training that helps educators overcome implicit racial bias has implication for classroom interactions, student evaluation, and classroom engagement; it also affects student academic self-concept."

Melanie Meidel, assistant superintendent of human resources, said all new hires must watch a video concerning "implicit racial bias," and Raglin said the district's plan for the fall of 2019 is to hold an "all means all kickoff" in which "we're all in one place together, we're all hearing the

same message."

Board member Jeanette Ward indicated her opposition to such training, and she has previously indicated her opposition to the district's continuous push to divide students along racial lines.

Prior to the meeting, Ward made a social media post honoring Martin Luther King Jr. quoting his "I have a dream" speech in which he said: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Ward added: "Dr. King advocated a color-blind meritocracy, where content of character was the basis on which people would be judged. He would be turning over in his grave at those who advocate policy which bases hiring and program inclusion decisions on race instead of content of character."

The U-46 administration's plans and focus was illustrated in an image included in the presentation claiming a difference between "equality" and "equity."

"Equality is giving all students the same support," Raglin said. "Equity is supporting each student according to their need."

The image portrays three students including a white boy, a white girl and a black boy. The apparent implication of the photo was that if black and female students are treated equally, the same as all other students, they are not capable of competing with white boys.

"Isn't that racist?" Ward asked. "When we portray the idea that certain students, specifically minorities, need special treatment to succeed, how does that affect the student population? Aren't we sending the message that they are not as good as other students, so they need our help? Isn't that destructive? And isn't it destructive to girls to imply that they need additional assistance to compete academically with boys?"

Ward added: "As a woman, I take from that slide that I need help to compete with men."

Raglin said "any of those images that are in that slide, you can easily rotate the images" and "the point is around equity." He gave an example of one high school in the district where white males were underrepresented in Advanced Placement classes and he told the principal to look into it.

"I'm glad to hear that," Ward said about addressing that specific school case, "but I'm sure someone had something in mind when they put the slide together."

Board member Traci Ellis later unintentionally affirmed Ward's concerns saying "sure you can swap it out" in the photo and "this wasn't just you know 'oh, let's just randomly assign something.'"

"I don't think we should shy away from calling a thing a thing," Ellis said and added: "Typically speaking, black children are performing the lowest."

During the presentation Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent of secondary schools instruction and equity, said students may have received referrals for being disrespectful or disruptive by moving around in class but "we know that... students sometimes need to move, sometimes students need to wiggle, sometimes students need to respond in a certain way."

"Really, this is a part of the environment they grew up in and this is how they work," Lozier said.

Ellis said "black male students like to move" and "that is a culture issue" which shouldn't be punished, and she said teachers are ignorant of this: "Cultural ignorance has such detri-

ment in the classroom."

Ward partly agreed saying that "school is set up to cater to girls" and "males don't like to sit for 50 minutes at a time," but she emphasized "males of all races."

Asking for evidence that "implicit bias training" has a beneficial effect, Ward quoted Jordan Peterson, a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, who said at a Canadian senate hearing that "the science surrounding the so-called charge of implicit bias... is by no means settled" and "what little evidence there is suggests that it has the opposite effect because people don't like being brought in front of a re-education committee and having their fundamental perceptions... altered by collective fiat."

Raglin had no research available but claimed that's a "mute argument" because "you can find researchers that will have a whole 180-degree opposite view of that."

Board member Phil Costello asked if there was any funding from the state with this law to which U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said no.

Costello asked for the costs of the training saying "I'm not saying it's wrong, I'm just saying if we're going to do this" and it takes away from other training opportunities.

Ellis said that "if we're going to go down that road, then we need to go down the road of what's the cost for not doing this" which Costello said that was fine as well to look into.

Lozier said this kind of "bias" training is imbedded in all training such as math and science professional development and suggested there was no additional cost to it.

Board member Melissa Owens said "this just isn't about just discipline or suspensions or referrals" and Sue Kerr that "we have a lot of work to do, and we need to address that," and both wanted to see achievement gap data.

"I think as a district that we have a lot to be proud of, but we also have a lot of work to do," Sanders said and added the district has a "perception problem."

Board ratifies purchase of three new trucks

By Joe Hyland

The Public Works Department will be updating its fleet as a result of the approval of two separate motions at the Thursday, Jan. 18 Village Board meeting. Both purchases were paid for from the village's equipment replacement fund. The funds are included in the 2018 budget.

The first motion was to approve the purchase of a pair of 2018 Ford F-250 trucks from Currie Motors of Frankfort. The cost of each of the trucks is just over \$26,500. Currie was the low bidder under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.

The second purchase was for something a bit more substantial, namely a 2018 Ford F-550. The cost for this vehicle is just over \$36,000. The dealer from which it was purchased was Landmark Ford of Springfield, Illinois. The purchase was

made through the State of Illinois, for which Landmark was the low bidder.

According to a memo from Director of Public Works Matt Mann, the new vehicles will replace a 2003 F-550, a 2005 F-250 and a 2007 Chevy 2500.

"All of these vehicles come with the standard 3-year, 36,000 mile bumper to bumper and 5-year, 60,000 mile power train warranties," said Mann in the memo.

The F-550 is a dump truck unit which will also be used for salt spreading and plowing. The two pick-up trucks can also be fitted with plows. The purchase price does not include the equipment necessary for any of those tasks. Mann said that those items will be bid out separately and a recommendation made to the board once the bids have been received. The old vehicles will be put up for auction.



The iceman cometh

Artist and ice sculptor Joe Gagnepain used power tools as well as hand tools to sculpt the block of ice into a polar bear on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Poplar Creek Library. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)



Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Saturday, Jan. 13

★ At 2:51 a.m., Jeffery Sharkey Jr., 28, Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, improper lane usage and possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces two undetermined court dates.

★ At 12:42 p.m., an agent for Thornton's Gas Station, 2 North Barrington Road, reported that an unknown offender pumped \$31 worth of gasoline and left without paying.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

★ At 10:34 p.m., Aaron D. Turner, 29, Schiller Park, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, improper lighting, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

BARTLETT

Thursday, Jan. 11

★ At 1:07 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Ann Court reported that he asked a known offender to leave after he was causing issues, and he was afraid that the subject would not leave the premises. The subject left the residence prior to police arrival.

★ At 3:59 a.m., a complainant reported having issues with his tenants that rent a property in San Antonio, Texas. Police advised the subject to contact local authorities regarding the matter.

★ At 11:40 a.m., a complainant in the 1300 block of Branden Lane reported watching a subject via video surveillance pick up an Amazon package that was delivered to her porch. She advised she had not ordered anything from Amazon or had anything delivered. She advised that she called Amazon and was advised that there was nothing suspicious on her account. She also checked her credit report and did not find anything suspicious there.

Friday, Jan. 12

★ At 1:49 a.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Valleyview Drive reported that his neighbors' garbage cans were outside since Monday and he was concerned for their well being. Police attempted to contact the complainant's neighbors with negative results.

★ At 6:48 a.m., Carlos A. Diaz, 23, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and improper lane usage. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Jan. 30 court date.

★ At 11 a.m., a 17-year-old Bartlett juvenile was cited for possession of tobacco products and vape e-cigarettes. The subject faces a Feb. 21 court date.

★ At 4:53 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Chatsford Court reported receiving a letter via the U.S. Post Office and believed this to be a fraudulent attempt against the elderly. Police

contacted the Post Office and confirmed the authenticity of the letters. Documentation only.

★ At 9:24 p.m., Jennifer P. Jolevski, 43, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and no registration. She was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:36 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of West Stearns Road reported that he was concerned for the well being of a female customer due to intoxication. The subject was transported to her residence by an Uber and police followed to confirm that she entered her home safely.

Saturday, Jan. 13

★ At 5:37 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of East Chippendale Drive reported that he recently moved into his residence and has observed several pieces of bread in multiple locations outside his home. The complainant is unaware who may be leaving the bread.

Sunday, Jan. 14

★ At 2 a.m., Patrick H. Gould, 42, Elgin, was cited for negligent driving. He faces a Feb. 21 court date.

★ At 4:49 a.m., Juan A. Rodriguez, 22,

Addison, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and failure to dim lights. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Jan. 30 court date.

Monday, Jan. 15

★ At 12:50 p.m., a complainant at Woodland Hills Drive and Stonegate Court reported that a landscaping company drives their bull dozers on Woodland Hills Drive without the proper signs on the rear of the equipment. Police spoke with the landscaper and notified them of the incident.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

★ At 4:41 p.m., Ricardo Guerrero-Cansino, 37, Chicago, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to Kane County Jail. He was also cited for use of an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

★ At 6:56 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Fieldcrest Drive reported that an unknown offender opened a PayPal account with her information. She advised that she had already checked her credit report and did not see anything suspicious. Police provided an identity theft packet.

Sabres boys hoops extend win streak, topple Hawks

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team won their fourth straight, the longest winning streak this season for the Sabres, with a 47-42 nonconference win over Hoffman Estates on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Hoffman Estates.

The Sabres eventually ran away with things in the third quarter, but that came after a rocky first half. Streamwood built a 16-9 lead to watch Hoffman Estates rally back to forge a 20-20 tie by the break.

Keenon Cole, at 6-foot-7, scored a game-high 24 points, and his teammates helped get him the ball in the paint all night which was a key to Streamwood taking control in the third quarter. Lamont Cole, who finished with seven points, hit a three-pointer at the buzzer that gave the Sabres a 39-29 lead entering the fourth quarter.

"We started settling for jump shots in the second quarter, but we got back to working the ball inside in the third," said Streamwood coach Paul

Kowalyszyn. "We got back to what got us the lead at the start."

"We started settling for bad shots, but at halftime we realized we were bigger and we worked the ball inside to take advantage," said Keenon Cole.

Streamwood's lead grew as large as 11 in the fourth quarter. Hoffman Estates made a late push to pull to 45-40 in the final minute, the closest the host came in the fourth.

Zack Marquez scored seven points and Brendon Marton six for the Sabres.

"Tonight I wouldn't say it was a pretty win, but we'll take it," Kowalyszyn said. "We're definitely playing better."

Streamwood opened the week by winning its final two games of the Lake Zurich MLK Tournament, 70-50 against Mundelein and 54-49 against Palatine, on Monday, Jan. 15. The Sabres were 3-1 in the tournament.

Ahead by eight against Mundelein, the Sabres put the game away with a 25-13 fourth quarter in the 70-50 victory led by Nikola Sinik who hit eight treys and scored 26 points. Keenon Cole scored 13 points, Marton and DeAngelo Flynn nine each and Lamont Cole eight.

Sinik added three more threes and scored 11 points and both Lamont Cole (15 points) and Keenon Cole (13 points) led Streamwood in the Palatine win which the Sabres built a 19-6 lead after one quarter and held on. Jack Maybrun scored seven points.

The Sabres are now 11-12 overall, and with St. Charles East and St. Charles North coming up they hope to earn their first Upstate Eight Conference River Division win.

"I'm glad we're beating some good teams, but now we need to learn how to beat the elite teams in our conference," Kowalyszyn said.

"We've just been listening to our coach, and we're learning how to win," Keenon Cole said. "We've built a lot of confidence. We know we can hang with anyone."

Sabres girls basketball defeated by Geneva 87-51

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team couldn't match the hot shooting of Geneva as the Sabres dropped an 87-51 Upstate Eight Conference River Division game on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Geneva.

Much like after a 70-37 loss to Geneva earlier this season, the Sabres found positives after facing the conference leaders and defending state champs.

Streamwood only committed eight turnovers against Geneva's pressure defense, and the Sabres didn't fold after falling behind 20-1 at the start. Ultimately, Streamwood couldn't overcome Geneva's 14 three-pointers.

"That was quite a shooting exhibition by them, but I'm proud of my girls," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "I thought we gave a great effort."

Rosner added: "I thought we did a great job breaking their press. We had

very few turnovers, and this is the top press you are going to see. Everyone worked hard and contributed."

Maddi Exline scored a game-high 21 points including four treys which helped the Sabres rally from their slow start. Streamwood pulled to 25-13 by the end of the first quarter and 25-19 early in the second, and Exline had already scored 15 points.

Geneva wouldn't allow Streamwood to pull closer than six as it took a 38-26 lead into halftime and 64-40 after three quarters.

"When we're facing a really good team like Geneva, we can't look at the score," Exline said. "We just have to keep playing hard the whole time."

Mandy Mien scored eight points, Rebecca Roncone seven, Andrea Bracy five and both Riya Patel and Alexis Rojas four.

Streamwood is now 3-16 overall, 3-4 in the UEC River Division.

State income tax returns to be accepted beginning Jan. 29

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) will begin accepting 2017 state individual income tax returns on Monday, Jan. 29, the same date that the Internal Revenue Service begins accepting federal individual income tax returns. IDOR is reminding taxpayers that filing tax returns electronically and requesting direct deposit into a checking or savings account is still the fastest, most secure way to receive a refund. IDOR begins this tax season with a continued focus on protecting taxpayers and state government against fraud.

"The State of Illinois' continued resolve to detect and prevent tax return fraud has resulted in an overall savings of more than \$31 million in calendar year 2017, a 52 percent increase from 2016," said Connie Beard, IDOR director. "We are protecting our taxpayers, ensuring refunds go to the correct individual, and saving money."

As fraud prevention measures continue, IDOR anticipates direct deposit refunds will be issued four weeks

from the time an error-free electronically-filed return was submitted.

MyTax Illinois, IDOR's free online account management program will begin accepting individual income tax returns on Jan. 29. Taxpayers can file their Form IL-1040 for free using MyTax Illinois. Individuals may also utilize MyTax Illinois to make payments, check the status of their Illinois individual income tax refund using Where's My Refund?, and look up their IL-PIN, estimated tax payments, and 1099-G amounts.

In calendar year 2017, over six million individual income tax returns were filed with IDOR. Of those, 84 percent were filed electronically. Over 4 million or 66 percent of those who filed an individual income tax return received a refund. The tax rate increased in July 2017 to 4.95 percent from 3.75 percent. Most filers will use a blended rate of 4.3549 percent.

For the most up-to-date information, forms, schedules, and instructions for the 2017 tax year, please visit IDOR's website at: tax.illinois.gov.

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Administration honors board member request

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an update regarding "equity" at the request of one board member, Traci Ellis, at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 22 leaving the appearance to other board members that the administration could be playing favorites.

The presentation was designed to address what the administration and Ellis claimed to be disparities in how students of different racial backgrounds are treated and how the district is implementing "implicit racial bias training" for staff.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders opened by saying: "I would like to note that on Nov. 8, board member Ellis did request a report on equity including academic behavioral data as well as data on our improvement of employees."

Sanders also said he "would like to publicly apologize to Mrs. Ellis that her requested data is not included" entirely, saying it was an "oversight" for not being included.

Board member Jeanette Ward said: "I thought the entire board had to direct the work of administration, not just individual board members."

"That is true.... There has not been a board discussion but it has been on the board book," Sanders said who added the administration did the work as the result of an email from Ellis.

Ellis said because her email was posted for all board members to see and "there was no response or objection to those requests" making it all right for her alone to direct staff without board discussion. Donna Smith, the board's president, did not weigh in on whether it was appropriate for one individual board member to direct staff work.

"The request is specifically about a board policy. It is our work," said Ellis, who did not provide which board policy she was referring to.

While the administration and board members in the majority said at the meeting that district teachers and staff hold "implicit racial bias," Ward told *The Examiner* after the meeting that there is "implicit bias against conservatives" in the district.

During the board's discussion with administration during the "equity" update, those in the board's majority suggested certain questions are off limits which the administration agreed with. The questions were from Ward, who had a different point of view from the majority and administration.

One slide during the presentation specifically stated that teachers need to know how to affirm different cultures, and Ward questioned if there

were "any cultural norms and conditions that are wrong" and should not be affirmed? She noted cultures such as China, which has a one-child policy, or cultures that perform "female genital mutilation."

Ron Raglin, assistant superintendent of support programs and alignment, didn't have an answer as he said he didn't understand the question and Ellis said "this is so not fair to staff."

Sanders said he didn't "read this slide to say that we would embrace cultures that have beliefs like the ones you just mentioned," and "this is really about racial, racial diversity, the cultures of other races."

The slide states teachers should "recognize and value" other cultures and "advocating in ways that honor differences among cultures."

Board member Veronica Noland said, dismissing Ward's concerns, that "these hard charging questions to staff are really unfair" and called them "politically motivated questions." She added that these "debates should be among the seven of us" board members.

Part of the reason for the update was that the district held two Brother 2 Brother Black Male Symposiums in the fall.

While the administration responded to Ellis' email by creating a presentation for board and public consumption, they have yet to respond to concerns from board member Phil Costello from around the same time as Ellis' email and concerning the same subject.

Costello raised concerns publicly on Nov. 10 about the administration making "personal conclusions" regarding disciplinary data that were "misleading the public by projecting that these topics have been studied by staff and deliberated by the board," that highly touted programs by the district to support students are "ineffective after years of development and implementation" if the district's "personal conclusions" are true and it is inappropriate to claim "the District's officials are inherently or overtly condone racially-biased practice" when no deliberation has been had.

"As a board member, I have not been given any testimony regarding this subject and there has been no deliberation of racially-motivated bias since the last class-action lawsuit that I am aware of. To the contrary, I have found that the District's discipline code is a stellar model for all school districts and that our legal, security and administrative teams have demonstrated both professional execution and compassionate discretion to all students," Costello added.



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Letters to the Editor

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Wake up Illinois

Dear Editor,

You still don't understand the Democratic Party cares less of you, the voters. You put in Dick Durbin for many decades, He has done nothing for you. He pretends he cares about Illinois, but he is entrenched in Washington. He makes a lot of money and receives great benefits paid by taxpayers of the United States. He, Tammy Duckworth and Rajah caused the government shutdown worrying about illegal immigrants instead of our soldiers fighting for us and democracy.

Durbin, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi who caused the shutdown all due to President Trump winning an election. They have blocked bills and personnel

supposed to be sworn in to help our country. You know what this does to VA hospitals? Veterans pay while compensation or pension benefits have to wait. Our armed forces are not getting paid nor families whose loved ones died for their country and just because of DACA where free food, medical and clothes are available just to make the Democratic Party look good and ask for their votes not as Americans but as illegals.

Remember 2018 is very important. It is time that Mike Madigan is voted out of office in Illinois along with others that do not care about voters except as a source to keep them in office. Voters need to take action to ensure that happens.

Fred J. Hossfeld
Korean War veteran

U-46 Board given data on school safety, culture

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was updated on school safety and culture data and there was a mixed bag in the data presented on Monday, Jan. 22.

In some categories the district saw positive trends but lagged behind the state while other data showed numbers going in the wrong direction.

John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, presented the numbers starting with results of the 5Essentials survey which is run by the state.

Questions answered by students on general safety show that 44 percent of student in 2016-17 felt safe which is up from 31 percent in 2014-15 while the state average has increased from 47 to 55 percent.

"We're running underneath the state average, but we're climbing with the state as they're climbing towards the positive," said Heiderscheidt who added there are "similar results" in questions regarding school safety where U-46 students feeling safe has risen from 49 to 60 percent over the three school years, and the state from 65 to 68 percent.

Teachers responses to the surveys questions in U-46 are "flat lined at around 40 and the average for the state is around 48" percent of teachers feeling safe.

For school security checks the district saw 100 percent compliance in door lock and sign-in checks, 98 percent inside greeting time check, 95 percent visitor tags being used and 91 percent on intercom check. The intercom check is up from 83 percent while the visitor tag usage was a slight decline.

Heiderscheidt said "we're still working with the system" regarding visitor tags and "we're running into some logistical issues" with the software.

There were 79,000 visitors to U-46 schools last year and Heiderscheidt said all "were checked against our sex offender registration files which the

vendor uses. We had 15 matches or so possible. Eight of them were confirmed and all eight were parents, and we must remember that parents do have a right to their child's education. It's just that they should be calling us and checking in with us before they come, and come by appointment only when they're coming to our schools."

U-46 has completed installation of lockdown locks at all elementary and middle schools and now is working on high schools according to Heiderscheidt, the district was in full compliance of all drills (such as fire and severe weather drills) and 55 percent of staff are trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention.

Heiderscheidt said "the Student Code of Conduct is the major initiative in the last couple of years" that has been worked on, and it has been removed from student handbooks and is now posted online.

Prior to stating the data on behavior events, referrals, school offenses and suspensions Heiderscheidt said "discipline means to teach or to mentor" and "punishment may change behavior, but it is typically short-lived."

In the categories of weapons, drugs, gangs, bullying and threats the district saw increases in all behavior events except gangs, a drop to 81 in 2016-17 from 117 the prior year. Bullying saw the largest increase, from 381 to 570.

"Bullying has had a pretty big increase," Heiderscheidt said. "We believe that is because we've been putting resources to it and also our anonymous reporting methods online. Those are being used more and more and more."

The number of school offenses in inappropriate physical contact increased from 317 to 889 and physical aggression from 1,763 to 2,463. Number of fights has dropped from 589 to 317.

Student referrals have increased from 8,802 to 8,883 while the district also broke data down among three racial categories: Hispanics (increase from

4,950 to 5,082), whites (decrease from 1,965 to 1,790) and blacks (increase from 1,181 to 1,299).

For students who received referrals they averaged 4.66 referrals while the district again delineated by three racial groups: blacks (7.14), Hispanics (4.61) and whites (3.22).

Heiderscheidt said the data shows "that our interventions are working for some students... and not necessarily for other students."

The percentage of all students who received referrals was 22.38 while the percentage of blacks was 51.28, multi-racial 25.54, Hispanic 23.88, Native American 19.76, white 16.59, Pacific Islander 11.54 and Asian 8.48.

The number of out of school suspensions rose from 874 to 1,009, but that is still down from 1,547 in 2013-14. Heiderscheidt said "it looks like we're going to reach around 1,000 again" this year.

Heiderscheidt implied that school staff is not "applying equally to all students" discipline based on race and the district is looking to take "away some of the discretionary decision making of an administrator in the moment."

Noting the rise in inappropriate physical contact and physical aggression, board member Jeanette Ward said she was "concerned that we are getting more aggression because we are disciplining it less severely" and asked if the rises could "be due to the fact that we are punishing these offenses less severely?"

Heiderscheidt said: "It's a possibility. One of the other things we are looking at is that we are better defining those physical acts in our Student Code of Conduct."

Board member Sue Kerr noted that the number of respondents from some

schools on the 5Essentials survey were lower than others and asked if they were included in the number, and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the state requires a "threshold" to be met to include them. Kerr asked how many schools didn't reach the threshold which Heiderscheidt said "it's a low number."

Ward asked what Heiderscheidt, when stating interventions weren't working for some racial groups over others, was recommending for changing how the district intervenes.

"If I had all that right here, I probably would not be working here because I'd be selling a lot of books and trying to change the world, which I intend to try and change the world because that's who I am," Heiderscheidt said he challenged "every school to take a look at their data."

Board member Traci Ellis said "there's an over identification problem" and "I'm not willing to accept that 'oh black kids don't know how to behave'" saying that 6 percent of the student body makes up 51 percent of referrals.

"We must have the best behaved white children in America," Ellis said. "It has to be. Otherwise, how is that only black and brown kids are being expelled?"

"I don't think white kids are the best behaved in the district," Ward responded. "That data says Asian kids are the best behaved in the district if you follow that reasoning."

"My point was when it comes to expulsions," Ellis said. No expulsion data was provided.

Ward later clarified that black students did not make up 51 percent of all referrals, it was 51 percent of that population which Heiderscheidt said "that is correct."

Pet of the Week



Rabbit alert: Bellini needs a home

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Land development plan on hold due to vote

By Seth Hancock

A plan to develop land surrounding Hawk Hollow Elementary School in Bartlett has been put on hold as a request for approval by School District U-46 on a preliminary/final planned unit development (PUD) was denied by the Village Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Trustees voted four to two against the proposal which will now be sent back to committee.

In a letter from Jeff King, U-46's chief operations officer, to the village he wrote: "School District U-46 is requesting zoning approval for the land owned by the School District around Hawk Hollow Elementary School. The parcel will be subdivided as planned when the school was first built."

Jim Plonczynski, community development director, said if the plan was approved it would have allowed U-46 to auction off property it owns for development. The land is off the east side of Gerber Road and south of the Hawk Hollow Subdivision.

The plan is for 15 single family homes on 20.23 acres of land known as the Jacaranda Subdivision, and single family residential developments surround the land along with a park to the east and some forest preserves to the west.

A similar PUD had been approved in 2001 but nothing was developed and the current proposal "is in substantial compliance with the originally approved subdivision for this property" according to Plonczynski, and Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said there's

"very little difference between that and what was already approved."

U-46 purchased the land in 2001 and the elementary school was built in 2002 according to the zoning history provided to trustees, and King's letter stated the school district's plan was to "sell off the other portion of land for development of residential lots."

Prior to that, the land was originally annexed by the village in 1986. In 1998, an application to develop the land for 49 single family lots was denied by the village board but in 2000 the village had to enter into a consent decree as the result of a lawsuit and the land was zoned for 43 single family lots.

"This piece was part of a settlement agreement of a lawsuit when it was a nursery, and the subdivision and the lot layout were approved by a consent decree that the village entered," Mraz said. "That was before the school was carved out. The school then bought the school site which is in the center basically and a site plan was approved for that."

U-46 had put up the remaining land not used in building the school for public auction in 2002, but in 2003 the successful bidder did not close on the property because DuPage County's Department of Environmental Concerns would not issue special manage-

ment permits with regards to wetlands on the site. Mraz said the wetland concerns have been resolved since then.

In 2015, the U-46 Board of Education voted to allow the district to sell the land and the appraisal at the time was \$1.5 million.

Village President Kevin Wallace asked Plonczynski for an estimate on how much the school district has spent in terms of infrastructure to prepare the land for sale, and Plonczynski said "several hundred thousands of dollars easy" and possibly up to \$750,000.

Along with the development of 15 single family homes, the PUD also included work on roads on the property.

The PUD sought to extend Winston Lane, in the Hawk Hollow Subdivision, southward through the subdivision connecting with Benson Drive in the Fairfax Commons Subdivision which is to the southeast.

"This road connection will allow residents vehicular access to the Hawk Hollow Elementary School without having to access Army Trail or Gerber Road," Plonczynski said.

There would also be a dedication of a right-of-way for the future Fair Oaks Road which Plonczynski said would come in from Army Trail Road.

Village Board receives NNO award trophy

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett Police Department presented its second place National Night Out award to the Village Board of Trustees at its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The 2017 National Night Out event was the 24th year for Bartlett and it was awarded second place in the 15,000 to 50,000 population category among 48 communities from across the country by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) according to Sgt. Kyle Rybaski.

"It's always exciting when we can continue to put Bartlett on the map.... This achievement was definitely a community effort," Rybaski said.

Rybaski added: "What is great about National Night Out is that it allows us to continue to foster invaluable partnerships with residents, businesses, organizations and the community."

According to the NATW's website (natw.org): "National Night Out is an

annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live."

In 2017, the village's National Night Out featured events like the twilight skate park bash, family fun night, pool party, block party and neighborhood lighting competition, community blood drive, golf skills competition and picnic in the park.

Rybaski thanked Village President Kevin Wallace, trustees, administrators and Bartlett's crime prevention team as well as Bartlett's park and fire protection districts, Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Bartlett Hills Golf Club and vendors "for the continued support and generosity in order to put on this successful event that impacts our community at such an elite level."

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Taking note

Anna Jepson was taking notes as she visited the booths with her parents at the Bartlett Library, during its annual preschool and daycare fair on Saturday, Jan. 12. For story and more photos see page 10.

(Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)

Fire District honors annual poster contest winners

By Joe Hyland

One of the missions of the Bartlett Fire Protection District has is education. In particular, district personnel regularly work with local schools, especially the elementary schools, in order to educate children as soon as possible on the importance of fire safety.

Among the ways the district does this is by sponsoring an annual poster contest for first- through third- grade students. Each year's contest has a theme. This year was no different. The district again sponsored a contest open to all of the schools in the district's service area. This year's theme, "Every Sec-

ond Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out," is one that is being used by fire protection districts nationwide, and is sponsored by the United States Fire Administration as well as the Federal Emergency Management Association.

The theme notes the importance of having a family escape plan that takes into account the possibility of an exit being blocked by a fire, necessitating the use of an alternate exit. A poster at www.usfa.fema.gov illustrates seven steps for practicing an escape plan.

The winners of the contest were honored in a ceremony prior to the Fire Protection District's Wednes-

day, Jan. 17 meeting. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place for each grade.

The first grade winners from first place to third were: Mia Carney (Hawk Hollow), Lily Matousek (Bartlett) and Annie Fulkerson (Bartlett).

The second grade winners were: Riya Shah (Centennial), Brooke Blankenship (Sycamore) and Giancarlo Querrey (Hawk Hollow).

The third grade winners were: Vishva Patel (Hawk Hollow), Arpan Shah (Centennial) and Ezra Fulkerson (Bartlett).

Each received a certificate.

Concerns send land plan to committee for review

By Seth Hancock

A plan to develop land known as the Jacaranda Subdivision currently owned by School District U-46 will go back to committee after concerns were raised by the Village Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

A planned unit development (PUD) proposal from U-46 was voted down four to two with trustees Vince Carbonaro and Raymond Deyne supporting the proposal but Michael Camerer, Kristina Gabrenya, Adam Hopkins and Aaron Reinke voting no. After that vote a motion was made by Hopkins to send the plan back to committee which was approved 5-1, Reinke voting no.

Prior to the board discussion, three people spoke on the plan during the meeting's town hall.

Steve Henricksen said he was "not against U-46 selling and developing the land, but I have major concerns about traffic flow at pickup and drop off" at Hawk Hollow Elementary School which is on the site of the PUD proposal.

Currently there is only one way in and out of the school from Gerber Road according to Henricksen who had concerns over some of the road extensions planned for in the PUD.

Winston Lane, which currently dead ends, would be extended to connect with Benson Drive, and a portion of land would be dedicated for building Fair Oaks Road which would connect with Army Trail Road according to the PUD.

Henricksen said that would lead to three routes for entrance "which I'm afraid will cause chaos," and he suggested the need for crossing guards and police providing traffic direction for pickups and drop offs which currently aren't needed at the school. He said he had read that the police department had suggested possibly eliminating some crossing guards from the village.

Justin Kline said that Winston Lane is used by walkers to school because of the dead end for safety. He said that traffic is currently "extraordinarily congested," and he said that developing on some of the wetlands on the site may be "esthetically displeasing" and they are currently used by Bartlett sports teams for practice and by neighborhood kids.

Rob Carney said he was the chairman of a playground committee at the school and requested that the future developer make a donation towards a \$35,000 renovation project on the school's playground.

After hearing the public comments, Hopkins initially attempted to send it back to committee before the vote on the PUD which Village President Kevin Wallace objected to.

"I think there are some tweaks that can be made to this plan before we approve it," Hopkins said.

"This whole subdivision has been planned out for quite some time," Wallace said. "It just got put on hold for quite some time."

Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said the board could postpone it but the same issues would likely remain whether it was approved that night or in the future, but "if there's an easy, cheap fix then maybe that's something that can be looked at."

Jim Plonczynski, community development director, said the quicker the plan is approved the better.

"It's not been just like an overnight thing. We've met several times on it with their attorneys and with their engineers," said Plonczynski who added the village has fielded many calls from "builders that want to get and jump right on it."

"It's a prime spot.... We believe that

it will sell fast," Plonczynski said. "We actually are kind of counting on the lots being readied and built later on this year."

Hopkins asked if U-46 had observed pickups/drop offs at Hawk Hollow and if they found any issues.

Greg Berna, U-46's architect, said "we have a very similar layout on some other schools" and added "we hope that the flow will be much better" because of the planned road work. He added the dead end at Winston Lane is "kind of problematic."

Deyne asked: "In your opinion, this is an improvement from what's currently existing out there?"

Berna responded: "Right, because it wasn't completely developed."

"It's going to be improved because it's going to tie into a road system that completes a loop so you have better overall circulation which they couldn't have when things dead ended and they built the school site first," Mraz said.

Mraz also said that the dedicated land for building Fair Oaks Road is not mandated.

"At some point in time, if you're not going to ever use it for a road you can vacate the dedication," Mraz said and "if you never build it, it doesn't hurt anything to be dedicated."

Chief of Police Patrick Ullrich said in response to a question from Gabrenya that "the crossing guards remain in the budget."

Deyne supported the plan that evening and after the failed vote he supported sending it back to committee so the project could eventually get done in a timely manner.

"I really don't have much of an objection with this plan and I'm trusting what the petitioner had told... that what they'll offer will be better than what they currently have out there right now," Deyne said. "So if the only option we have is to go back to committee, I don't want this project to die. I want to move forward with it."

Gabrenya said she wanted a traffic study done on the site.

Reinke said he wanted a "more productive use for Fair Oaks" which he said the angle of the planned road is not "feasible," and he suggested dedicating that land for parking purposes. He also wanted the perspective from the police department regarding signage and traffic volume.

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Library plays host to annual daycare event

The Bartlett Library hosted its annual preschool and daycare fair on Saturday, Jan. 12 in the meeting room. More than a dozen local caregivers exhibited their facilities and programs and more than 50 parents attended to learn about child-care options.



Angela Scott talked to visitors about Kindercare classes and programs.



Tobi Iott from Precious Tots PreSchool got down on the floor to meet potential students. (Examiner photos by Julie Schatz)



Teacher Bonnie Conway from the park district showed Melissa Henkel, who will enter preschool in the fall, one of the books she might find in her classroom.



Aali Haider tried to decide what color Play-Doh to take home with him from the St. John the Evangelist pre-school booth.



Theodore Wells found a puzzle to play with at the park district booth.

Storm topple Wildcats, then beaten by Rockets

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team got things done on defense and behind the hot hand of Megan McClure as the Storm defeated West Chicago 50-36 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Thursday, Jan. 18 at West Chicago.

McClure led the Storm with 21 points, 15 coming in the first half to help her team take a 26-11 lead into the break. She also knocked down three three-point-

ers over the opening two frames.

"I was feeling pretty good," McClure said. "Once I hit my first couple of shots, my confidence kept growing."

South Elgin pushed its lead to as large as 26 points in the third quarter and led 42-18 by the end of the frame as Casey Brennan scored six of her 12 points, including a trey. West Chicago did rally to close the gap to 11 late in the fourth quarter, but the host never got closer.

Defense was a key as the Storm held West Chicago to no more than seven points in a frame until an 18-point fourth quarter.

"I think defense is our biggest thing, and when we're defending well we see our best success," said Alexis Roberts, who hit a three-pointer in the effort. "Offensively tonight, we recognized who had the hot hand which was Megan in the first half, and we kept getting her the ball."

Miah Galvin scored six points and both Catora Brown and Madison Waichunas four points.

South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack lauded the leadership of Brennan and Roberts to help the team play composed on the road.

"We talk a lot about being road tough, having a road mentality," Mandernack said. "Throughout the game, their poise was good. They've come a long way as the season has gone on."

The Storm went on to

drop a 54-34 nonconference game against Burlington Central on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Burlington Central.

An 11-0 run to start the second quarter gave the host a 23-12 lead. The Storm would rally to pull as close as five in the second half.

Galvin (nine points) and Brown (eight points) each hit a pair of threes, McClure and Roberts each scored five points with a trey and Brennan scored four points.

South Elgin is now 9-10 overall, 3-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



South Elgin's Darrielle Allen posting up on West Chicago's Catherine Miller prior to launching a shot. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Alexis Roberts pulling down a rebound for the Storm between the Wildcats' Catherine Miller, left, and Sierra Koenig.

Fremd rally tips Hawks for second straight loss

By Seth Hancock

It was a frustrating finish for the Bartlett boys basketball team as the Hawks dropped a 57-53 nonconference game against Fremd on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Bartlett.

Bartlett jumped to a 16-9 lead after the first quarter and never trailed in the first three frames, taking a 47-41 lead into the final period.

Still ahead 49-47 with 3:55 left to play the Hawks took a costly technical foul leading to a five-point swing and Fremd's first lead of the game at 52-49.

"Give Fremd a lot of credit," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "They played hard and those kids got after it, but I thought the officials dictated this game and they shouldn't."

Wolfsmith added: "These officials dictated the game. They came out in the second half calling fouls repeatedly against us, putting us in a negative scenario and then in a crucial situation turned the game. They turned the game around and Fremd capitalized on it."

Fremd finished with 22 attempts from the charity stripe, hitting 19, and the Hawks went 8-for-11.

Austin Gates (15 points) would hit a bucket to tie the game and Ben Tompson, in his second game back from an injury suffered in early December, split a pair of free throws for a 53-52 lead with 2:02 remaining. Fremd would cap the game with a 5-0 run.

Ben Fisher led the Hawks with 17 points and Tomas Vikonis added 12.

It was the second straight loss for Bartlett after winning seven of its previous eight games.

"Overall, I'm positive with the way we've been playing," Wolfsmith said. "We're still trying to pull some things together. These two losses were to some really tough teams, and hopefully we learn from them."

The other loss was to West Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play as Bartlett dropped a 67-59 game on Friday, Jan. 19 in Aurora. The first half was back and forth, the Hawks jumping to a 19-14 lead but West Aurora rallying for a 31-31 tie at the break, and the host took a 44-43 lead after three quarters.

Vikonis had a career night scoring 30 points including five three-pointers. Gates scored 11 points, Fisher eight and Byron Price seven.

Bartlett is now 10-9 overall, 3-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



The Hawks' Tomas Vikonis driving through the paint and on the Fremd basket as the Vikings' Ryan Martin defended on the rush.



After pivoting off a defender, Ben Fisher got free to launch a short shot off the glass against Fremd.

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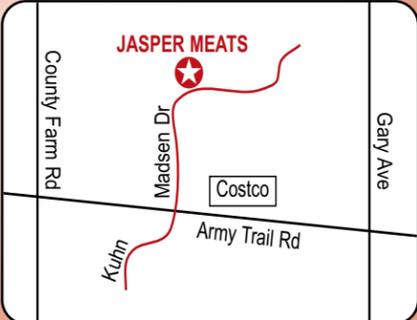
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U-46 Board given data on school safety, culture

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was updated on school safety and culture data and there was a mixed bag in the data presented on Monday, Jan. 22.

In some categories the district saw positive trends but lagged behind the state while other data showed numbers going in the wrong direction.

John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, presented the numbers starting with results of the 5Essentials survey which is run by the state.

Questions answered by students on general safety show that 44 percent of student in 2016-17 felt safe which is up from 31 percent in 2014-15 while the state average has increased from 47 to 55 percent.

"We're running underneath the state average, but we're climbing with the state as they're climbing towards the positive," said Heiderscheidt who added there are "similar results" in questions regarding school safety where U-46 students feeling safe has risen from 49 to 60 percent over the three school years, and the state from 65 to 68 percent.

Teachers responses to the surveys questions in U-46 are "flat lined at around 40 and the average for the state is around 48" percent of teachers feeling safe.

For school security checks the district saw 100 percent compliance in door lock and sign-in checks, 98 percent inside greeting time check, 95 percent visitor tags being used and 91 percent on intercom check. The intercom check is up from 83 percent while the visitor tag usage was a slight decline.

Heiderscheidt said "we're still working with the system" regarding visitor tags and "we're running into some logistical issues" with the software.

There were 79,000 visitors to U-46 schools last year and Heiderscheidt said all "were checked against our sex offender registration files which the vendor uses. We had 15 matches or so possible. Eight of them were confirmed and all eight were parents, and we must remember that parents do have a right to their child's education. It's just that they should be calling us and checking in with us before they come, and come by appointment only when they're coming to our schools."

U-46 has completed installation of lockdown locks at all elementary and middle schools and now is working on high schools according to Heiderscheidt, the district was in full compliance of all drills (such as fire and severe weather drills) and 55 percent of staff are trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention.

Heiderscheidt said "the Student Code of Conduct is the major initiative in the last couple of years" that has been worked on, and it has been removed from student handbooks and is now posted online.

Prior to stating the data on behavior events, referrals, school offenses and suspensions Heiderscheidt said "discipline means to teach or to mentor" and "punishment may change behavior, but it is typically short-lived."

In the categories of weapons, drugs, gangs, bullying and threats the district saw increases in all behavior events except gangs, a drop to 81 in 2016-17 from 117 the prior year. Bullying saw the largest increase, from 381 to 570.

"Bullying has had a pretty big increase," Heiderscheidt said. "We believe that is because we've been putting resources to it and also our anonymous reporting methods online. Those are being used more and more and more."

The number of school offenses in inappropriate physical contact increased from 317 to 889 and physical aggres-

sion from 1,763 to 2,463. Number of fights has dropped from 589 to 317.

Student referrals have increased from 8,802 to 8,883 while the district also broke data down among three racial categories: Hispanics (increase from 4,950 to 5,082), whites (decrease from 1,965 to 1,790) and blacks (increase from 1,181 to 1,299).

For students who received referrals they averaged 4.66 referrals while the district again delineated by three racial groups: blacks (7.14), Hispanics (4.61) and whites (3.22).

Heiderscheidt said the data shows "that our interventions are working for some students... and not necessarily for other students."

The percentage of all students who received referrals was 22.38 while the percentage of blacks was 51.28, multi-racial 25.54, Hispanic 23.88, Native American 19.76, white 16.59, Pacific Islander 11.54 and Asian 8.48.

The number of out of school suspensions rose from 874 to 1,009, but that is still down from 1,547 in 2013-14. Heiderscheidt said "it looks like we're going to reach around 1,000 again" this year.

Heiderscheidt implied that school staff is not "applying equally to all students" discipline based on race and the district is looking to take "away some of the discretionary decision making of an administrator in the moment."

Noting the rise in inappropriate physical contact and physical aggression, board member Jeanette Ward said she was "concerned that we are getting more aggression because we are disciplining it less severely" and asked if the rises could "be due to the fact that we are punishing these offenses less severely?"

Heiderscheidt said: "It's a possibility. One of the other things we are looking at is that we are better defining those physical acts in our Student Code of Conduct."

Board member Sue Kerr noted that the number of respondents from some schools on the 5Essentials survey were lower than others and asked if they were included in the number, and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the state requires a "threshold" to be met to include them. Kerr asked how many schools didn't reach the threshold which Heiderscheidt said "it's a low number."

Ward asked what Heiderscheidt, when stating interventions weren't working for some racial groups over others, was recommending for changing how the district intervenes.

"If I had all that right here, I probably would not be working here because I'd be selling a lot of books and trying to change the world, which I intend to try and change the world because that's who I am," Heiderscheidt said he challenged "every school to take a look at their data."

Board member Traci Ellis said "there's an over identification problem" and "I'm not willing to accept that 'oh black kids don't know how to behave'" saying that 6 percent of the student body makes up 51 percent of referrals.

"We must have the best behaved white children in America," Ellis said. "It has to be. Otherwise, how is that only black and brown kids are being expelled?"

"I don't think white kids are the best behaved in the district," Ward responded. "That data says Asian kids are the best behaved in the district if you follow that reasoning."

"My point was when it comes to expulsions," Ellis said. No expulsion data was provided.

Ward later clarified that black students did not make up 51 percent of all referrals, it was 51 percent of that population which Heiderscheidt said "that is correct."

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Brad Conroy will be sharing an intimate performance on the classical guitar, with music from Vienna, Spain, the Americas and more.

Chess Club
Monday, Jan. 29, 4 p.m.

Grades two to 12. Everyone is welcome to play chess with us!

Basics of Windows 10
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

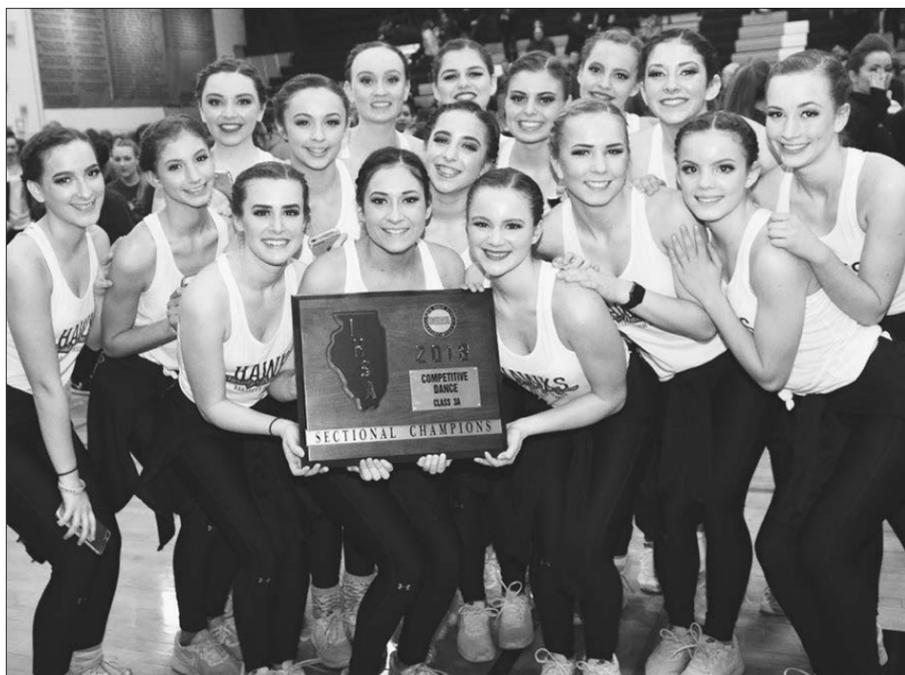
Bring your questions and learn some of the features and functions of Windows 10. Registration required.

Board Game Night
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m.

Grades seven to 12. Do you love Settlers of Catan or Ticket to Ride? Join us for an evening of tabletop games! You can play one of our games, or bring one your own. Snacks will be provided.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

Bartlett dance team captures sectional championship title



Front row from left: Sydney Van Meter, Mackenzie Frankenthor, Josie Belliveau, Kylie Brown, Willow Apponi, Amber Gustafson, Jordan Legittino, Nicole Olczak, Allison Belliveau, Angela Durante, Allyson Marchese, Sarah Dufek, Nikki Mead, Lindsey Bruneman, Madison Frankenthor and Jillian Kline. Not Pictured: coach Meagen Balzer. (Courtesy photo)

The Bartlett varsity dance team became IHSA sectional title champions the weekend of Jan. 20 and 21 at Sycamore High School. The title advances the team to the state finals on Jan. 26 and 27 at US Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington. The Bartlett dance team also achieved both first and second place wins at the Upstate 8 Conference event earlier this month.

Bald eagle tours available at Pere Marquette

Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette State Park this winter by participating in one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Days tours. The informative programs are conducted on select winter dates. The programs are free, but registration is required by calling 618-786-3323. To check the schedule of program dates, go online to <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Documents/BaldEagleDaysPereMarquette.pdf>.

Wins allow Hawks to seize division lead

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team has taken the lead in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

The Hawks improved to 5-0 in league play with a win over East Aurora on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Bartlett followed by a victory over West Aurora, previously the only other undefeated team in the UEC Valley Division, on Friday, Jan. 19 in Aurora.

Against East Aurora, Bartlett overcame some shooting struggles in the paint and at the charity stripe to earn a 42-29 win. The win came after a 2-2 performance at the DeKalb MLK Tour-

namment which ended on Monday.

"It was a typical game after four games in three days," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "Honestly, we just persevered through a cold shooting night. We could have scored 60 if not for so many missed layups and free throws."

Kayla Hare was the lone Hawk to reach double-digits in scoring as she finished with 19 points including five three-pointers, three of which came in the first half as Bartlett built a 23-12 lead. Savannah Standefer added nine points and Danielle Kleeman four.

The Hawks maintained a steady ad-

vantage in the second half, East Aurora pulling no closer than six, but they struggled to add much more leading by no more than 15.

"We came in knowing this week would be a long one," Hare said. "Our bench really helped us keep our energy level up."

Outside of a 14-point third quarter by East Aurora, the Hawks defense allowed no more than six points in a frame. Bartlett allowed 57.5 points per game at DeKalb.

"We always say 'under 40,'" Hunt said. "We haven't done that much lately so we've focused a lot on defense."

Bartlett ran away from West Aurora with a 21-4 second quarter as part of a 62-36 victory. The Hawks led 32-10 by the break and didn't look back in the second half.

Hare hit four treys as part of a game-high 20 points and Teagan Noesen added three on the way to an 11-points effort. Lexie Sinclair scored nine points, Shelly Banks eight and both Kleeman and Justina Hernandez seven.

"We had a chip on our shoulder," Hare said. "We wanted to make a statement coming in. We want to win conference."

Bartlett is now 13-9 overall.



Savannah Standefer of Bartlett making contact with the Tomcats' Toni Slater while attempting to score for the Hawks.



While trying to score for the Hawks, Kayla Hare was fouled by East Aurora's Tatiana Ocasio.



Teagan Noesen posting up for the Hawks on East Aurora's Alasha Moore

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

South Elgin ends week with win over Wildcats

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team pulled away in the second half to defeat West Chicago 74-48 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Jan. 19 at West Chicago.

The Storm saw a 12-point advantage at halftime, 35-23, reduced to six early in the third quarter before they closed out the period on a 23-5 run for a 58-34 lead entering the fourth.

Vincent Miskiewicz had a huge game with 19 points and 18 rebounds to lead the effort, and David Binion scored 18 points with a pair of threes.

"[Miskiewicz] was all over the boards," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "It's like he wanted every single rebound. If that's the way he wants to play night in and night out, that's a good thing."

Noah Rohr hit three treys for nine points, Jace Warrick added two treys and eight points and Trace Ashby had six points.

South Elgin opened the week by splitting a pair of games at the Rockford Jefferson MLK Tournament on Monday, Jan. 15. The Storm were 2-2 overall at the tournament.

In their finale, the Storm fell 57-43 to host Rockford Jefferson. Trailing 37-27 after three quarters and 41-27 early in the fourth, South Elgin came rallying back twice to pull within seven but the Storm was unable to draw closer.

"I was happy with their effort," Johnson said. "We had our opportunities, but it came down to taking care of the basketball. If we could have gotten that extra inch closer and cut it to four points or three points maybe we could have given them a challenge."

Miskiewicz scored 11 points, Rohr and Warrick nine each and Drake Montgomery eight to lead the Storm.

The Storm opened the day defeating Marian Central 69-47. With a 22-point first quarter and 21-point second, South

Elgin took a 43-22 lead into halftime which Marian Central never tested in the second half.

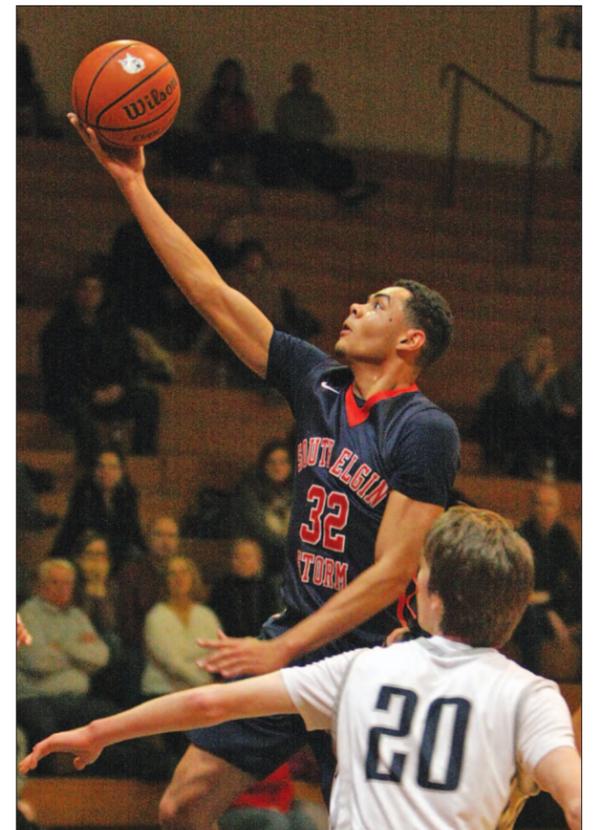
Rohr hit three treys and led the Storm with 13 points and Miskiewicz (10 points), Ashby (nine points), Warrick (nine points), Latrell Lamarca (nine points), Christopher Hankins (seven points) and Montgomery (six points) all contributed.

"I liked how we played here," Johnson said. "Going 2-2, that's about what I expected considering who we were playing. We've got a better idea of what we need to work on now."

South Elgin is now 13-6 overall, 3-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



While surrounded by several Wildcats, South Elgin's Noah Rohr attempted to drain a jump shot. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



The Storm's David Binion scoring two points with a lay-up in the first quarter.

Police Reports

SOUTH ELGIN

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- ★ At 4:46 a.m., police responded to the Hoffers East, 400 N. Center, for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 8:10 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Farmington for a report

of an abandoned vehicle.

- ★ At 8:28 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Burke and Misty for a report of an abandoned vehicle.
- ★ At 8:38 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Bunker Hill and Sunbury for a report of a malfunctioning traffic signal.

Public hearing date set for South Pointe SSA

By Kristin Carreno

At their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, Village Board trustees voted unanimously in approval of an ordinance scheduling a public hearing to establish a Special Service Area (SSA) for the South Pointe Subdivision.

According to Director of Community Development Marc McLaughlin, a public hearing is the first step in creating an SSA for protecting and maintaining the infrastructure and environment within the subdivision.

“When particular types of infrastructure and natural areas are proposed as part of a development the village historically establishes a back-up SSA,” said McLaughlin.

The stormwater system in conjunction with the natural wetlands in the South Pointe Subdivision warrant the protection of an SSA, according to McLaughlin.

“It’s village safety,” McLaughlin said.

South Pointe is a 60-acre residential subdivision that will include 160 residential lots. The primary access is located at the intersection of Barry Road

and Middle Street and the secondary access is further east at South Pointe Avenue. There are stormwater retention ponds and a large outlet with high quality wetlands along the western edge of the site that need to be maintained and protected, according to McLaughlin.

The village used to be able to create back-up SSAs through an annexation agreement or developmental agreement but recent changes to state law now prohibit that, according to McLaughlin. An SSA now must be established on the front end and the village waits to levy taxes, if necessary, should property owners fail to meet their obligation of maintaining the infrastructure.

Trustee Michael Kolodziej asked, “When people buy these homes, they will know about it theoretically?”

“Yes,” McLaughlin responded to Kolodziej. “It is on their title policy.”

This issue will be available for further discussion at the public hearing, scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m., at Village Hall.

★ At 12:08 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 12:52 p.m., police responded to Hamby Blast and Seal, 501 N. LaFox, for a harassment complaint.

★ At 3:13 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Waterford for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 7:31 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Thornwood for a report of a hit and run in progress.

★ At 7:54 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Blackhawk for a report of a burglary in progress.

★ At 10:18 p.m., police responded to Children of America, 750 N. McLean

Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.

Wednesday, Jan 17

★ At 12:24 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Kane for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 1:22 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Concord for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 7:56 a.m., police responded to the FNBC Bank, 1140 W. Spring, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:01 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a 911 investigation.

★ At 12:23 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Hilltop for a report of a burglary (attempted).

★ At 12:56 p.m., police responded to

Police investigate bomb threat at Kenyon Woods Middle School

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the South Elgin Police Department in cooperation with School District U-46 began an investigation into a bomb threat at Kenyon Woods Middle School located at 1515 Raymond St. At this time, there does not seem to be any reason to believe there is any validity to the threat as police or school administration has not received any further threats.

As a precaution the South Elgin Police Department conducted a search of building on the evening hours of Thursday, Jan. 18, and a canine search on Friday, Jan. 19, with no threat found.

Police remind all residents and parents to understand that all threats to

schools are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. The police department asks that a parent discuss these types of events with their children and emphasize the seriousness of this issue.

- If you see or hear something, say something.
- Identify who made the concerning statement.
- Do not spread the information; instead tell police or school staff what has been heard.

South Elgin police were assisted by ATF, the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Kane County Sheriff’s Office through the use of their canine teams.



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Pet of the Week



Cute as a Button

Button is a 4-year-old silver marten rabbit. She has a black and tan shiny coat on top of a silver layer. Button feeds on mostly hay and is very happy to get a chance to get out of her cage and roam around her environment. She doesn't enjoy getting picked up and petted, but is independent enough to go back in her crate when it's time. She's a little timid by nature but will make a wonderful new addition to a family that is willing to work with her on socialization.

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. 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)

North Stars girls hoops defeated by Bulldogs late

By Seth Hancock

The North girls basketball team couldn't close out a win against Batavia as the North Stars dropped a 41-37 Upstate Eight Conference River Division game on Friday, Jan. 19 at North.

For nearly the entire night the North Stars led, an eight-point advantage being their largest, until the final minute of play.

North led 37-30 with 1:30 remaining when Batavia went on an 11-0 run to close out the game. Batavia pulled ahead 39-37 when North had a chance to tie at the free-throw line with 17 seconds left to play but missed, and Batavia sealed the win from the line.

During the run, turnovers and a 0-for-5 performance from the charity stripe hurt North.

"We're finding unique ways to lose games," said North coach Mike Tomczak. "That's not where you want to

be, especially in this home stretch."

Tomczak added: "For 31 minutes, we played some of the best basketball we have this year. Defensively we were locked in, offensively we moved the ball and that last minute we reverted back to some old and terrible habits."

Leilauni Chanthaboury led the effort with 15 points, including a pair of threes, helping North build a 17-12 lead by half-time and 32-25 after three quarters.

"She has been playing with a ton of confidence for the last couple of weeks now," Tomczak said of Chanthaboury. "She's been attacking the rim, finding open players and defensively just hounding the ball. We love the confidence that she's been playing with."

Anna Tate added 12 points and six rebounds and Anna Davern eight points.

North is now 11-10 overall, 4-4 in the UEC River Division.

Elgin Fire Dept. responds to fatal fire in trailer park

On Sunday, Jan. 21, at 6:41 p.m., members of the Elgin Fire Department responded to the 400 block of Sadler Avenue in the Old Oak Estates Mobile Home Park for the report of a house fire in a single family residence.

Responding fire companies found the one-story, single family trailer home with heavy fire underneath and inside the trailer. Initial reports indicated that two people were living in the residence but it was unknown if they were home at the time. The first engine company arrived about one minute after the alarm dispatch and immediately began suppression efforts.

A primary search of the residence

found one adult male victim inside. The victim was removed from the residence, quickly treated and transported to Provena St. Joseph's Hospital. The victim succumbed to his injuries from the fire and was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at the hospital.

The fire caused extensive damage to the residence and also claimed the life of two dogs. Fire Investigators were called to the scene as the cause of the fire is being investigated and no determination has been made.

The estimated fire loss to the structure is \$30,000, with additional losses to the occupant's personal property. The home was red-tagged as uninhabitable.

Kane Forest Preserve District to host pair of scavenger hunts

Search for nature's treasures in the winter woods during "Winter Scavenger Hunt" hikes.

Forest Preserve District of Kane County naturalists will lead the way as we'll looking for animal tracks, seeds, burrows, and much more!

The first hike will be Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10-11 a.m. at Elburn Forest Preserve, located at 45W061 IL Rte. 38,

Maple Park.

The second hike will be Sunday, Feb. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve, located at 35W076 Villa Marie Rd., St. Charles.

All ages are welcome on these fun scavenger hunts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. Call 630-444-3190 or e-mail programs@kaneforest.com to register.

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This week in... South Elgin

Thursday, Jan. 25

- 7 p.m. St. Charles North girls basketball vs. Elgin High School.*

Friday, Jan. 26

- 5:30 p.m. South Elgin girls basketball vs. Bartlett High School.*
- 7 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball vs. Bartlett High School.*
- 7 p.m. St. Charles North boys basketball vs. Elgin High School.*

Saturday, Jan. 27

- 7 a.m. Bison feeding at Lords Park, Elgin. Meet at Elgin Public Museum, 225 Grand Blvd.
- 5:45 p.m. South Elgin girls basketball at Marengo High School.*

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- 7 p.m. St. Charles North girls basketball vs. Cary Grove High School.*
- 7:30 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball at Lake Park High School.*

* Home game unless otherwise specified.

Storm topple Wildcats, then beaten by Rockets

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team got things done on defense and behind the hot hand of Megan McClure as the Storm defeated West Chicago 50-36 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Thursday, Jan. 18 at West Chicago.

McClure led the Storm with 21 points, 15 coming in the first half to help her team take a 26-11 lead into the break. She also knocked down three three-point-



South Elgin's Darrielle Allen posting up on West Chicago's Catherine Miller prior to launching a shot. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

ers over the opening two frames.

"I was feeling pretty good," McClure said. "Once I hit my first couple of shots, my confidence kept growing."

South Elgin pushed its lead to as large as 26 points in the third quarter and led 42-18 by the end of the frame as Casey Brennan scored six of her 12 points, including a trey. West Chicago did rally to close the gap to 11 late in the fourth quarter, but the host never got closer.

Defense was a key as the Storm held West Chicago to no more than seven points in a frame until an 18-point fourth quarter.

"I think defense is our biggest thing, and when we're defending well we see our best success," said Alexis Roberts, who hit a three-pointer in the effort. "Offensively tonight, we recognized who had the hot hand which was Megan in the first half, and we kept getting her the ball."

Miah Galvin scored six points and both Catora Brown and Madison Waichunas four points.

South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack lauded the leadership of Brennan and Roberts to help the team play composed on the road.

"We talk a lot about being road tough, having a road mentality," Mandernack said. "Throughout the game, their poise was good. They've come a long way as the season has gone on."

The Storm went on to drop a 54-34 nonconference game against

Burlington Central on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Burlington Central.

An 11-0 run to start the second quarter gave the host a 23-12 lead. The Storm would rally to pull as close as five in the second half.

Galvin (nine points) and Brown (eight points) each hit a pair of threes, McClure and Roberts each scored five points with a trey and Brennan scored four points.

South Elgin is now 9-10 overall, 3-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



Alexis Roberts pulling down a rebound for the Storm between the Wildcats' Catherine Miller, left, and Sierra Koenig.

Dist. U-46 Board discusses equality versus equity

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an update on the state of "equity" in the district at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 22.

Ron Raglin, assistant superintendent of support programs and alignment, said there is a new Illinois law surrounding "implicit racial bias training." Raglin said the district has provided such professional development in the past and from 2012-2014 there were three training sessions that had over 400 combined attendees, in 2016-17 yearlong training had over 400 attendees and the current school year has had over 450 attendees.

Raglin said the state law addresses "influences evaluations of and behavior toward those who are the subject of the bias," "understanding implicit racial bias training is needed in order to reduce that bias," "marginalized students would benefit from having access to educators who have worked to reduce their biases" and "training that helps educators overcome implicit racial bias has implication for classroom interactions, student evaluation, and classroom engagement; it also affects student academic self-concept."

Melanie Meidel, assistant superintendent of human resources, said all new hires must watch a video concerning "implicit racial bias," and Raglin said the district's plan for the fall of 2019 is to hold an "all means all kickoff" in which "we're all in one place together, we're all hearing the same message." Board member Jeanette Ward indicated her opposition to such training, and she has previously indicated her opposition to the district's continuous push to divide students along racial lines.

Prior to the meeting, Ward made a social media post honoring Martin Luther King Jr. quoting his "I have a

dream" speech in which he said: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Ward added: "Dr. King advocated a color-blind meritocracy, where content of character was the basis on which people would be judged. He would be turning over in his grave at those who advocate policy which bases hiring and program inclusion decisions on race instead of content of character."

The U-46 administration's plans and focus was illustrated in an image included in the presentation claiming a difference between "equality" and "equity."

"Equality is giving all students the same support," Raglin said. "Equity is supporting each student according to their need."

The image portrays three students including a white boy, a white girl and a black boy. The apparent implication of the photo was that if black and female students are treated equally, the same as all other students, they are not capable of competing with white boys.

"Isn't that racist?" Ward asked. "When we portray the idea that certain students, specifically minorities, need special treatment to succeed, how does that affect the student population? Aren't we sending the message that they are not as good as other students, so they need our help? Isn't that destructive? And isn't it destructive to girls to imply that they need additional assistance to compete academically with boys?"

Ward added: "As a woman, I take from that slide that I need help to compete with men."

Raglin said "any of those images that are in that slide, you can easily rotate the images" and "the point is around

equity." He gave an example of one high school in the district where white males were underrepresented in Advanced Placement classes and he told the principal to look into it.

"I'm glad to hear that," Ward said about addressing that specific school case, "but I'm sure someone had something in mind when they put the slide together."

Board member Traci Ellis later unintentionally affirmed Ward's concerns saying "sure you can swap it out" in the photo and "this wasn't just you know 'oh, let's just randomly assign something.'"

"I don't think we should shy away from calling a thing a thing," Ellis said and added: "Typically speaking, black children are performing the lowest."

During the presentation Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent of secondary schools instruction and equity, said students may have received referrals for being disrespectful or disruptive by moving around in class but "we know that... students sometimes need to move, sometimes students need to wiggle, sometimes students need to respond in a certain way."

"Really, this is a part of the environment they grew up in and this is how they work," Lozier said.

Ellis said "black male students like to move" and "that is a culture issue" which shouldn't be punished, and she said teachers are ignorant of this: "Cultural ignorance has such detriment in the classroom."

Ward partly agreed saying that "school is set up to cater to girls" and "males don't like to sit for 50 minutes at a time," but she emphasized "males of all races."

Asking for evidence that "implicit bias training" has a beneficial effect, Ward quoted Jordan Peterson, a clini-

cal psychologist and professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, who said at a Canadian senate hearing that "the science surrounding the so-called charge of implicit bias... is by no means settled" and "what little evidence there is suggests that it has the opposite effect because people don't like being brought in front of a re-education committee and having their fundamental perceptions...altered by collective fiat."

Raglin had no research available but claimed that's a "mute argument" because "you can find researchers that will have a whole 180-degree opposite view of that."

Board member Phil Costello asked if there was any funding from the state with this law to which U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said no.

Costello asked for the costs of the training saying "I'm not saying it's wrong, I'm just saying if we're going to do this" and it takes away from other training opportunities.

Ellis said that "if we're going to go down that road, then we need to go down the road of what's the cost for not doing this" which Costello said that was fine as well to look into.

Lozier said this kind of "bias" training is imbedded in all training such as math and science professional development and suggested there was no additional cost to it.

Board member Melissa Owens said "this just isn't about just discipline or suspensions or referrals" and Sue Kerr that "we have a lot of work to do, and we need to address that," and both wanted to see achievement gap data.

"I think as a district that we have a lot to be proud of, but we also have a lot of work to do," Sanders said and added the district has a "perception problem."

Dance floor, gym aglow at monthly KFN



Savannah Lancaster played a friendly pick up basketball game against Jaleisa Blalark.



Matthew Hladeck and Connor Droefeh joined others on the dance floor.



Klub Friday Night provides a time to just hang out with friends.

(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)

On Friday, Jan. 19, South Elgin Parks and Recreations hosted its monthly Klub Friday Night (KFN) at Fox Meadow Elementary School. The theme of the night was Glow and some came wearing glow paint on their faces while everyone received a glow-in-the-dark necklace. Since it was open gym, many of the students played whatever they wanted, though most played basketball and kickball. In addition to the activities in the gym, there was dancing in the lunch room with music provided by a DJ who also provided party lights. The next KFN is scheduled for Feb. 16.



Dancing was something that Somelyn Lancaster, Aracely Ruiz and Lexi Bogdanski wanted to do at KFN.



Eva Wasik needed help from Cindy Krawczyk on which drink she should purchase from the snack bar.



Kyla Bradford glowed on the dance floor during Glow Night.



Devon Tutor showed off his dance moves with he hit the dance floor.

North boys hoops defense leads to win over Batavia

By Seth Hancock

The North boys basketball team stopped a streaking Batavia as the North Stars earned a 48-40 victory over their Upstate Eight Conference River Division rivals on Friday, Jan. 19 at North.

The win gave North a regular season series sweep after a 56-46 win at Batavia in December.

“Our goal is to be playing our best basketball at the end of February, and this is a part of that process and it’s a step towards that,” said North coach Tom Poulin. “Anytime you can beat Batavia, it’s a step in the right direction.”

North got things done with defense limiting Batavia, a team that was averaging 66.9 points per game during an eight-game winning streak entering the night, to single-digits each frame

through three quarters.

At halftime, the North Stars were clinging to a 16-13 lead after a low scoring first half but they gained some distance in the third quarter by taking a 34-22 lead entering the fourth. Batavia made a push to pull within four in the final period but never got closer.

“Against their offense, you have to come out focused on defense,” Poulin said. “They usually get some great shots, but I thought we played a full game of tough man-to-man defense and kept them from where they wanted to get to on the floor.”

Cade Callaghan scored 16 points, Kyle King 14 and Zachary Ludwig eight to lead the effort.

North is now 11-7 overall, 4-2 in the UEC River Division.

Tidbits

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(www.the-association.org) and click on “Volunteer” under the “Support” tab or call Maureen at 630-966-4020.

Beginning in February, the South Elgin Food Pantry at 400 W. Spring St. will be open two evenings a month, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in addition to its morning hours, 9:30 to noon the same first and third Wednesdays. Visitors to the food pantry only need to show proof of residence in South Elgin or the Valley View area of St. Charles to obtain food. In addition beginning in February, clients will enter through the double doors facing the parking lot, making entry to the food pantry handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. The South Elgin Food Pantry recently switched from handing out prepacked bags to client choice, where patrons may choose the items themselves from the pantry shelves. This has been very popular with clients as well as the staff at the pantry. For further information, visit cumcsouthelgin.com, email cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net, or call 847-931-0563.

Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry is now open on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two pre-packaged bags of food every four weeks. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit our website at www.HosannaChurch.com/ Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall 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.

Zumba class at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, Tuesdays 5 to 5:45 p.m. for fun and great exercise! Free, open to all in the community. No registration needed, walk-ins welcome.

The St. Charles Singles Club activities are planned, and singles 40-plus are invited to participate in the fun. There are many opportunities to meet friends for meals, to try new cuisines,

to dance, bowl, play cards, volunteer and more. You can find a full listing of activities on the website: www.stcharlessinglesclub.com/. Visit www.stcharlessinglesclub.com or call 630-665-0763 for more information.

Open gym walking at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles. Variety of times, group meets Mondays 9 to 9:45 a.m. Fun and great exercise! Free, open to all. Cathy Winters for more information at 630-377-2769, ext. 210.

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.

Seated exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, on Wednesdays for fun and great exercise! From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free and open to all in the community.

Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter’s wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org.

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tals? Veterans pay while compensation or pension benefits have to wait. Our armed forces are not getting paid nor families whose loved ones died for their country and just because of DACA where free food, medical and clothes are available just to make the Democratic Party look good and ask for their votes not as Americans but as illegals.

Remember 2018 is very important. It is time that Mike Madigan is voted out of office in Illinois along with others that do not care about voters except as a source to keep them in office. Voters need to take action to ensure that happens.

Fred J. Hossfeld
Korean War veteran.

The Examiner Asked

On Friday, Jan.5 at the
Parks & Recreation Department's
Winter Break Camp:

What's the most fun thing you've done here or at home this week?



Josie Rothecker: "Going ice skating during camp."



Vanessa Cisnereros: "I really liked going on field trips at camp. We got to do lots of different things."



Stephanie Bushong: "This week I've been able to take my dogs to the dog park. They love the snow and I love the crisp air when there's snow on the ground."



Mary Janis: "Coming to camp every day to play with the children. We all have a lot of fun."



Sangeeta Poruri: "My favorite thing at camp this week was going ice skating."



Christopher Marcus: "Bowling."



Paul Kuesis: "Everything we do here at camp is fun!"



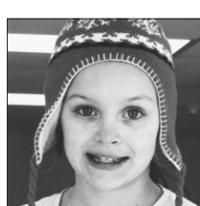
Krishna Peruri: "I liked going on all the field trips because we got to go to places we've never been before."



Kayden Trizk: "What I liked most was swimming indoors when it's so cold outside."



Aviana McCollim: "Going ice skating because I got to teach Kayden how to skate. That was fun."



Izadora Bowser: "I got some new journals for Christmas so during break I started writing a story about a shark named Leonardo."

(By Juli Schatz)

South Elgin ends week with win over Wildcats

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team pulled away in the second half to defeat West Chicago 74-48 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Jan. 19 at West Chicago.

The Storm saw a 12-point advantage at halftime, 35-23, reduced to six early in the third quarter before they closed out the period on a 23-5 run for a 58-34 lead entering the fourth.

Vincent Miskiewicz had a huge game with 19 points and 18 rebounds to lead the effort, and David Binion scored 18 points with a pair of threes.

"[Miskiewicz] was all over the boards," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "It's like he wanted every single rebound. If that's the way he wants to play night in and night out, that's a good thing."

Noah Rohr hit three treys for nine points, Jace Warrick added two treys and eight points and Trace Ashby had six points.

South Elgin opened the week by splitting a pair of games at the Rockford Jefferson MLK Tournament on Monday, Jan. 15. The Storm were 2-2 overall at the tournament.

In their finale, the Storm fell 57-43 to host Rockford Jefferson. Trailing 37-27 after three quarters and 41-27 early in

the fourth, South Elgin came rallying back twice to pull within seven but the Storm was unable to draw closer.

"I was happy with their effort," Johnson said. "We had our opportunities, but it came down to taking care of the basketball. If we could have gotten that extra inch closer and cut it to four points or three points maybe we could have given them a challenge."

Miskiewicz scored 11 points, Rohr and Warrick nine each and Drake Montgomery eight to lead the Storm.

The Storm opened the day defeating Marian Central 69-47. With a 22-point first quarter and 21-point second, South Elgin took a 43-22 lead into halftime which Marian Central never tested in the second half.

Rohr hit three treys and led the Storm with 13 points and Miskiewicz (10 points), Ashby (nine points), Warrick (nine points), Latrell Lamarca (nine points), Christopher Hankins (seven points) and Montgomery (six points) all contributed.

"I liked how we played here," Johnson said. "Going 2-2, that's about what I expected considering who we were playing. We've got a better idea of what we need to work on now."

South Elgin is now 13-6 overall, 3-2 in the UEC Valley Division.



While surrounded by several Wildcats, South Elgin's Noah Rohr attempted to drain a jump shot. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



West Chicago's Sam Ricci, left, and Raed Haroon, right, tried to block a shot by South Elgin's Vincent Miskiewicz.



South Elgin's Trace Ashby with the ball in the second quarter.



The Storm's David Binion scoring two points with a lay-up in the first quarter.



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St. Charles North boys get past Streamwood

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Zach Ludwig and Btrendan Dal Degan scored 13 points each Tuesday night to lead the St. Charles North boys basketball team to a 60-55 Upstate Eight River win over Streamwood.

Cade Callaghan added 11 points for the North Stars (12-7, 5-2) and Luke Scheffers pitched in 8.

Keenon Cole led Streamwood (11-13, 0-7) with 16 points while DeAngelo Flynn and Nik Sinik added 14 each and Brendon Marton had 10.

Harvest Christian 66, Schaumburg Christian 57: Jack Nohava had 20 points and 12 rebounds as the Lions (12-5, 6-1) won in the Northeastern Athletic Conference. Logan Jones added 12 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists for Harvest while Dylan Lockwood had 11 points and 5 assists.

McHenry 72, Hampshire 53: JD Shaw scored 14 points and Collin Woods added 11 for Hampshire (5-15, 1-7) in Fox Valley Conference action.

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Willowbrook tips Larkin on late 3

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Matas Masys was not the first option for Willowbrook Tuesday evening.

"We drew it up to read the slip play (to Ethan Schuemer)," Masys said.

But the Larkin boys basketball team denied the Warriors the option.

Masys flared out to the left wing instead and canned a 3-pointer with less than four seconds to play to give No. 3 Willowbrook a thrilling 70-67 victory over the No. 2 Royals in nonconference action in Villa Park.

Larkin senior Anthony Lynch had tied the game at 67-67 as part of his game-high 27-point performance with 32 seconds to play.

But Lynch lost Masys in traffic on the game-winning shot.

"That was my man," Lynch said. "It was a back screen. I couldn't get there in time."

Masys' 3-pointer with slightly less than two minutes to play halved the Warriors' deficit to 65-62.

Schuemer, who kept Willowbrook (17-3) in the game in the first half with 13 of his team-high 23 points, had a reverse layup, to reduce the Royals' advantage to a mere point.

Marshawn Phillips' 3-point play on the ensuing possession then gave the Warriors the lead, only to see Lynch slash to the basket to forge the last of five ties.

"We just have to keep playing hard and move on from this," Lynch said.

On a night with many supporting storylines, perhaps none was more significant for Willowbrook than Everett Stubblefield scoring 13 points as the Warriors' fourth man off the bench.

"Today was my first varsity game," said Stubblefield, who drained a critical 3-pointer to neutralize the sixth field goal from beyond the arc by Larkin sharpshooter Pierre Black.

The Stubblefield equalizer tied the game at 59-59.

"I thought I was going to get moved up over the weekend (from the sophomore team)."

"(Stubblefield) wasn't an unknown for us," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "He just had a 42-point (underclass) game at Downers South. I was like, "All right. Enough of that.""

Lynch had a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the first, and the Royals (14-6) continued to roll into the halftime intermission as Black had three 3-pointers as part of his 20-point explosion as the sixth man for Larkin.

"That's my role, to be the shooter," Black said.

But the Royals' 33-25 lead at the break was soon a footnote as Willowbrook matched its first-half output in the third quarter alone.

Willowbrook had 6 steals in the quarter to trigger its offense, and there were five lead changes in as many possessions to frame the backdrop of the climatic fourth quarter.

"That was huge," said Masys, who finished with 13 points. "The more possessions we get, the more we score. That's the basis of the game."

"We didn't handle the ball well enough in the second half at all," Larkin coach Deryn Carter said. "We have too many senior guards, too much senior leadership to turn it over like that."