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U-46 adopts new senior-year math courses to help students in college

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Elgin Area School District U-46 has adopted three new high school transitional mathematics courses aimed at bridging the gap for students who often opt out of math in their senior year but require college remediation.

The courses are transition to college algebra, quantitative literacy and statistics, and technical math. Students who complete a transitional math course with a C grade or better will receive guaranteed placement into a credit-bearing math course at any Illinois community college and some four-year universities.

U-46 is working with Elgin Community College and the other ECC feeder school districts to develop the math courses called for by the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act, said Amy Ingente, U-46 math coordinator.

"They are designed to provide high school seniors with the mathematical knowledge and skills that they may still need to be successful in their career or college-level math courses," Ingente said.

Primarily, the courses will help reduce the number of high school graduates needing college remediation -- about 65 percent of U-46 students enrolling at ECC are placed into remedial courses, she said.

While course content isn't new, the experience of taking math during senior year will be new for some students. Courses are designed to help fill the gaps in students' understanding by emphasizing more project-based, problem-based learning instead of merely skill acquisition and going through equations. It will be tied to students' college and career interests, Ingente said.

The Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act's bench marks for projected college readiness in math are:

- Successful completion of math graduation requirements -- three years of math with geometry and algebra 2
- Meeting at least two of these criteria: B grade or better in algebra 2; C grade or better in a course higher than algebra 2; score above a 3.0 grade-point average; a 530 score or greater in SAT or PSAT math or ACT math score of 22 or above.

Students projected to be college ready will be advised to enroll in the next-level math course in their chosen pathway during senior year: precalculus, finite math, Advanced Placement calculus and statistics, Ingente said.

"For students who are not college ready, we're going to encourage those students to enroll in one of the transition courses so that they could receive that guaranteed placement into a credit-bearing course at a community college," she said.

Registration for transitional math courses will be open in January. Teachers will be trained on the new curriculum next summer. All three courses will be offered next school year.

SPORTS SECTION

South Elgin handles Jacobs for 1st win

By: Dave Hess

After tough losses to host Dundee-Crown and parochial powers Boylan Catholic and St. Viator, South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack wanted to end the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament with a positive vibe.

The Storm got the results they were looking for with a 47-32 win over Jacobs Tuesday afternoon.

"We played a true road game against Dundee-Crown and played against 2 very good Catholic schools in Boylan and St. Viator," said Mandernack. "We held our own against 3 very good opponents. We were highly motivated with a sense of urgency to get our first win of the season. We didn't shoot the ball from the outside but got some penetration inside. We wanted to throw the first punch and felt we did. Our helter skelter offense worked for the most part."

Limiting Jacobs (0-4) to 4 first half baskets, South Elgin (1-3) stormed to a 26-12 lead at half.

Spearheaded by 8 from Liz Schwartz, who scored all of the Golden Eagles' 20 points in the second half, Jacobs climbed within 11 of the Storm 31-20 with 2:33 left in the third quarter. The Eagles couldn't get any closer.

South Elgin's biggest lead of the game was 20, 45-25 after a putback from Madison Waichunas with 1:45 left in the contest.

Megan McClure paced the winners with 14 points, 12 rebounds and 3 assists.

"We practiced hard after every loss trying to get better," said McClure. "We came out with high energy really wanting to win. This is a great win for our confidence."

Mandernack praised McClure's effort.

"Megan did a great job of taking to the basket," said the South Elgin coach. "She is a returning all-conference (Upstate Eight) player capable of playing all 5 positions."

Waichunas backed McClure with 12 points and 8 rebounds.

Schwartz was amazing in a losing cause scoring 25 of the Eagles' 32 points.

"Liz kept us in the game," said Jacobs coach Jon Reibel. "She was aggressive offensively and got a lot of good shots. She was in the flow of the game."

Reibel is keeping a positive attitude despite an 0-4 record.

"These girls have played only zone defense and now we are asking them to play man-to-man," said Reibel. "It is a huge adjustment. We want our kids to play tough mentally and physically at both ends of the court. We know we have more than just Liz as a scorer. We are finding our rotation and we see the light at the end of the tunnel. We want to be playing our best basketball in February."

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U-46 Board majority opposes arming of staff

By Seth Hancock

A majority of the Board of Education in School District U-46 opposed local control at its Monday, Nov. 5 meeting concerning an Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) resolution that would lobby the state for allowing school districts to arm staff for student protection.

Melissa Owens was chosen as the board's representative at the IASB delegate assembly this past weekend. Along with Owens, board members John Devereux, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland and Donna Smith all opposed local control. Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward supported the resolution.

According to a Nov. 17 press release from the IASB, that resolution failed with 203 districts against and 179 for.

The IASB's resolution committee, which opposed a similar resolution last year, supported it this year because the sponsor districts emphasized local control and supported strict training standards for staff that would volunteer to conceal and carry in school.

The resolution was submitted by Mercer County CUSD 404, their rationale as written stating: "The most misunderstood part of discussion on this topic is that this resolution is about LOCAL CONTROL, one of IASB's top priorities. This resolution, if adopted, would not compel or require any school district or school board to develop or implement any such trained and armed staff plan."

The rationale continued: "Some communities are perfectly comfortable with having their teachers and school staff trained and armed so they can protect the people in their buildings. Other communities are adamantly opposed to the idea. That is OK! The districts in our state should be allowed to determine what is best for them, rather than those in Springfield who do not know or understand communities outside their own."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the administration was opposed to the resolution because "we do not believe that that is a good idea" without providing

any public explanation for that position.

Ward did say that the administration provided a memo, which is not public, that included what she felt were "partisan talking points." She supported the resolution for multiple reasons, most notably for local control.

"Local school boards should be able to decide for themselves," Ward said. "Why would U-46 feel the need to tell every other school board in the state that they can't consider arming teachers? Shouldn't that be up to those school boards?"

Ward added: "Philosophically, I believe teachers should be able to decide for themselves, not told what to do when their lives or their students' lives are on the line."

Providing "counterpoints" to the administration's memo, Ward cited a survey by PoliceOne showing that 81 percent of police officers support arming teachers and data from the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) showing that 97.8 percent of mass shootings since 1950 have occurred in designated "gun free zones." She also said arming staff acts as a deterrent stating "concealed handgun permit holders take away that strategic advantage from the killers."

Costello said he's concerned with "guns in any environment quite frankly," but agreed with Ward that arming staff would act as a deterrent. He said even if a school didn't have armed staff, a shooter would not know and could be deterred.

"I'm not saying that we should put a gun in any classroom. I don't think anything in this notice says anything about that.... I don't want to be the one to explain why no one in that school had a way of protecting themselves," Costello said.

Owens said she recognized that rural school districts have a slower police response time and want local control while U-46 has "a luxury that many districts in the state don't have" with resources for SROs, but she said the protection of children is not the responsibility of the local school districts but rather the state's responsibility.

She said the state needs to provide more taxpayer dollars to school districts despite Illinois being \$160.1 billion in debt according to usdebtclock.org.

"The state is responsible for the protection of our students," Owens said. "Why are we not funding police officers for these schools?"

Owens said the focus should be on providing "armed police officers" at all schools despite earlier saying "there was a trained, armed police officer on the school grounds that did not engage the shooter" in referencing the school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Referencing a 2014 FBI report, Owens claimed only 3 percent of mass shootings were stopped by an armed civilian between 2000 and 2013 and said: "Statistics show that the more guns we have, just you know in general, the more dangerous the situation becomes."

Kerr said arming staff gives a "false sense of security" and Devereux claimed supporting local control could actually mean a loss of local control.

"Each and every day U-46 sends students to other school districts, including rural school districts.... We could be seeding control, or seeding the protection and safety of our students to other school districts," Devereux said.

Devereux said police have poor accuracy during live shooting events and

civilians would be worse, and Noland said local control did not matter because "our vote there... is a representation of our district." Noland provided no data showing a majority within U-46's boundaries were opposed.

John Lott, president and founder of the CPRC, provided data to *The Examiner* showing that the concerns addressed have flaws. The FBI admits to the CPRC that it did not include several mass shooting events in its reports which greatly skew the results, the CPRC finding that at least 11.5 percent of mass shooting events have been stopped by an armed civilian between 2000 and 2017.

"None of the FBI's active shooter reports address the question of whether more law-abiding people with guns make things more dangerous," Lott said. "They try to address how frequently people with permitted concealed handguns stop attacks, but even then they do a horrible job."

Lott added that 20 states currently allow armed teachers to "varying degrees," and "some have had these laws for over 20 years. Prior to the early 1990s, states that had permitted concealed handguns didn't have prohibitions with people carrying permitted concealed handguns at schools. Yet, with all that experience, you don't see the types of concerns occurring that you say people are raising."

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Police personnel moves highlighted at meeting

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15, Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke swore-in Streamwood Police Cpl. Robert Wojtowicz to the rank of sergeant and Det. Collin Klein to the K-9 unit.

According to Village President Billie Roth, Wojtowicz is a 13-year veteran of the Streamwood Police Department, joining the department in 2005 and has served as a police officer, tactical officer and detective. Wojtowicz was most recently assigned as a corporal of the investigation unit and major case assistance team.

Roth added that Wojtowicz is highly trained in lead homicide investigations, narcotics investigation, search and seizure and interviews and interrogations.

Chief of Police Daryl Syre congratulated Wojtowicz and said "he is set to begin this new chapter in his career."

Klein was sworn-in as the newest K-9 officer alongside his canine partner, a German Shepard named Scout. According to Roth, Klein has been a member of the police department since 2013 and has served as a detective since 2015.

"Klein was chosen as the K-9 officer from a group of qualified candidates in September," Roth said.

Klein and Scout have received over 400 hours of extensive K-9 training from TOPS Kennels in Grayslake, according to Roth. Scout has been highly trained in the areas of obedience, building, area and article searches, tracking, narcotics detection, obstacle course training and handler protection.



Part of a season-opening drive

Streamwood's Colleen Veguilla driving toward the hoop and past Jacobs' Alecia Valldejuli on Wednesday, Nov. 14. For story and more photos see page 7.

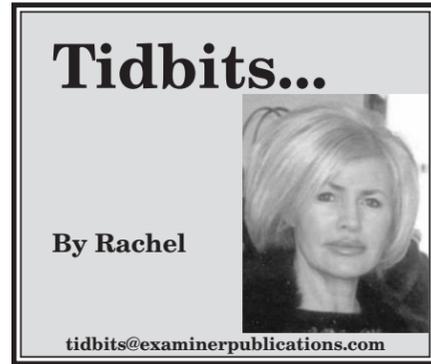
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Blessings that should bring people together

During these tumultuous times with tempers flaring left and right, isn't it time to put differences aside and start enjoying the holiday spirit of the upcoming season? People have allowed themselves to get sucked into the politics of the day and seem to forget that we are all in this life together. What's happening around the country appears to be causing tempers to rise and friendships to diminish all because of disagreements between political parties. Politics is only as important in our lives as we allow it to be. We have a president who you may or may not like but things are happening and accusations are being made, creating a wedge between neighbors, families and fellow Americans. While politicians don't create jobs - more government jobs don't create wealth, they take away wealth from those who earn it. It is people who create jobs and wealth and who procure jobs and help communities grow. Government can make it hard for the private sector to prosper, or they can make it easier.

All of the hate and discontent is currently channeling through people frustrated and very unhappy about one thing or another, and some are just mad for whatever reason because their candidate didn't win an election. Most people with families just want to take care of their jobs and enjoy life without all of the drama caused by different groups who want nothing more than to start trouble. People need to take a deep breath, stand back and realize we are all in this together as a country and as a people. We have our families, friends and communities that go about daily business and count blessings in good times and bad because to be a part of one of the

greatest nations is a good thing. People should look at the bright side of life because living in a country that thrives on good economics and freedom should make us feel blessed.



Many people enjoy the blessings of good health and a job to go to every day, and it is a blessing that we have huge companies that create jobs because without jobs and capitalism this country would cease to exist. People have to appreciate that capitalism is what made this country the greatest on Earth. Now, there are people who like to put labor and management on opposite sides. There are union leaders, community organizers and just plain discontented people who don't like to work and try to get something for nothing and create hate and discontent. Somehow we need to get a message to people that this life we enjoy in this country is extraordinary and that this country is the greatest place for opportunities; however, that only works if people want it, are willing to work for it and to embrace the reality that all work has dignity. Waiting for others to give a handout is what lacks dignity.

Wouldn't it be nice to create a happy feeling between Thanksgiving and Christmas and for people to put aside their differences and celebrate what we have rather than what we disagree

about? Thanksgiving is the start of opening up and sharing great food, kind thoughts and good wishes with others. There are churches where people are putting together baskets for those less fortunate filled with food including a turkey and all the fixings for a family to have a Thanksgiving dinner. This is a national day recognizing the first settlers to this land and their thankfulness for being free in their new homes so far away from where they had lived before. This is what people in communities do by coming together and giving our time, talent and treasure to better the lives of those in need. Let's forgo all of the bitterness we've seen these last couple of years and be thankful for what we have. Let's teach the children about what's good about this country and think about the men and women who are constantly in danger protecting us so that we can be free to celebrate the holiday season, and be grateful for the peace we enjoy from outside forces.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Congratulations! It's a boy!

Niklas Christopher Szlag was born on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at Sherman Hospital in Elgin, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19-inches long, to Dawid and Victoria Szlag of South Elgin.



Niklas Christopher Szlag

The Streamwood Woman's Club will be hosting the ninth annual Gingerbread House Raffle event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread in Streamwood located at 971 Irving Park Road. Join them for a chance to win one of many gingerbread houses.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Or you can purchase an assembled house for \$15 and decorate it yourself while you dine. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there as well. Bring the kids! Panera will supply sugar cookies for the kids to decorate.

Take time to give back to your local community by joining the Streamwood Woman's Club. Enjoy fellowship with members who work on local philanthropic projects to help the community become a better place to live. They meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month, September through May, at the Streamwood Police Station. Membership is open to any woman who is 18 years and older. Not restricted to Streamwood residents. Contact Anita at 247-2359 for more information.

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

Interested in playing bridge? Join in at the Hanover Township Senior Center, Illinois Route 59, Bartlett. Bridge is played on the second and fourth Tuesdays (duplicate bridge on the first and third) from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to all residents in the area. For more information, call 483-5600.

Operation Airlift-Donations are being accepted at the following locations: VFW Post 5151, 520 S. Bartlett Road, 483-0055, email contact@vfw5151.org; and Streamwood Chamber of Commerce, 22 W. Streamwood Blvd.

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Poplar Creek Public Library

Holiday Closures

The board and staff of Poplar Creek Public Library District wish you a Happy Thanksgiving holiday! The main and branch libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 and will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 22 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open with regular hours on Friday, Nov. 23.

Thanksgiving Craft Friday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m.

Join teen volunteers Aadi and Mahi for a Thanksgiving story and a colorful craft. No registration required! Questions? Call 483-4923.

Children's Movie at the Branch Saturday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m.

Stop by the Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library in Hanover Park and enjoy a children's movie and popcorn. No registration necessary—just drop in!

Pins & Needles Senior Club Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. Meeting Room 3

Do you like to knit, crochet, needlepoint or do any other type of handiwork? Come be a part of our Pins & Needles Club. No registration required—just drop in!

Writing Group Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2

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

line or call 483-4910.

BeFunky: Basic Photo Editing Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to edit photos using BeFunky, a free online photo-editing tool in a hands-on class. Register online or call 483-4939. Meets in Studio 1405.

Makers: Breakfast Club Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m.

Put on your chef hat and join us to put a creative spin on breakfast foods! We will be making banana sushi and apple nachos and reading a silly breakfast-themed story! Ages 6 to 8. Register online or call 483-4923.

NaNoWriMo - Write In Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. Young Adult Study Room X

Teens—challenge yourself to write 50,000 words in one month for National Novel Writing Month! This program is where you can write at the library with other NaNoWriMo writers and get help and encouragement from each other. Register online or call 483-4928.

Kids Drop-in Craft at the Branch Library

Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Drop by the Branch Library in Hanover Park to make a fun take home craft. Ages 3 and up. No registration necessary—just stop by!

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

Arming staff

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"With the exception of one accidental discharge by a teacher in Utah in 2014 after school hours... there have been no shootings of any type in any of all these schools that allowed teachers to carry guns," Lott added.

Lott also said that there's not been one case in his findings of a bystander being shot or a teacher being shot by police where armed staff is allowed.

"I am not saying that these bad events will never occur, but simply it is hard to put a lot of weight on these concerns if no one can point to a single instance where they have happened," Lott said.

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District U-46 discusses report card test scores

The following is the first in a series of stories addressing District U-46 test scores as reported by the Illinois State Board of Education

By Seth Hancock

Academic scores in School District U-46 continue to trend downward according to the latest report card released by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and presented to the Board of Education on Monday, Oct. 29.

Two standardized tests, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam and the SAT, led much of the discussion by the board.

On PARCC, 26 percent of U-46 students met or exceeded expectations in both English and math proficiency which lag behind the state (37 percent English/32 percent math). The district saw drops in both its English proficiency dropping 10 points, 36 to 26 percent, since 2015.

Although the district saw declines in its numbers, how much stock should be taken in the PARCC exam?

Some board members who have clashed in the past had common ground in opposition to standardized testing, or at least opposition to PARCC. Board members Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens, regularly in the majority, shared similar sentiments with board member Jeanette Ward.

Kerr said there's been criticism of the PARCC test being computer-based, although some schools still use paper tests, and said she understood those concerns after taking the practice test herself. She said she couldn't answer some of fourth grade questions "because I didn't know what they were asking."

"Even in math you're supposed to type out an explanation for some of the answers which could be a problem for a fourth grader or a third grader who doesn't have keyboarding skills," Kerr said.

Asked if PARCC practice exams are taken by students, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "My preference would be that we just invest in just quality instruction. Certainly you have to expose students to the format of the test."

"That's my point, not to teach the test but to at least have some idea going in," Kerr responded. "I mean, it took me a minute to figure out how to get to the next page."

Ward said she experienced the same thing when she took the practice exam.

"I had the same experience," Ward said. "I thought it was ridiculous of the type of questions they were asking of fourth and fifth grade. Completely age inappropriate, having to scroll up and down to the story to look down

to the questions."

Ward added: "I don't know why we don't allow all our students to take it on paper first of all, and second of all I don't think we should require taking PARCC at all. It's a ridiculous assessment that doesn't tell us anything in my opinion. And again, I had the same experience taking that test. I don't know who came up with that. It's incredible."

Owens said she did not put "a lot of weight" into the PARCC scores and said it's "frustrating" that "one single test" represents a large portion of student evaluation.

"I really was hoping that we were getting away from... standardized testing, similar to what Mrs. Ward said," Owens said. "We're still looking at one test, and it's really in my mind very disappointing that that's the case. That's not [U-46's] doing, that's the state."

Kerr asked "aren't they replacing PARCC next year," and Sanders said it was being replaced with a "PARCC-like test." Josh Carpenter, assistant superintendent, said it would be similar with the same content and scoring, but the name and interfacing of the exam would change.

On the SAT, which Illinois recently switched to as the state's college admissions exam over the ACT, U-46 students saw a drop from 32 percent to 29 percent (37 percent for the state) meeting or exceeding standards in English and a drop from 29 percent to 28 percent (34 percent state) in math. The district's average score was 486.2 (down from 493.2 and behind the state's 505.7) in English and 482.8 (down from 486.2 and behind the state's 501.4) in math.

Questioned on why there was a drop in the scores by Ward, Carpenter said

declines were seen across the country.

"We're not quite sure what that is related to at this point in time, but we have seen a decrease across the nation and also across the state as we have as well in U-46.... That doesn't mean we're not taking the time to really dig into the assessments," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said that the district will invite the College Board, which publishes the SAT, to U-46 and the administration needs to ask "deeper level questions." He said there could be increased rigor in the exam and a shifting of programming questions, and he said all schools are trained.

Ward asked if there's been a change in how the SAT is administered to which Suzanne Johnson, deputy superintendent of instruction, said there are more students taking the exam in the nation and it is still new to Illinois.

Johnson said the district has to look at other data to make its own assessment like attendance (U-46 at 93 percent and the state 94 percent according to the report card) and the percentage of freshmen deemed on track (the district at 80.8 percent and the state at 86.8 percent).

"To the positive, we have a whole new set of data pieces that we can really look through," Johnson said.

"I think what you're saying is that there's just more students taking the test perhaps that aren't prepared to take it," Ward said. "That might explain the drop."

Johnson responded: "I think again, it's more students taking the test where again, as instructors and instructional leaders, have we worked to provide the level of instruction that students need to be successful. That's on us as the adults to make sure that we're preparing students for the instruction and then that evaluation."

Two traditional events on tap again this season

By Kristin Carreno

At a recent Village Board meeting there was a discussion regarding two upcoming holiday events in the village.

According to Village Manager Sharon Caddigan, Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Hoosier Grove Farmstead Barn, 700 W. Irving Park Road. The event will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each attending child will be able to visit with Santa, receive a special present and a commemorative picture. A buffet-style breakfast will be served. The cost is \$14 for residents and \$21 for non-residents. Children under the age of two are free unless they will be sitting in a chair of their own.

According to Caddigan, registration is required and can be done in person at the Streamwood Park District, 550 S. Park Blvd., or by calling 483-3025.

The annual Luminaria event will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 301 E. Irving Park Road., according to Caddigan.

"Volunteers light luminaries along the medians on Park Boulevard from Lake to Schaumburg," said Caddigan. "They also light luminaries in front of village hall, the police department and Veterans Memorial."

Inside Village Hall, the Streamwood High School choir will sing holiday carols, Caddigan added. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to listen to wishes and two children will be selected to help Village President Billie Roth light the largest tree in the display to officially start the holiday season.

"This will be our 34th year celebrating this unique Streamwood tradition," Caddigan said.

For more information on Luminaria, contact 736-3800.

Streamwood boys hoops looking to make an impact

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team hopes to make an impact this year under new coach Kent Payne.

The Sabres went 11-19 overall last year, 0-12 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division, in Paul Kowalyszyn's final season as head coach. This year, a new conference alignment has 10 teams in the UEC and no divisions.

Although not sporting a winning record the last few years, Streamwood has been competitive and pulled off some upset wins. Payne hopes the Sabres competitiveness will be fruitful this year.

"Our goal is to be a tough out," Payne said. "We want to be competitive every game and hopefully that may lead to some success."

Teamwork is something Payne said will be a key to success this year which he hopes to build "every day in

practice and transferring that over to the games."

The Sabres return some solid talent including seniors Keenon Cole (forward), Nikola Sinik (forward) and Nick Droll (guard). Cole, at 6-foot-7, is an inside threat leading the team last year in scoring (14.9 points per game), rebounding (7.8 per game) and blocked shots (2 per game) on the way to an all-conference selection, and he can shoot having added 23 three-pointers.

Payne said "we'll have a mix of seniors and underclassmen" as he hopes the senior-class can "mix well with Zach Marquez, Luke Pentecost, Kozyae Wright, Brandon Christopher, Kyle Mayburn and Kody White."

"I'm hoping a strength will be our ability to pressure defensively and playing at a fast tempo," Payne said.

Streamwood opens the season this week at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.



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Sycamore Trails honors D.A.R.E. graduates

Sycamore Trails Elementary School's fifth-graders celebrated graduation from the 11-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program sponsored by the village and police department. On hand for the ceremony were D.A.R.E. Officer Vicki Anderson, Village President Kevin Wallace, Police Chief Patrick Ullrich, fifth-grade teachers, Principal Lisa Cardenas, and the parents and families of the students, and surprise guest D.A.R.E. mascot Daren.

D.A.R.E. education programs have been designed to provide students with the knowledge and tools they need to resist drugs, alcohol and other high risk behaviors.



D.A.R.E. mascot Daren was a surprise visitor to the ceremony.



Principal Lisa Cardenas thanked parents, teachers, staff and police personnel for their support of D.A.R.E. students.



With D.A.R.E. officer Vicki Anderson and his teacher Samantha Peterson, Jose Santiago held up his sign as he shared what important lesson he learned during the D.A.R.E. program. *(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)*



D.A.R.E. essay winners, from left, Anahi Acevedo, Giovanni Scivittaro, Anevay Hernandez and Frederick Villegas with their D.A.R.E. officer Vicki Anderson.



Jayden Eguchi's little sister Annabella was on hand to celebrate with her brother.



Diamond Cullum received handshakes and congratulations from Police Chief Patrick Ullrich, left, and Village President Kevin Wallace.



D.A.R.E. graduates showing off their certificates.

Pet of the Week



Laid back Winston needs lap to nap

Winston is a 10-year-old domestic shorthair that was owner-surrendered due to allergies in the family. He is an extremely laid back cat that enjoys sitting on people's laps. Winston doesn't mind other cats as long as they don't interfere with his naps.

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

(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

Food pantry seeking donations for holiday meals, boxes

The holidays can be pretty gloomy without the food for traditional celebratory dinners. That's why the South Elgin Food Pantry works to provide a turkey and a holiday meal box with all the fixings for its clients every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Donations of \$25 for each box can be sent to South Elgin Food Pantry, 400 W. Spring St., South Elgin, IL 60177, indicating how many boxes you want to purchase and including a check. Donations can also be dropped off at this address and put in the mail box by the double-door entry.

Want to donate online using Paypal?

Select the Donate button at cumcsouthelgin.com/south-elgin-food-pantry. Donations of increments of \$25 will be credited toward the holiday meals.

For more information, call 847-931-0563 Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:30 a.m. and noon, or write cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net.

The South Elgin Food Pantry is open the first and third Wednesdays of each month 9:30 a.m. to noon and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for residents of South Elgin and Valley View in St. Charles. Evidence of need is not required, just proof of residency.



Jeff Mason, volunteer at the South Elgin Food Pantry, handing out potatoes as part of the annual turkey meal donation. (Courtesy photo)

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This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, Nov. 21

- TBD St. Charles North girls basketball at Rock Island Holiday Tournament.*
- 8 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball at St. Charles East Holiday Tournament.*

Thursday, Nov. 22

Happy Thanksgiving.
All village administrative offices closed.

Friday, Nov. 23

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- 4 p.m. South Elgin boys basketball at St. Charles East Holiday Tournament.*

Saturday, Nov. 24

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- 4 p.m. St. Charles North football vs. Nazareth Academy, IHSA state championship game at Champaign Memorial Stadium.*

Monday, Nov. 26

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

Tuesday, Nov. 27

- 7 p.m. South Elgin girls basketball vs. Glenbard South High School.*

* All games are home games unless otherwise noted.

Storm lose opener in OT, go 0-3 to start season



The Storm's Megan McClure slicing into the lane as she attempted to drive past Dundee-Crown's Casidy Randl. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team fought hard in its season opener against Thanksgiving tournament host Dundee-Crown, but the Storm fell 52-44 in overtime on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The Storm fell behind 8-0 over the first two minutes

and never led in the game, but they would not let the game get much further out of reach allowing them to eventually force overtime.

Trailing 36-27 entering the fourth quarter, its largest deficit of regulation, South Elgin rallied behind Megan McClure who scored six of her game-high 16 points including one of her three threes in the period.

With 1:05 left in regulation, freshman Ella Winterhalter (seven points) sank a pair of free throws for a 40-40 tie and McClure added a pair from the line with 24.6 remaining for a 42-42 tie which held up by the end of the quarter.

In overtime, Dundee-Crown scored the first 10 points and outscored the Storm 10-2 for the win.

"We made some first-game mistakes and they didn't," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "With that said and this being our first game against a battle tested team, I'm proud of our effort. For a loss, first game of the season and taking these guys to overtime we've got a lot to build off of."

Aryanna Williams added 11 points with a pair of treys, and Casey Brennan had six points.

"It's a long season, and we're going to win a lot of games," Mandernack said. "This is a good learning experience."

South Elgin did finish the opening week of the tournament 0-3 following up with a 58-44 loss to St. Viator on Friday, Nov. 16. The Storm built a 15-2 lead late in the first quarter, but St. Viator rallied for a 20-20 tie by the break and pulled ahead 40-30 after three quarters.

McClure (12 points), Williams (nine points) and Brennan (eight points) led the effort.



While positioned between the sideline and the Chargers' Katelyn Skibinski, South Elgin's Casey Brennan had the basketball bounce off her and out of bounds turning the ball over to Dundee-Crown.

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Board member Veronica Noland said she objected to Costello's and Ward's positions claiming that there's systematic racism which requires these policies.

"I must stand strongly in opposing that kind of a removal of those protections that exist. They exist for a reason.... In no way do we address them by removing them. When you remove them and think that well we say 'all means all,' that doesn't address the problem," Noland said.

Noland also claimed minorities "need our protection."

Storm boys hoops looking to build around core talent

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team returns some solid talent which the Storm hopes bodes well for a 2018-19 campaign.

Last season, the Storm finished 16-13 overall and 5-5 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division. This year, the UEC has been realigned with 10 total teams and no divisions.

"I tell our guys we could do some special things this year, but it's completely up to them," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "I can put them in the position I think they will best benefit from, but they have to go out and do it daily. If we do I don't see why we won't be successful."

Returning are several key contributors from last season including a pair of all-conference recipients, seniors Vincent Miszkiewicz (6-foot-7, forward/center) and Drake Montgomery (guard).

Miszkiewicz averaged a double-double last year, 16.5 points (463 total) and 12.3 rebounds (345 total) per game, and added 104 blocked shots, 62 assists and 52 steals. Montgomery had 407 points, 137 assists, 132 rebounds,

82 steals and 14 blocks last season.

Of Miszkiewicz, Johnson said he "brings extreme energy to everything he does on the court" and "makes the players around him better not only by helping them but also leading by example."

Johnson said of Montgomery that he's "a very crafty basketball player that is very athletic and quick," and "he was great at breaking the press and getting the ball up the court."

Also returning are seniors Trace Ashby (guard), Alex Errington (forward/center), Cody Gallagher (guard), Elijah Lee (guard), Oreale Luckett-Ware (center), Mark Petras (forward) and Jace Warrick (guard/forward).

New to the team are juniors Derryl Barnes Jr. (guard), Ryan Harvey (forward), Moses Montgomery (forward/center), Nicholas Rivera (guard) and Joseph Zdybel (center) as well as sophomore John Aaron Wafford (guard) and freshmen Drew Cwik (guard), Lane McVicar (guard/forward) and Kendis Wiley (center).

The Storm open the season at the St. Charles East Thanksgiving Tournament.

Co-op swim team enjoys postseason success stories

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett/Streamwood co-op swimming team continued to see postseason success from its program, the Sabrehawks producing eight state qualifiers this year competing at Evanston Township.

Junior Sydney Kelly became only the second Sabrehawk, former co-op standout Kayla Filipek being the first, to reach the state finals in an individual event. She finished eighth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4 minutes, 57.45 seconds on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Kelly also competed at state in the 200 free and the Sabrehawks' two qualifying relay teams.

"It's an amazing opportunity," Kelly

said. "This was my first time finaling individually at state, and it was a cool opportunity."

Kelly added: "It's a really cool feeling. I'm proud of myself. We're still building as a team with a strong junior and sophomore class. It's going to be really exciting next year."

The squad's 400 free relay (Kelly, senior Paige Edmier, sophomore Emily Rygula, sophomore Olivia Rygula) and 200 free relay (Kelly, Edmier, Emily Rygula, junior Abby Hultquist) both advanced to state.

Edmier qualified to state in two events, the 200 individual medley and 500 free, while Emily Rygula did in

See Swim, pg. 19

Police Reports

BARTLETT

Friday, Nov. 9

★ At 4:54 a.m., Todd E. Pentecost, 46, Elmwood Park, was arrested and charged with violation of an order of protection. He was transported to Cook County Jail to await bond call.

★ At 12:05 p.m., police responded to Jewel in the 100 block of Stearns Road for a verbal dispute between two customers over a parking space. The parties were separated and peace was restored.

★ At 12:18 p.m., a 14-year-old juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces a Dec. 19 court date.

Saturday, Nov. 10

★ At 1:25 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Ivory Lane reported that an unknown subject ported his cell phone numbers to a different cell phone provider. He advised he received multiple calls from a private number and confirmed his name. He advised his phone stopped working right after the call.

Sunday, Nov. 11

★ At 10:40 a.m., a complainant in the 900 block of Tallgrass Drive reported a battery that occurred in a different town. Police advised the complainant to report the incident in the town where it occurred.

★ At 3:55 p.m., Michael J. Skiston, 58, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant. He was released on bond and faces a Dec. 4 court date.

★ At 7:19 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of south Elroy Avenue reported that he sent trading cards to a subject after a transaction on eBay. He was informed through the website

that the buyer was returning the cards and requested a refund. The complainant reported that he received a package, but the trading cards were not inside. He requested that the incident be documented so that he could start an investigation through eBay.

Monday, Nov. 12

★ At 11:24 a.m., Dante A. Ingraffia, 22, Bensenville, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a Dec. 19 hearing date.

★ At 6:58 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of North Eastern Avenue reported that an unknown offender burglarized his unlocked vehicle overnight. The complainant advised that multiple gift cards and a prescription were taken.

★ At 10:29 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Old Barn Road reported that he hasn't heard from his daughter in a few hours and was concerned for her safety. Police contacted the subject who advised she was okay.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

★ At 11:27 a.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Philip Drive reported that she received a call from a subject identifying himself as an agent for Publishers Clearing House, advising that she won a sweepstakes. The complainant believed this was a scam after being asked several personal identifying questions, which she refused to answer.

★ At 5:16 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile was cited for possession of an air shot rifle. He faces a Dec. 19 court date.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

★ At 8:50 a.m., Bryan L. Dungey, 34, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on an I-

bond and faces a Dec. 11 court date.

★ At 10:53 a.m., an agent for Dunkin' Donuts, 700 block of South Illinois Route 59, reported that an unknown customer paid with counterfeit currency multiple times. The complainant advised that the bank notified her of the fake currency while making a deposit. Estimated loss \$40.

★ At 1:35 p.m., Mario Uliser Echeverria-Macz, 28, Hanover Park, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 3 court date.

Thursday, Nov. 15

★ At 9:26 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of South Main Street reported that she brought her daughter to the police department to discipline her for not behaving in school.

CAROL STREAM

Wednesday, Oct. 24

★ Adam P. Albers 38, Berkeley, was arrested on warrant and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, driving while license revoked and use of an electronic communications device while driving.

Thursday, Oct. 25

★ At 9:40 a.m., Angela Sacco Mamo, 35, Lombard, was arrested on warrant and charged with obstructed identification, attempted obstruction of justice, driving while license suspended and use of an electronic communications device while driving. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 11:56 p.m., William J. Collins, 64, Winfield, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08. He was released on bond and faces an undeter-

mined court date.

Friday, Oct. 26

★ At 9:36 p.m., Flor Edith Homatas, 34, Bloomingdale, was arrested and charged with DUI, use of an electronic communications device while driving, improper lane use, disobeying a traffic control device and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, Oct. 27

★ At 1:44 a.m., Joshua S. Kieffin, 26, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper lane usage, disobeying a stop sign, possession of open alcohol, driving while license suspended, no insurance, and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 11:26 p.m., Edder A. Avitia, 23, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Oct. 28

★ At 7:30 p.m., Misty Dawn Bradley, 26, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, seatbelt violation, possession of drug equipment. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Thursday, Nov. 1

★ At 1:28 a.m., Elizabeth Hodge, 30, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and speeding. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 2:45 a.m., Jason R. Holmgren, 20, Carol Stream, was arrested and

Hawks split pair after taking on tall order



Justina Hernandez releasing a jump shot over a trio of Homewood-Flossmoor defenders during Bartlett's season opening tournament game at Naperville Central on Friday, Nov. 16.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team opened the season and the Naperville Central Tip-Off Tournament with a 51-44 loss to Homewood-Flossmoor on Friday, Nov. 16.

Although the Hawks trailed most of the game, only holding two one-point leads, it was tight all the way to the end, but turnovers proved costly in the second half as Bartlett tried to rally.

Trailing by as much as eight in the third quarter, Bartlett rallied eventually pulling to 36-33 at the end of the third quarter as Danielle Hedeem capped the frame with a three-pointer, and Teagan Noesen hit a trey to start the fourth for a 36-36 tie.

Eventually the Hawks pulled ahead, 39-38, after a

Mackenzie Hare bucket, and she added a pair of free throws with 3:56 left to play for a 41-41 tie. Homewood-Flossmoor pulled away from there with a 10-3 finish.

"They kind of flexed their will on us physically late in the game," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "We knew they were going to have that size advantage. What I was disappointed with was our inability to break their press in the second half considering we have a lot of good ball handlers. We probably had 30-plus turnovers all because we didn't handle the ball."

The Hawks were undersized compared to their foe along with being young, including Hare who is a freshman and led the night with 13 points.

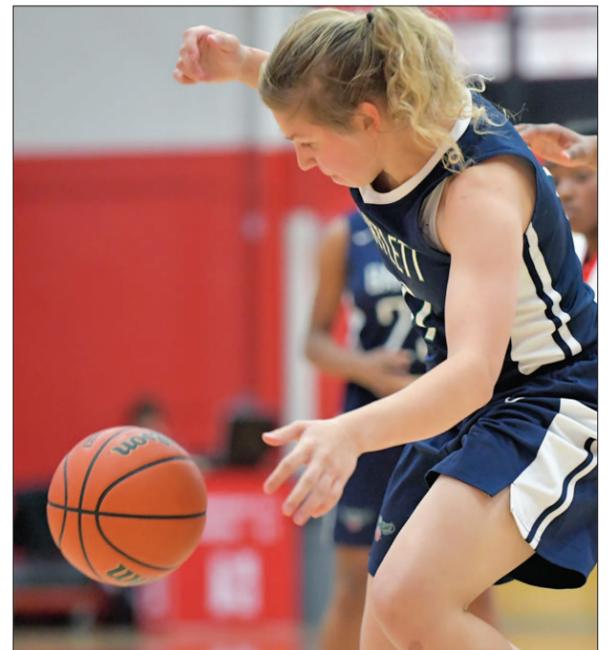
Hunt was proud of his team's effort including from Noesen whose biggest contribution came on defense.

"I'm so proud of her," Hunt said. "She went to battle tonight guarding their big girl and really did a great job."



Bartlett's Mackenzie Hare contorting to get off a shot in the midst of the Vikings' Naya Haymon, left, and Maya Harrell.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



While driving on the basket for the Hawks, Alexis Sinclair had the ball jarred loose, however, she was able to recover and complete her tip to the hoop while drawing a foul.

Justina Hernandez added 10 points, Alexis Sinclair 11 including a pair of threes and Shelly Banks five points.

Bartlett remained the smaller team when it followed up with tournament host Naperville Central on Saturday, Nov. 17.

"It doesn't get any easier with Naperville Central tomorrow," Hunt said. "I just told my girls that if we battle and we clean up the mistakes, we're going to get wins against these teams."

Hunt was right as his squad bounced back with a 51-32 victory. Holding a slim 23-20 lead at halftime, the Hawks pulled away with a 28-12 second half and finished the game with eight total three-pointers, including three from Hare (15 points) and two by Hernandez (10 points).

Sinclair had 12 points, Banks seven and Noesen five.

Village Board pays tribute to Bartlett Woman's Club

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett Woman's Club started on Dec. 30, 1937 making it the oldest service organization in town according to Village President Kevin Wallace.

With more than eight decades of service, Wallace congratulated the club with a proclamation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The club stemmed from nine women in 1936 forming the Bide-a-Wee Club where Wallace said they "discussed the problems of the day while needles and thimbles clicked and crochet hooks flew." After the name change in 1937, Wallace said the club's been dedicated to "service to the community, promotion of good fellowship and the advancement of intellectual culture."

In the 1940s, the club helped raise \$1,000 to construct Bartlett Park's Log Cabin as well as collected "Bundles for Britain," a relief effort for war torn Great Britain during the early portion

of World War II.

In the 1960s, the club helped the newly formed Bartlett Park District with the purchase of bike racks and playground equipment and in 1976 it started a scholarship for high school girls and women entering the workforce.

In 1991, Bartlett celebrated its 100th birthday and the club helped raise funds for the centennial gazebo.

"Each decade of Bartlett's history since 1937 bears the stamp of the helping hands and philanthropic efforts of the Bartlett Woman's Club.... At this milestone in the group's history, multiple generations of women, mothers and daughters, aunts and cousins have served and socialized side by side, hosting craft fairs and bunny lunches, fashion shows and candidate nights, always ready to support the next worthy cause with the club's unique mix of fundraising and just plain fun," Wallace said.

Season expectations high for Bartlett boys basketball

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team will have a lot of inexperience this season, but expectations are high as usual for the 2018-19 season.

The Hawks were 17-13 overall, 7-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, last season and won their first regional title since 2010. This year, the UEC is under a new alignment with 10 teams and no divisions.

Bartlett lost most of its team to graduation, but Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith said he's got some talented players coming up this year.

"You always expect to compete for the conference championship," Wolfsmith said. "Our program has built in that we're going to have high expectations every year."

Wolfsmith added: "I really like our conference, top to bottom our guys aren't going to have a lack of competition. There are top level players on every team."

Most of the Hawks returning experience comes from seniors Austin Gates (guard) and Garrett Jurina (forward). Gates is entering his third varsity season and is a two-time, all-conference recipient.

"[Gates] really stepped up in terms of talking to the new kids and really showing that leadership," Wolfsmith said. "Garrett really solidified things for us in the post last year, especially with some injuries we had during the season."

Along with Gates and Jurina, the Hawks have five additional seniors on their roster as well as six juniors and three sophomores. Wolfsmith said the

team has more size than in recent years but should still be athletic and quick.

Bartlett opens the season this week at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament where the newcomers will face their first test at the varsity level.

"The biggest thing that they have to learn is how to play varsity defense," Wolfsmith said. "Unfortunately there's a lot of things that can't be learned until you actually play a varsity game. We're doing everything we can in practice to prepare them, but playing that varsity level defense is what needs to be learned."

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Sabres win opener, then drop pair at tournament



Peyton Hedger firing off a shot for the Sabres from deep in a corner during Streamwood's opening game victory over Jacobs at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament.



Mandy Mein pulling up off a dribble in front of Jacobs' Courtney Durben as Mein's path to the basket had been cut off. *(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*



Alexis Rojas attempting to get off a shot while being fouled from behind by the Golden Eagles' Alecia Valldejuli.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team started strong and held off a late rally in its season and Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament opener against Jacobs, a 54-45 Sabres win on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Mandy Mien came out hot scoring five points on the way to an 8-0 lead, and Streamwood led for good. Mien scored 13 of her game-high 20 points in the first half as the Sabres led 23-14 at the break.

"We came out with a lot of energy and our eyes were active defensively," Mien said. "It was great to play a game and get a win."

The lead grew to 37-24 late in the third after a Peyton Hedger (13 points) three-pointer, but Jacobs did rally to eventually pull to five.

Leading 45-40 with 2:36 remaining, Mien hit a pair of free throws and Riya Patel hit four straight from the line during a 6-1 run giving the Sabres enough breathing room at 51-41.

Streamwood coach George Rosner

said his squad made some mistakes down the stretch allowing Jacobs to claw back, but he was happy with the win.

"For a first game we did some good things but we are capable of playing better," Rosner said. "Everyone has a first game, but the good thing is we got a win. We are playing a lot of seniors, but they don't have a lot of game experience as this is a good learning experience."

Colleen Veuilla added six points in the effort.

Streamwood did go on to finish the first week of the tournament 1-2. Against host Dundee-Crown, the Sabres fell 59-33 on Friday, Nov. 16.

The Sabres were led by Mien (nine points), Veuilla (seven points) and Kaylee Angle (six points).

Against Crystal Lake South, the Sabres dropped a nail biter 47-45 on Saturday, Nov. 17. Patel hit three treys on the way to a team leading 13 points while Vivian Sumoski had nine points, Mien seven and Hedger six.



Emily Bugarewicz, left, in a race with the Golden Eagles Courtney Pahl as the pair competed for a loose ball near center court.