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U-46 board OKs Chromebook purchase for fifth through eighth grades

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Elgin Area School District U-46 is adopting more technology-based curriculum and resources, and moving toward providing one-to-one technology devices to all students.

The school board recently approved spending \$3.4 million to purchase 11,750 Chromebooks and related equipment for students in fifth through eighth grades districtwide.

Officials cited research studies showing improved student academic outcomes and 21st century skills tied to the adoption of one-to-one technology programs.

Investing in Chromebooks also is more fiscally responsive as Microsoft will stop supporting devices using the Windows 7 operating system -- widely used by the district -- by year end. No updates, including security measures, will be available for Windows 7, eventually requiring all devices to be upgraded and making the switch to Chromebooks a timely solution, officials said.

The \$322 cost per unit includes the device, power adapter, and license to access online educational materials, documents show.

Students can access resources with the Chromebook computers even while offline, completing homework assignments without internet access and later uploading them once logged onto a wireless network. Families must pay a \$25 insurance fee at the start of the school year for repairs, officials said.

Teachers will be trained on the use of this technology, possibly through webinars and how-to videos, said Trisha Shrode, U46's director of curriculum and instruction.

In the last five years, the district has adopted several technology-based curricular resources for core instruction and intervention. Moving to one-to-one in fifth through eighth grades will allow students greater access to those resources, interventions and progress monitoring tools, officials said.

Last spring, the school board adopted new mathematics resources, mostly digital, for high schools. It resulted in thousands of freshmen, sophomores, most juniors and even some middle-schoolers taking new algebra and geometry courses and receiving personal computers at the start of this school year. Total cost for those resources and technology -- including purchasing 11,000 Dell Chromebooks and graphic calculators -- was roughly \$5.5 million.

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U46 school board candidate forum set for Thursday at DREAM Academy

By: Rafael Guerrero



- A forum for candidates running for the District U46 School Board will be held Thursday at the DREAM Academy auditorium in Elgin. It's sponsored by Citizens' Advisory Council.

Candidates running for the District U46 School Board will participate in a forum Thursday to discuss their campaign platforms and provide their positions on district issues.

The public event will be held at 7 p.m. at the DREAM Academy auditorium, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. It's sponsored by the district's Citizens' Advisory Council.

Attendees should enter through the building's main doors and will be directed to the second-floor auditorium, a U46 news release said.

Eight candidates are running for four board seats in the April 2 election. The incumbents are John Devereux, of Bartlett; Sue Kerr, of Bartlett; and Jeanette Ward, of West Chicago. The five challengers are Daniel Hancock, of Hanover Park; Eva Porter, of Hanover Park; Tina Rio, of Bartlett; Ina Silva-Sobolewski, of Hanover Park; and Kathleen Thommes, of Elgin.

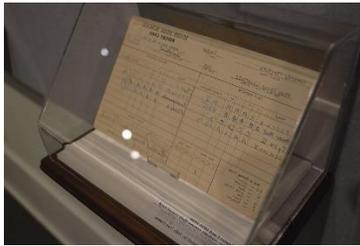
Elgin High's long history on display

Report cards, prom dresses, school rings and other museum items in exhibit capture school's 150 years

By: Rafael Guerrero



- A dress that an Elgin High School student wore to the school's 1937 prom is on display as part of the Elgin History Museum's exhibit of memorabilia celebrating the school's 150-year history. Trophies also are part of the Elgin History Museum's new exhibit. Other items may rotate into the exhibit.



- The report card of an Elgin High School student from the 1939-40 school year is on display as part of the Elgin History Museum's exhibit.

The Elgin History Museum is celebrating Elgin High School's 150th anniversary with the opening this week of a new exhibit displaying 40 or so school artifacts, some more than a century old.

"I hope that if (a visitor) went to Elgin, it brings back good memories for them," museum curator Beth Nawara said. "If they didn't go to Elgin High School, I hope this connects them to their own high school experience."

Elgin is one of the oldest high schools in Illinois, a history captured with such memorabilia as old report cards, trophies, pictures and scrapbooks. With class rings from 1914 and 1915 and a dress worn to the school's 1937 prom, some of the items predate most of the residents living in the Elgin area.

Nawara said her favorite item on display is a tray from the 1910s with the calling cards for staff and students.

"Somebody spent a lot of time making that," Nawara said of one of the cards on the tray, cut and pieced together to resemble two stars.

More than 200 other artifacts from the school are stored elsewhere in the museum, she said. The hope is they'll be able to rotate items in and out of the exhibit, which will be on display through early 2021.

However, not all original items will get the chance to be viewed. A copy of the program from the 1879 commencement, for example, may make an appearance, but not the original, she said.

"We wouldn't put it out because it's very rare," Nawara said.

Elgin High School and its 150th anniversary committee lent the museum some of the items being showcased, committee chair John Devine said. The committee also played a role in recommending the "education for all" theme the history museum chose for the exhibit.

About 90 people attended the exhibit opening Sunday. Devine, a high school history teacher whose children graduated from Elgin High School, led a tour offering a historical look at the high school. Some visitors posted notes about their fondest memories of attending the school.

"I think especially because it's our 150th anniversary, and it's now being displayed (throughout Elgin), multiple people are starting to become aware of it," Devine said.

The 150th anniversary exhibit can be viewed during museum hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and free for Elgin Area Historical Society members.

The culmination of the high school anniversary celebration will be the all-class reunion scheduled for April 13 at the current high school building and the old Elgin High building downtown.

To attend, fill out the RSVP form at sites.google.com/u-46.org/elgin150/home. The site also includes slideshows of old photos, stories from graduates and other ways to celebrate the school's milestone anniversary.

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U-46 CEO provided with pact extension
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Storm boys hoops lose Rockford final
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Board approves pact for engineering services

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 4, trustees voted unanimously in favor of a design engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc., Crystal Lake, for the Middle Street water main replacement project at a cost of \$31,000.

According to Director of Public Works Michael Millette, Baxter & Woodman, Inc., submitted a proposal to perform the design engineering services for the project. OTHERS? The scope of services will include early coordination and data collection, environmental coordination and permit-

ting, project drawings, easement and plat work, engineer's opinion of probable cost, quality control, bidding assistance and project management.

"It will be designed this spring or summer," said Millette. "Depending on the climate of the construction environment we could go out to bid [the project] in the fall or hold out until next spring."

Millette said this recommendation is made based upon the village's existing satisfactory professional relationship with Baxter & Woodman.

According to Millette, the cost is within the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.



Ready to roll

Cameron Kave had his bowling ball and was ready to take his turn at the annual mother and son bowling event on Saturday, March 9. For story and more photos see page 16. (Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)

South Elgin represented at state three-point contest

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team saw plenty of success this year.

The Storm (20-12, 15-3) were second in the UEC conference and advanced to the sectional semifinals.

Although South Elgin fell a little shy of state they sent junior Megan McClure, who competed at Redbird Arena in Normal as she advanced to state in the Three-Point Showdown on Thursday, Feb. 28 prior to the state tournament that weekend.

McClure connected on seven of her shots. She finished with 82 three-pointers in the regular season.

South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack said McClure has "some bragging rights" at home as her older sister Bailey McClure hit five shots when she

advanced to state in 2016.

"Megan represented the school downstate outstandingly," Mandernack said. "The first group of shooters were on absolute fire making 10, and a few made 12, putting the pressure on the other three groups."

Getting a chance to take in the state atmosphere and competing on the same court could be a valuable learning experience.

"[McClure] stayed to watch Friday's games, so she got a taste of what going downstate as a team looks like," Mandernack said. "She will be a senior next year and we should have a nice, solid team, so I told her to dream big and go out in style. She will be ready and the undisputed leader of our team on and off the court."

Endorsements U-46 School Board

For U-46: Ward, Sobolewski, Hancock and Rio

The most consequential local election this year is for the U-46 school board—bar none.

Financially, taxpayers have much to lose if responsible fiscal leadership does not take the reins in Elgin. Year over year, U-46 has averaged annual spending increases in the tens of millions of dollars—\$40,000,000 since last year, alone. Yet, as the annual budget has bloated to well over half a billion dollars, school enrollment has continued to decline.

Remember, U-46 represents approximately 60 percent of a typical property tax bill—no small consideration in Illinois. Moreover, U-46 extracts tens of millions more from our household budgets through state and federal income taxes.

What do we get in return? Some of the lowest performing schools in Illinois. Current U-46 CEO, Tony Sanders, the grifting teachers' union, a majority of the current school board, and some of the current board candidates believe that even higher taxes and more spending are the solution to all of our problems. They are wrong, again.

Financial matters aside, the school district has also made a hard and rapid ideological turn into a very ugly and divisive Leftist politics that are at odds with our country's founding principles and with parents' rights. Unless the composition of the U-46 board changes, increasingly radical ideology will shape the minds of generations to come.

Standing athwart this financial recklessness and radical politicization of our curricula—often alone—has been the very courageous incumbent **Jeannette Ward**. She has suffered brutal maligning by her enemies, but to know her by her enemies is to know just how impressive a human being she is and how effective a trustee she has been. Her record of informed advocacy for taxpayers and student success has been breathtaking in both its scope and relentlessness. We need to send **Ward** back for another term, but we cannot send her alone.

We also need to elect newcomer **Ina Silva-Sobolewski**. Overcoming tremendous adversity in her life, **Sobolewski** has risen to become a highly successful businesswoman, as well a fierce, vocal, and credible advocate for responsible government. She, like **Ward**, is a force to be reckoned with, and will act as a powerful brake against the school district's profligate administration.

Along with **Ward** and **Sobolewski**, we endorse **Daniel Hancock**—retired engineer, substitute teacher and volunteer student tutor. **Hancock**, too, is unequivocal about holding the line on taxation. His experience inside the classroom and his proven record of community service, respectively, lend special insight and credibility to his candidacy. He is thoughtful, measured and serious about turning U-46 around.

Finally, Bartlett's **Tina Rio** has long been actively involved in the lives of her now grown children and in the schools they attended in U-46. A lunch mom, after-school teacher and school volunteer, **Rio** has paid close attention to what is right and what is wrong in our local schools. She is deeply committed to the success of our students, but she knows that throwing more money at our underperforming schools has not worked and will never work. If elected, **Rio** intends to exert fiscal discipline on our wild-spending, top-heavy administration.

Together, **Ward, Sobolewski, Hancock** and **Rio** would comprise a formidable majority on the school board—a new majority that, for the first time in memory, would put taxpayer and student outcomes first.

Their opponents—four candidates closely aligned with the currently weak, dysfunctional, foolish and often nasty board—will do the bidding of CEO Tony Sanders, the public sector unions, and the radical social activists who are responsible for the overspending, underperformance, and politicization in our schools. Indeed, Tony Sanders's Facebook page makes clear that these other four are his buddies. Which makes sense. After all, they are the ones who will perpetuate the current practice of giving Sanders blank checks to spend and abdicating to him their sworn duty to set district policy.

A vote for **Ward, Sobolewski, Hancock**, and **Rio** is a vote for ourselves and the generations that will follow.

Pet of the Week



In a twist, Oliver displaced by puppy

Oliver lived for 12 years with a family, however, after that time they got a puppy. While still an active fellow at 12 years old, Oliver, found the puppy was just too much for him so now he is at the shelter looking for a mellow family to call his own. A family with no dogs and preferably no other cats would be a preference. Choose Oliver to get a low-key pal to snuggle with. Oliver is neutered, up-to-date on vaccines, front paw declawed, and ready to be a best friend! For more information please call (630) 407-2800 or email animalservices@dupageco.org. *(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)*

Opposition to legislation urged by U-46 resident

By Seth Hancock

The Illinois General Assembly is considering an addition to an unfunded mandate on public schools that currently requires free feminine products in girls restrooms at schools for sixth grade and up under House Bill 922.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora) on Jan. 25 and would update the law, which created the mandate in 2018, to now include free feminine products in boys bathrooms as well. The bill is currently awaiting a second reading by the house.

L. Dean Hufsey, an Elgin resident, urged the Board of Education in School District U-46 and residents to contact their representatives to oppose the bill, which he called a "destructive effort," when he spoke during public comments at the Monday, March 4 board meeting.

The bill would amend the school code to state schools "shall make feminine hygiene products available, at

no cost to students, in each bathroom of every school building." The phrase "each bathroom of every school building" replaces "the bathrooms of school buildings" which would mean adding boys bathrooms to the current unfunded mandate.

The definition of feminine hygiene products in the school code is "tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle" which only applies to biological females, not biological males..

"Isn't this action a type of bullying which is being forced on we the people who know that boys don't menstruate?" Hufsey asked.

Hufsey added that Illinois residents are "leaving the state in droves, school enrollments are declining in U-46 while taxes continue to skyrocket. It's past time to put an end to this kind of nonsense."

The current unfunded mandate requiring such products in girls bathrooms took effect in 2018.

Code change includes adopting FDA guidelines

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved an amendment to the Bartlett Municipal Code concerning food regulations and restrictions at its meeting on Tuesday, March 5.

The change to the code adopts the 2017 Food Code guidelines from the federal government's Food and Drug Administration (FDA). A December

memo from the Illinois Division of Food, Drugs and Dairies stated that "all local health departments" must adopt the FDA's code by the start of 2019.

A memo from Roberta Grill, the village's acting community development director, stated that the change repeals portions of the Bartlett Municipal

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U-46's Sanders given new, extended contract

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 CEO Tony Sanders was given a 3 percent pay raise under a five-year contract approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, March 4.

The board voted 6-1 for the contract. Board member Jeanette Ward, who attended the meeting via phone, voted not citing the contract's length.

The contract renewal comes despite over a year remaining on Sanders' current contract which was set to end on June 30, 2020.

This new pact runs through June 30, 2024 and gives an over \$7,000 increase in base salary to \$241,679. Donna Smith, the board's president, said "any increase in base salary will be based on the performance indicators set forth."

Along with benefits like health insur-

ance and pension contributions, Sanders will be reimbursed for any coursework taken to achieve his superintendent's certification. Sanders, who was previously the chief of staff under former Superintendent Jose Torres, has worked for U-46 for 12 years and was promoted to CEO in 2014 despite not holding the necessary credentials to be superintendent required by the state.

U-46 paid up to \$70,000 a year for a part-time interim superintendent to sign documents as Sanders was not allowed to until state legislation, House Bill 4301, took effect in 2017 that granted special treatment to U-46 alone to hire a CEO without the necessary superintendent's credentials.

Ward, who agreed with her colleagues who called the goals in the new contract "robust," said the length

of this contract ties the hands of future boards. The upcoming April 2 elections will include four of seven U-46 board seats.

"I was ok for the contract to go to 2022 which I believe is when the state law ends allowing us to have a CEO," Ward said. "I just didn't feel we should tie the hands of future boards all the way to 2024, though I do appreciate the discussions that we had. They were productive, and I do think Tony's doing a good job."

Under HB4301, U-46 was allowed to hire a CEO "for a period of 5 years" but could be reappointed "after the 5-year period if the chief executive officer has made substantial progress towards a standard or alternative administrative license."

If Sanders does not receive his superintendent's certification soon, U-46 could lose its state exemption as HB4301 requires an enrollment of at least 35,000 students. U-46, which has lost nearly 2,000 students since 2014, projects enrollment to decline to 35,345 by the 2021-2022 school year.

Smith called the goals of the contract "lofty" and "robust," and board member Sue Kerr said "the entire board worked very hard on these goals and had a lot of discussions" and called the agreement "a challenging but a good contract for the district."

Board member John Devereux said Sanders has "done a, we believe, a good job which we certainly appreciate. I believe that's a very widely held opinion across the district."

"What this board really wanted to do in those goals was to provide enough concrete measures, and that was an operative word measures, so that he would find the next steps as opposed to saying you know 'working really hard or some nebulous comments like that,'" said board member Phil Costello who said it does give future boards "latitude" to develop steps toward progress.

"We're fortunate enough to have a school district with a lot of great administrators, but we need progress and we know that there's a lot of room to grow," Costello added. "And I think that's what this set of goals accomplishes."

The agreement includes 13 goals, three of which are priority including "implement a plan to increase proficiency and measurable growth" for kindergarten through sixth grade students in math, to present a "plan to measure and increase number of teachers and students feeling safe in school" and to review and make recommendations regarding facility utilization and board vision (boundary changes/facility utilization; closing and/or replacing oldest facilities; additional school choice opportunities; transitioning to middle school model of sixth through eighth grade; other necessary steps to support board's vision).

The goals include year-to-year targets for identifying and implementing plans and reporting results, but no goals are set with regards to achieving any target results.

The remaining goals include continuous school improvement, educational pathways, curriculum enhancements, early childhood, multi-tier systems of support, professional development, best practice sharing, board vision communication, investment plan for the so-called "evidence-based" funding formula from the state and developing an equity plan.

The contract approval came on the same night the board unanimously approved the honorable dismissal of 49 teachers which Ann Chan, assistant superintendent for human resources, said includes "part time positions, one semester, one year only and temporary instructional staff."

Kerr asked if the 49 teachers knew they were going to be dismissed which Chan said "in the offer letter it stated that these positions are for the remainder of the school year."

Concerns linger about library financial issues

By Joe Hyland

At the Monday, Feb. 25 Library District Board of Trustees meeting, concerns were raised about the library's finances.

Two people expressed concerns about funding issues during the public comments segment of the meeting. Village resident and library patron Maureen Glowacki said she was upset that the library had to ask for donations in order to renovate the bathrooms in the building. She also noted that the front steps were beginning to crack and wondered how this would be funded.

Trustee candidate Joe Olsen, in both verbal and written comments, also expressed some concerns about the district's finances. Olsen had expressed concern about the district's deficit at the board's Monday, Jan. 21 meeting. At that meeting, as part of the facility report, it was noted that, because of the deficit, the library cannot apply for matching grants.

Library Executive Director Karolyn Nance was contacted via email about the size of the deficit and she confirmed that, as of Feb. 27, it stood at

\$139,970. "Currently, the Illinois State Library offers two grant opportunities for new construction, renovations, and/or ADA accessibility improvements," said Nance via an email reply. "Unfortunately, both of these grants require a guarantee that we have the matching funds in our Special Reserve Fund to match the grant amount which at this point we do not."

At the meeting, Nance noted that the budgeted amount of property taxes was significantly out of line with what had actually been collected. DuPage County was up by 0.7 percent while Cook County was down by 24.6 percent.

"So that got me to thinking about Cook County and DuPage County," Nance said, suggesting that perhaps the district had been miscalculating the size of the property tax revenues it could expect to receive.

Nance said she was attempting to get some additional information on the extension process to remedy the situation.

"I think that's been impacting our deficit," Nance said. "As soon as we get the extension numbers we will hold a finance committee meeting and begin the budget process,"

South Elgin soccer seeks to improve via hard work

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team hopes to improve upon its 3-11-2 record last year, 1-3-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, as the Storm prepare for the 2019 season.

This year, the UEC has been realigned with some teams leaving and others entering leaving no more divisions. For South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja Snow, the new conference is welcomed.

"With a new conference setup, we are looking to embrace this as a fresh start," Snow said.

Last season defense was a strong point for the Storm and they will return some of their key pieces including senior four-year varsity player Bridget Bondi and three-year varsity senior Sarah Boghossian who suffered an ACL tear early in her career but had a solid 2018 season. Also returning is senior goalkeeper Ashley Kopczyk who has committed to play at Agnes Scott College next year.

While defense should be a strength again, Snow said the key to success this year is improving on the offensive end.

"Last year we simply did not score enough and it is hard to win without

this part of the game," Snow said. "Last year's team was defensive minded, and this year's team needs to embrace a new approach if they want to win more games. We lost too many games last year by one goal, and the girls learned the hard way that we must convert if we want to turn those games around."

Some key newcomers will be sophomore Meghan Dunne (midfield) and freshmen Katrina Barthelt (forward), Chloe Beucler (midfield) and Norah Stueck (defense).

"Preseason with this team has been easy because they work hard, they support each other and they come wanting to play," Snow said. "I cannot say that for teams I have coached in the past. This team has a special chemistry that might just surprise some of our opponents."

Snow added: "Once again we are young, with a few of our newcomers looking at starting spots, but we will battle against those that may be bigger and faster, and they have already made that clear."

South Elgin is scheduled to start the year at home today Wednesday, March 13 for an UEC contest against West Chicago.

Local church given funds to assist in restoring bell



Receiving the check: Immanuel United Church of Christ (IUCC) Council President, Lynn Filippelli, IUCC Bell Fund Chairperson, Jackie Ellsworth and Bartlett Rotary Club members Kristina Gabrenya and Ray Deyne.

(Courtesy photo)

The Bartlett Rotary Special Projects Committee donated \$5,000 to Bartlett's Immanuel United Church of Christ Bell Fund. Bartlett Rotarians Kristina Gabrenya and Ray Deyne presented the \$5,000 donation to the church on Sunday, March 10. Jackie Ellsworth, Bell Fund Chairperson, and Lynn Filippelli, Church Council President, received the check for the Please Help Us Make the Church Bell Ring Again Campaign. Other Bartlett Rotary officers and members, Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Fire Chief Mike Falese, Michael Musson, and Michelle Sarwars, attended the presentation and cake reception, along with members

and friends of the church.

Church members, friends and the Bartlett community, along with nationwide support, collected over \$9,000 in a three-month period with the help of an ad in the Bartlett Examiner and a GoFundMe page. The Rotary donation is the culmination of the fundraising portion of the campaign. The Bartlett Rotary donation added to the already collected funds will not only ensure the complete restoration of the bell's mechanisms but also allow the church to have funds for maintenance for the bell and its structures for years to come. Work has already begun with a target completion date of late spring.

Surgery, sacrifice to be endured by family

By Kristin Carreno

Streamwood resident Amanda Gross is asking neighbors and the community for “well wishes and prayers” while her husband, 37-year-old Tom Gross, and his stepfather, 60-year-old Paul Sweeney, undergo kidney transplantation surgery at University of Illinois Hospital on Thursday, March 14. A third person who will be the recipient of Tom Gross’ kidney will also be having the four-hour procedure.

According to Amanda Gross, Tom Gross volunteered to start the testing to be a donor after his stepfather was diagnosed with end stage renal failure and needed a transplant. This came after tests confirmed that his mother and Sweeney’s wife, were unable to donate.

Although Tom Gross was not an exact match for his stepfather, “he could donate a kidney to the bank to another needing family and a matched kidney would be given to Paul,” said Amanda Gross.

Sweeney’s kidneys began failing in 2016 due to medication he had been taking for the prior 13 years after he suffered a major heart attack that resulted in him requiring a heart transplant, Amanda Gross said. In 2017, he underwent another surgery that damaged his kidneys even further. He went into complete renal failure and was started on dialysis last August.

“I had been raising Tom since he was six years old,” Sweeney said. “I consider him my own son. He and his wife Amanda have given me two beautiful grandchildren. Although we weren’t a direct match we’re able to swap with another family. A third family has since been added. No words, money or gestures could possibly tell

Tom how grateful I am for such a precious gift. Because of him I’ll be able to go back to living a normal life.”

According to Amanda Gross, Sweeney had not been doing well on dialysis.

“Tom stepped up to the plate and began the testing process,” Amanda Gross said. “If Tom was not able to donate, Paul would not be getting a kidney on Thursday.”

Amanda Gross said the long process of testing to be a donor required her husband to take multiple trips per week to Chicago. Each appointment required a missed day of work as Tom Gross had to be downtown by 6 a.m.

“Tom works second shift and has almost an hour commute time home,” Amanda Gross said. “It has taken a financial toll on our family, along with an emotional one. We have two children who are our entire world.”

According to Amanda Gross, she moved to Streamwood in 1989 when she was 7 years old. She met her husband in 2000 during her senior year at **Streamwood High School**. The couple started dating, fell in love, got married and “have been together and inseparable ever since.”

“We stick by each other,” Amanda Gross said about her family. “We always have one another’s backs and always help each other out.”

According to Amanda Gross, her family is seeking and receiving support during this time.

“We are blessed to be surrounded by so many willing to offer us love and support,” Amanda Gross said.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for the family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/giving-and-receiving-hope-a-kidney>.

Sabres baseball optimistic going into new season

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team hopes to make an impact in the Upstate Eight Conference as the Sabres prepare for the 2019 season.

Last year the Sabres finished 13-18 overall, 6-16 in the UEC, and Streamwood hopes to compete in the UEC.

“The conference is always strong and each series will present a challenge for us,” said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. “We feel if we play our game we will be able to be competitive in the conference.”

Lasota said he saw some good things over the summer when the Sabres finished 9-3-1 in the summer league. He said pitching should be a strength with over 70 innings of experience on the mound returning with the most from senior Anthony Caruso (2-3, 29 innings, 2.65 ERA) and juniors Max Alanis (16 innings) and Tyler Jones (2-0, 1 save, 13 innings). All three are also infielders.

Streamwood also expects the defense to be a strength with depth on the field. Lasota said offense will be the “biggest question mark” but hopes experience gained can help them be productive this year.

“A lot of our success will depend on how the newcomers adjust to varsity pitching and the speed of the game,” Lasota said. “We also have to be able to manufacture runs by being good at the small things. I think we have several guys that will take a step forward with the experience they gained from last season and the offseason.”

Other key returners include seniors Connor Johnson (first baseman/pitcher), AJ Reyna (outfield-

er/pitcher) and Dillon Skelnik (catcher/pitcher) as well as junior Colin Bielinski (outfielder/pitcher). Newcomers include seniors Nicholas Lunz, Jared Martinez and Steve Williams along with juniors Dylan Caruso, Tyler Garza, Justin Gonzalez, Jeremy Lunz and Vinny Robles and sophomore Scott Wolfard.

“We have a pretty good balance of returning players and newcomers,” Lasota said. “We have three sophomores who started for us last season and gained valuable experience. This should help them take the next step going into this season. Overall, we have five starters from last year coming back and that should help us in getting some of the new guys prepared for the season.”

The Sabres are scheduled to start the season on the road for a nonconference game at Wheeling on Saturday, March 16.

Fishing info guide available on line

The 2019 Illinois Fishing Information guide is available in PDF format online at this link: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/regulations/2019FishingGuide.pdf>.

Regulations in the guide are effective April 1, through March 31, 2020. A reminder to anglers, and would-be anglers, that Illinois Free Fishing Days for 2019 will be during the Father’s Day weekend, June 14 through 17.

Candidate Forum

Saturday, March 23
11:30 am-4:30 pm

THE ORDER OF THE FORUM WILL FOLLOW:

- Hanover Park Park District Commissioner Candidates
- Village of Streamwood Trustee Candidates
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- Elgin Community College Trustee Candidates
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Police Reports

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ence of drugs, no valid driver's license and no registration light. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

★ At 9:32 a.m., Guy Sutton, 63, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with domestic battery and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Thursday, Feb. 28

★ At 4:40 p.m., Kenyatta R. Reed, 30, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and battery. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 6:20 p.m., Felipe A. Banuelos, 26, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, use of an electronic communications device while driving, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 8:57 p.m., Jennifer R. Shonts, 41,

Elmhurst, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, aggravated driving while license revoked, illegal transport of alcohol and use of an electronic communications device while driving. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, March 1

★ At 2:32 a.m., Daniel Hernandez, 24, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:38 pm., Halen I. Subrean, 31, Mount Prospect, was arrested on warrant and charged with possession of a controlled substance and bicycle equipment violation. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, March 2

★ At 12:53 a.m., Gary J. Banno, Lombard, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper lane usage and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 1:52 a.m., Michael E. Lawson,

27, Gary, Ind., was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 2:13 a.m., Bhatka Aley, 19, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with DUI, speeding, illegal transport of alcohol, and driving while license suspended. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 7:32 p.m., Sergio A. Bazaldua, 18, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, no insurance and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Feb. 27

★ At 8:30 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Sunbury for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 9:33 a.m., police responded to South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., for a report of a drug law violation.

★ At 10:57 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Windsor for a fraud complaint.

★ At 12:32 p.m., police responded to South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., for a report of theft.

★ At 2:31 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Rochester for a 911 investigation.

★ At 3:10 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of West Spring for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 3:20 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of West Spring for a report of an intoxicated subject.

★ At 4:37 p.m., police responded to Sundberg Co., 385 E. State, for a 911 investigation

★ At 4:46 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Fieldcrest for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 6:07 p.m., police responded to Wee Dees, 3 N. LaFox, for a report of a suspicious person.

Thursday, Feb., 28

★ At 1:01 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Deer Pointe, for a report of a suspicious noise.

★ At 2:50 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of South Pembroke for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 7:27 a.m., police responded to South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 8:39 a.m., police responded to Pizza Hut, 210 N. LaFox, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 4 p.m., police responded to Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond, for a disorderly conduct complaint.

★ At 4:11 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of West Spring and North McLean for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Hawks, Storm represented at state three-point contest

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett and South Elgin girls basketball teams saw plenty of success this year.

The Hawks (29-5, 17-1 Upstate Eight Conference) won their conference and made a deep run to the sectional finals in the postseason. The Storm (20-12, 15-3) were second in the UEC and advanced to the sectional semifinals.

Although both teams fell a little shy of state they both sent a junior, Bartlett's Kailey Halterman and South Elgin's Megan McClure, who competed at Redbird Arena in Normal as they both advanced to state in the Three-Point Showdown on Thursday, Feb. 28 prior to the state tournament that weekend.

Halterman hit eight of 15 shots falling short of the cutoff of 10 to advance to the finals. She was in the top half of 32 shooters.

"Kailey was amazing down at state," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "I am so proud of Kailey. She is a great shooter. Hopefully, this will build her confidence and springboard her into some great things for the future."

McClure connected on seven of her shots. She finished with 82 three-pointers in the regular season.

South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack said McClure has "some bragging

rights" at home as her older sister Bailey McClure hit five shots when she advanced to state in 2016.

"Megan represented the school downstate outstandingly," Mandernack said. "The first group of shooters were on absolute fire making 10, and a few made 12, putting the pressure on the other three groups."

Getting a chance to take in the state atmosphere and competing on the same court could be a valuable learning experience as both return next year for their respective teams.

"The experience [Halterman] gained was invaluable," Hunt said. "The pressure of shooting in a big arena with hardly any warm-up can help her realize that she can be successful in difficult atmospheres. My hope is that she will take this experience and use it to lead us as a senior. Kailey is strong and has a great mind for the game of basketball. We look forward to her having a great year."

"[McClure] stayed to watch Friday's games, so she got a taste of what going downstate as a team looks like," Mandernack said. "She will be a senior next year and we should have a nice, solid team, so I told her to dream big and go out in style. She will be ready and the undisputed leader of our team on and off the court."

'The sky's the limit' in 2019 for Bartlett volleyball

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team hopes to make some waves in 2019.

The Hawks hope to improve on last season's solid 22-15 season and "make some serious noise in the postseason" according to Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. Along with that, Bartlett hopes to earn an Upstate Eight Conference title.

"We want to win conference, simple as that," Schwantz said. "We have improved so much over the last two years, and these guys all going and playing club volleyball together has been unbelievably helpful as well. They are super hungry and can't wait for the season to begin."

The Hawks return three all-conference recipients from last season including seniors Jacob Bush (middle), Martin Radomski (outside hitter) and Toiyon Walton (middle). Two newcomers to watch include juniors James Balance (defensive specialist/libero) and Josh Kramp (outside

hitter).

For Bartlett to be successful, Schwantz said it'll come down to teamwork and playing their game.

"We just need to play our style of game," Schwantz said. "Limit our mistakes and take advantage of the other team's errors. We also need to understand that not everyone is going to play the greatest every night. The guys need to support one another and help build each other up. The sky's the limit for this team."

Schwantz added: "I think the fact they've all played together for so long will be a huge advantage for us. Also the fact most of them have been with varsity and know the speed of this level will help as well. We will be able to attack from anywhere we want as well as defend against anything teams send our way. We are going to be very strong in general."

The Hawks start the season hosting a nonconference match against Geneva on Monday, March 18.

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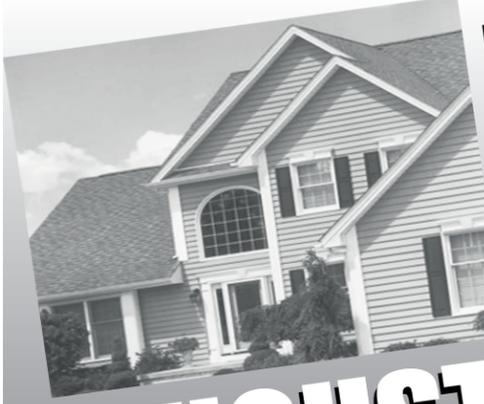
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Storm softball set sights on back-to-back UEC titles

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team hopes to repeat as conference champs as the Storm prepare for the 2019 season.

The Storm went 16-12 overall last year and 13-4 in the Upstate Eight Conference to capture the programs first league title.

"Our conference goal is to win it again," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "Last year was our first conference championship in school history so that is one of our main goals to go back-to-back. Outside of conference we start with a goal of winning a regional title."

South Elgin returns a strong core including a pair of outfielders who were key pieces last year. Senior centerfielder Casey Brennan (.521 batting average, 49 hits, 39 RBI, 37 runs, 14 doubles, five triples, four home runs) was the conference player of the year last year and senior left fielder Geneva Pollman (.396 batting average, 35 hits, 29 runs, 26 RBI, 10 doubles, two triples) was all-conference.

The Storm's entire pitching staff also returns including Pollman, senior Sidney Strama and junior Sophia Salazar. Strama with an 8-3 record and 3.40 ERA last year earned her all-conference honors.

"We return our entire pitching staff so that will be a strength," Reynard said. "Our outfield will also be a strength."

Some other key returners include seniors Sami Koss (shortstop) and Julianna Miranda (second baseman) as well as juniors McKenna Eichholtz (catcher) and Kaylie Humes (second baseman).

Some newcomers to watch include juniors Alexis Sembdner (outfielder), Kendall Madura (catcher/third baseman) and Maria Schiffer (infielder). New underclassmen include sophomores Eve Hartmann (outfielder/catcher) and Morgan Meinicke (first/third baseman) and freshmen Cara Cruthers (infielder/catcher), Samantha Jimenez (catcher/third baseman) and Angelina Guido (pitcher/outfielder).

"We need to continue to work hard," Reynard said. "We have quite a few new pieces to our puzzle this year so we have to work on playing together as one. We also need to work on scoring more runs early in games."

South Elgin is scheduled to start the season at home for a nonconference game against Fremd on Tuesday, March 19.

Library card links to discounts at variety of area attractions

According to the Bartlett Public Library, discounts at popular attractions are available with a library card

For the month of March, the Bartlett Public Library District is focusing on letting its patrons know about a service they offer called the Museum Adventure Pass.

With a BPLD card, patrons have access to free admission or special discounts at a variety of fun and educational locations with a Museum Adventure Pass.

There are a few important details to be aware of before stopping by the library to get one.

BPLD can only give out the passes to its patrons. Reciprocal borrowing patrons (patrons that do not have BPLD as a home library) will need to go through their own library in order to take advantage of the Museum Adventure Pass.

In order to receive a pass, patrons need to check them out in person with a BPLD card at the Youth & Teen Services Desk. They are passed out on a first come, first served basis. Patrons will need to physically have their card in hand to get them. The library won't

look the cards up in the system.

There are four passes available for each location at any one time. When one of them expires, it then becomes available to be taken advantage of by a different patron. Please note that it is one pass per household at any given time.

The following is a list of all participating locations:

Air Classic Inc. Museum of Aviation, Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County, Bronzeville Children's Museum, Brookfield Zoo (Chicago Zoological Society), Cantigny Park, Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College, Chicago Botanic Garden, Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, Elgin History Museum, Elgin Public Museum, Illinois Railway Museum, KidsWork Children's Museum, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Naper Settlement, Oriental Institute Museum, Pleasant Home Foundation and St. Charles Heritage Museum.

Stop by the library today and be on the way to a new adventure!

Reports

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of headlamps, improper lane usage and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 2:32 p.m., Usha Vinod Patel, 74, Bartlett, was arrested and charged

with retail theft.

Sunday, March 10

★ At 5:31 p.m., Esmerelda A. Corona, 34, Elgin, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 6:19 p.m., Ethan L. Strong, 20, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tidbits

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come out and vote. Your votes matter.

Chicago has a long candy history which includes Baby Ruth, Snickers, Jelly Bellies, Tootsie Rolls and more. The Bartlett History Museum invites everyone to learn and taste this sugary history on Tuesday, March 26 at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main St. Historian Leslie Goddard, who also authored the book "Chicago's Sweet Candy History," available for sale that evening, will share more than 200 years of candy history through memorabilia and photographs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments with the program beginning at 7 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., a presentation on the late Bartlett resident, Otto Windt, a vice-president for Brach's Candy and developer of its Pick-A-Pick candies will be given. Registration is required for this free presentation. Please call 837-0800 or email Pam Rohleder, museum director at prohleder@vbartlett.org with your name, phone number and number of seats.

Tickets are on sale on the Ticket page of artsinbartlett.org for Arts in Bartlett's Spring Showcase fundraiser on Sunday April 7, 3 p.m., at Villa Olivia. This gala event features a program by music faculty and artists, a silent auction, a wine/food gift certificate pairing, appetizers and drinks. Contact art@artsinbartlett.org or 372-4152 for more information.

The League of Women Voters Roselle/Bloomington will present a Clean Energy Forum titled, "Clean Energy in DuPage: Bartlett, Bloomington and Roselle" on Monday April 8 from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Bloomington Public Library located at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomington. This forum will raise awareness of clean energy options for our communities and answer questions on how to implement them in our homes, businesses and institutions. This League commu-

nity event is free and open to the public. For more information about the League's events and monthly meetings, please contact Diana Hoke at 283-2894.

Please join the Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood meeting at Poplar Creek Public Library at 1405 S. Park, Streamwood, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 when they will have Kay McKeen from SCARCE! talking about recycling issues. This event is free to the public. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson 837-0281 or visit their website at www.trivillagegardenclub.org.

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 is having their third annual Savers

FUNDrive on Saturday, April 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bartlett Plaza, Devon and Main Street. This year they will be collecting only soft items such as clothing, textiles (towels, sheets, comforters, etc) accessories (hats, purses, etc.) and soft toys. Please bring your soft items in a 13 gallon white kitchen bag. Tax receipts will be given. For additional information, visit the Auxiliary's website bartlettvfwaux.org or email bartlettvfwaux@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Auxiliary's Veterans' programs.

The Bartlett Woman's Club annual college scholarship is available now for any high school senior (boy or girl) who resides in Bartlett. Applications, due April 1, are at the guidance offices at all U-46 high schools. Seniors at other schools can call Ruth Beckner, 837-8125 for more information.

The Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2019-20 academic year. More than 30 tuition and textbook scholarships of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded. Applicants must be accounting students who will be enrolled in an Illinois college as a senior

or graduate student during the 2019-20 academic year. As an exception, eligible juniors may apply for the Herman J. Neal Scholarship. Successful applicants are students who demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, and plan to sit for the CPA exam. The scholarships are intended to support diverse and deserving future CPAs for all their hard work and success thus far.

Available scholarships include:

- ICPAS Accounting Tuition and Textbook Scholarships – for seniors or graduate students;
- ICPAS Herman J. Neal Accounting Scholarships – for African-American juniors, seniors or graduate students;
- ICPAS Jovencio P. and Violeta R. Mangahas Accounting Scholarships – for seniors or graduate students; and
- ICPAS Women's Executive Committee Advancing Women in Accounting Scholarships – for female seniors or graduate students.

The Illinois CPA Society Accounting Scholarship Program is funded by donations to the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois. The application deadline is April 1. For more information and to apply online, visit www.icpas.org/scholarships.

FDA

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Code "with antiquated language from 1968" and this "new code would be enforced by the Village's Health Officer for all establishments serving food."

If violations were found by the health officer, an administrative hearing officer would "have the power and authority to impose a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for any such violation(s)" and every "day on which a violation occurs is a separate violation," the code states.

According to the FDA's website, the benefits of the 2017 code include "reduction of the risk of foodborne illnesses within food establishments, thus protecting consumers and industry from potentially devastating health consequences and financial losses," "uniform standards for retail food safety that reduce complexity and better ensure compliance," "the elimination of redundant processes for establishing food safety criteria" and "the establishment of a more standardized approach to inspections and audits of food establishments."



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Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Friday, March 8

★ At 2 p.m., Dana A. Mammoser, 55, Genoa, was arrested and charged with retail theft. The subject faces an undetermined hearing date.

★ At 11 p.m., Jorge Torre A. DeLa-Torre, 19, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, March 9

★ At 2:32 a.m., Fernando Contreras Santos, 26, Elgin, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, improper turn at intersection, illegal use of headlamps, improper lane usage and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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BARTLETT

Friday, March 1

★ At 10:38 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Gardenia Lane reported receiving an obscene phone call from an unknown subject.

★ At 1:16 p.m., a complainant at Illinois Route 59 and Schick Road reported that an unknown subject threw an object at his vehicle while he was dri-

ving.

★ At 2:38 p.m., Margarita M. Guevara, 52, Elgin, was arrested and charged with disobeying a traffic control device and no valid driver's license. She was released on an I-bond and faces an April 8 court date.

★ At 3 p.m., a complainant in the 1500 block of Hecht Drive reported that his company truck was never returned by a terminated employee.

Saturday, March 2

★ At 2:29 a.m., Andrzej W. Koczwara, 45, St. Charles, was arrested and charged with DUI. He was released on an I-bond and faces an April 2 court date.

★ At 2:44 p.m., a complainant in the 1300 block of Newcastle Lane reported receiving a letter in the mail regarding fraudulent activity with a PayPal account that she does not have.

★ At 8:24 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of East Oneida reported finding an electrical sign laying in the yard. It is unknown where the sign came from and there appeared to be a bullet hole through it. The sign was disposed of.

Sunday, March 3

★ At 1:07 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Sundance Drive to investigate a suspicious incident with an unknown male subject getting in and out of his vehicle repeatedly. The subject was not compliant with questions by officers, but officers were able to confirm that it was the subject's own vehicle.

★ At 10:42 a.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Thorntree Court reported that her son purchased a vehicle and three days later, the engine blew, and the vehicle was no longer drivable. Police advised that this is a civil matter.

★ At 7:35 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Mulberry Court reported that dog waste is being left on the front porch leading into her housing complex.

Tuesday, March 5

★ At 1:03 p.m., Vemarye Quaschant Laveaz Space, 19, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He faces a March 20 hearing date.

★ At 1:17 p.m., Adebayo M. Adeniyi, 22, Poplar Grove, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces an April 11 court date.

★ At 2:53 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Willow Court reported receiving a phone call from an unknown subject who advised him that his personal identifiers had been compromised. The complainant advised that he gave the requested information but felt he was scammed shortly after and hung up. Police advised the complainant to notify the incident to the major credit reporting agencies.

Wednesday, March 6

★ At 8:06 a.m., a 17-year-old Elgin juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces an April 17 court date.

★ At 12:30 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Butler Drive reported that she contracted Glen Ellyn Moving and Storage Company to install a new dishwasher in her residence. The complainant reported her water would not turn on after the installation and she was advised by Public Works that she needed to contact a plumber regarding the issue.

★ At 1:55 p.m., a complainant in the 2000 block of Ridgemoor Drive reported that he received a call from an unknown subject from ComEd who requested money to avoid service interruption. The complainant advised that he believed this to be a scam after

he made multiple payments via gift cards and notified ComEd of the incident. Estimated loss \$1,500.

★ At 6:04 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of 4th Court reported that an unknown offender made multiple unauthorized charges on his credit card after he reviewed his statement. The complainant advised that he notified his bank and credit bureaus of the incident.

★ At 9:14 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of West Bartlett Road reported that he quit his job due to employer and truck issues. The complainant requested police presence to collect his last check and turn in his work keys.

Thursday, March 7

★ At 7:41 a.m., two 14-year-old Bartlett juveniles were cited for disorderly conduct. They face an April 17 hearing date.

★ At 12:55 p.m., Tina M. Kautz, 43, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with negligent driving. She faces an April 23 court date.

★ At 2:26 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Columbia Circle reported that she received several calls from an unknown subject with CareMart who advised that her deceased husband's medication was ready for pickup. The complainant stated she be-

lieved this was a scam after his personal identifiers were requested. She refused and hung up.

★ At 8:05 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Spaulding Road reported multiple fraudulent checks were cashed from a joint account without his consent. The complainant notified the bank of the incident and canceled the account. Estimated loss \$7,200.

Friday, March 8

★ At 1:53 a.m., Roxanne M. Beaver, 44, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with domestic battery and criminal damage to property. She was transported to DuPage County Jail to await bond call.

★ At 2:37 p.m., a 15-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces an April 17 court date.

★ At 8:04 p.m., Travis A. Thomason, 22, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 11:48 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Foxboro Lane reported that she received a call from an unknown subject who advised her personal identifiers were used to open multiple accounts. The complainant advised he requested additional personal information. She refused and hung up.

Sabres softball striving to secure winning season

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team hopes experience will lead to success as the Sabres prepare for the 2019 campaign.

The Sabres were 8-19 last year, 6-12 in the Upstate Eight Conference. They lost a four-year varsity starter and an all-conference recipient in Becky Roncone, but she was the only senior on last season's squad.

"We have a lot of returning varsity players this season," said Streamwood coach William Shogren. "Our strengths should be pitching as we have two senior starting pitchers. Our infield should be a strength as well, again this is due to having returning players at the varsity level."

Some of the key returners include seniors Corinne Angle (catcher) and Taylyr Crocilla (pitcher) as well as sophomore Tessa Freedman (first

baseman). Freshman Nicole Barcenas (outfielder/utility) is a newcomer to watch.

Streamwood's goal this year is to improve on last season's record, and Shogren said his team will need to produce at the plate and limit walks and errors in the field.

"Our team goal this year in terms of wins and losses is to be a winning team," Shogren said. "This applies to both conference and nonconference."

Shogren added: "Our team needs to work on run production this season. In addition to this, as always, limiting free bases to our opponents will be another way we can achieve our overall goal."

The Sabres are scheduled to kick off the year with a nonconference road game at Dundee-Crown on Monday, March 18.

Police Dept. to participate in St. Patrick's Day campaigns

The Streamwood Police Department has announced it will conduct special patrols on and around St. Patrick's Day March 14 through March 18, to arrest impaired drivers and to encourage use of seat belts.

"We're urging you to plan ahead for St. Patrick's Day festivities," said Deputy Chief Shawn Taylor. "Don't ever drive under the influence of alcohol or any drug. It's not just about you. There are other people on the roads who are impacted by your decisions."

If hosting a St. Patrick's Day party:

- Remember, people can be held liable if someone they serve is involved in an impaired driving crash.
- Make sure guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Download a ride-sharing app on a phone to help party goers, and keep phone numbers for local cab compa-

nies handy.

- Take keys away from anyone who is trying to drive impaired.

- If going out for St. Patrick's Day:
- Designate a sober driver ahead of time, and give that person the car keys.
- If there is no designated driver, call a cab, use ride-sharing, have a sober friend or family member provide a ride, or stay and sleep it off.
- Never lose sight of a friend if they're about to drive impaired.
- Buckle up – it's the best defense in a crash.

Pedestrians are at risk, too. If walking, keep an eye out for cars. Designated drivers should remain alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs and pedestrian signals.

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is part of the Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs supported through federal funds administered by IDOT.

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Today's automobiles have more computing power than the space shuttles that NASA used to send astronauts to the moon did. With this in mind, it is important to note that today's automobile technicians must not only be able to perform mechanical chores, but they must also be able to repair a vehicle using diagnostic equipment that can analyze the data from dozens of interconnected computers found in current vehicles. In many cases, auto technicians do work that is more often associated with I.T. (information technology) workers than repairing and replacing metal parts with socket wrenches. The job of "automobile technician" requires a deep commitment to learning necessary mechanical and digital skills that vehicle owners hopefully fully appreciate.

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HINT: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that an average of 76,000 auto technicians were needed annually between 2016 and 2026 to replace those retiring as well as those needed to fill the 46,000 positions that are expected to open.

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Hawks trio named to all-conference squad

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team certainly has a bright future with three underclassmen being named all-conference in the Upstate Eight.

Sophomores Justina Hernandez and Lexie Sinclair as well as freshman Mackenzie Hare earned the honors after leading the Hawks to a 29-5 season ending with a sectional final appearance and a second straight UEC title with a 17-1 mark.

Hare takes after her older sister graduate Kayla Hare who last year set the program's record for career three-pointers at 205. The younger Hare set the record for threes in a season this year with 102 out of 261 attempts (39.1 percent), and she finished 46.8 percent from the field (190-for-406) and 68.2 percent from the free-throw line (60-for-88).

Bartlett coach Brad Hunt called Hare the "best shooter" he's coached in 14 years at Bartlett while she finished with 16 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.9 steals and 1.8 assists per game.

Hunt said: "Having Mackenzie on the court allowed for others to have success because she drew so much attention from opposing team's defenses. The best part about Mack is that she is the ultimate competitor. She would not back down in any competitive drill we did. She always wants to be on top. She usually is because of the amount of time she puts into her game. In addition, Mackenzie is the best teammate. We are truly honored to have her for three more years."

Sinclair made the all-conference list

for a second straight season finishing with 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3 assists and 2.6 steals per game. She shot 46.3 percent from the field (199-for-430), 34.3 percent from behind the arc (57-for-166) and 63.5 percent from the charity stripe (66-for-104).

"She is a phenomenal point guard who has the ability to drive and finish or shoot the three," Hunt said. "Lexie is a D-1 level guard. On top of that, she led our team defensively in steals per game and was second in rebounds per game. There is absolutely nothing Lexie can't do. Lexie has a great mind for the game and just understands where people need to be or defensively, where they are going. She is always one step ahead of you. We are blessed to have this amazing young lady for another two years."

Hernandez finished with 8.2 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.7 steals, 1.4 assists and 1 block per game. She shot 31.5 percent from the field (99-for-314), 21.2 percent from three-point range (18-for-85) and 61.5 percent from the free-throw line (64-for-104).

"Justina is the most athletic player on our team," Hunt said. "She is so very talented. Justina was really good at taking the ball to the rim. In addition, Justina was one of the best rebounders and led our team in blocked shots. Justina is a great player. We are lucky to have her for two more years."

Senior Teagan Noesen and sophomore Dani Hedeem were both all-conference honorable mentions. Along with Noesen, the Hawks lose seniors Savannah Standefer and Hannah Walker.



Justina Hernandez driving on the South Elgin basket while pursued by the Storm's Caroline Croft during Bartlett's first of two season victories over South Elgin. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Lexie Sinclair completing a successful scoring drive for the Hawks against Geneva, between the Vikings' Grace Hinchman, left, and Katie Montgomery during Bartlett's sectional playoff win over Geneva late last month.



Mackenzie Hare completing a drive through the paint for the Hawks while gliding past Elgin's Dajha Cooper during an early January game this season.

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Brennan, McClure earn all-conference honors

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team completed a successful 2018-2019 campaign going 20-12 overall and capturing its first regional title since 2014, and the Storm finished second in the Upstate Eight Conference with a 15-3 record.

Leading the way were senior Casey Brennan and junior Megan McClure who earned all-conference honors.

McClure led the Storm with 17 points and 6 rebounds per game and set the program mark for three-pointers in a season with 82 to bring her to 134 for her career. With another varsity season left, McClure is only 74 points away from 1,000 for her career.

"She's an all, everything type of player and a coach's dream," said South Elgin coach Dan Manderneck. "She improved in all areas of her game and

can play all five positions. Great defense as she would always take the best player of our opponents for a girl giving up five to six inches. She has a huge heart, loves basketball and recruitment is picking up on her."

Brennan had 10.2 points, 4 rebounds and 2.6 steals per game. She will play Division II softball at Quincy University next year.

"She's the heart and soul of the team with unreal athleticism, and her defense is outstanding," Manderneck said. "She's a three-year starter at point guard and a QB on the court. Her nonstop energy and effort is unmatched. She came off the court seldomly play-

ing roughly 99 percent of each game. She willed us to a regional championship. She will be sorely missed on and off the court."

South Elgin also had four all-conference honorable mention recipients: senior Miah Galvin, junior Madison Waichunas and freshmen Caroline Croft and Ella Winterhalder.

The Storm will also lose seniors Nikki Nguyen, Makayla Hall-Lee, Rachel Kelly and Melissa Guzman.



Megan McClure getting off a shot between Barrington's Shanna Turczynski, left, and Michaela Goetze, while leading the Storm in scoring during the team's regional title game victory last month.



Casey Brennan making contact with and being fouled by the Rockets' Elana Wells while driving on the Burlington Central basket during early season tournament action. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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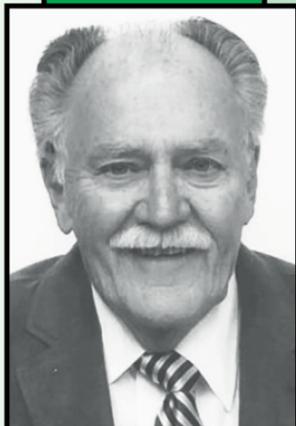
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Storm fall to E-Rabs in Rockford Sectional final



South Elgin's Trace Ashby driving around East's Chris Burnell.



Vince Miskiewicz of South Elgin with a sliding effort to maintain control of the basketball in front of the E-Rabs' Chris Burnell. While in possession of the ball, Miskiewicz was ruled out of bounds and the ball went to East.



Following a drive along the baseline, the Storm's Lane McVicar attempted a shot that was negated by an offensive foul call as he came in contact with Harlem's Austin Casteel. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team, seeded third in its sub-sectional, battled to the end but saw its season terminated in the Rockford Sectional finals after a 64-54 loss to top-seeded Rockford East on Friday, March 8 at Rock Valley College.

Coming into the game Rockford East held a daunting 32-2 record, but the Storm weren't threatened early behind 6-foot-7 senior Vincent Miskiewicz (18 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks) who had three thunderous dunks and scored 10 points in the first quarter as South Elgin built a 21-18 lead.

However, Miskiewicz picked up his third foul

early in the second quarter and missed much of that frame, and his absence was felt both offensively and defensively as Rockford East rallied to pull ahead 36-25 late in the half. The Storm did narrow that margin to 38-32 by the break with Miskiewicz, who picked up just one more foul late in the game, back on the court over the final two minutes.

Rockford East led for good and built as large as a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, but the Storm would rally all the way back to within three points.

"They got too many second chance points on us, and you can't allow that against a team of that caliber," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "With

that said, we had a lot of big moments. All you can ask for is to go out there and battle and give yourself a chance to win and they went out there and did that. I'm proud of my boys for the effort."

The Storm's deficit reached 55-42 with 4:51 left to play when senior Trace Ashby (eight points) hit a three-pointer and senior Drake Montgomery (20 points) later hit three straight treys during a 12-2 run to pull to 57-54 with 2:02 left on the clock. South Elgin went scoreless from there.

Senior Jace Warrick added eight points in the effort.

Despite the loss, South Elgin set a program record for wins finishing 25-9 overall and matched the program's longest postseason run. The Storm also lose seniors Cody Gallagher, Oreale Luckett-Ware, Elijah Lee, Mark Petras and Alex Errington.

"The most wins in school history and a chance at a sectional title, that's awesome," Johnson said. "I'm proud of these kids for the way they battled all season long."

In the sectional semifinals, the Storm defeated fellow No. 3 sub-sectional seed Harlem in a 57-35 game on Wednesday, March 6.

South Elgin never trailed and built a 28-18 lead behind nine points from Montgomery (14 points, five assists) and held a double-digit lead throughout the second half capped by an 11-point fourth quarter from Miskiewicz (17 points, 16 rebounds, six blocks).

"We held them to 35 points, which is great for us," Miskiewicz said. "We were able to stop them on one end and then take the ball down and score."

Warrick had nine points and Ashby eight.



The Storm's Drake Montgomery trying to maintain control of the basketball while in the paint sandwiched between Harlem's Jayc Dieterle, left, and Austin Casteel during South Elgin's semi-final sectional victory.

Mien named all-UEC for Sabres girls hoops

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team earned two recognitions in the Upstate Eight Conference, junior point guard Mandy Mien being named all-conference and senior forward Riya Patel receiving an honorable mention.

Mien has been productive all three years on the varsity squad and was again this season finishing with 11.6 points per game overall, 12.8 per UEC game. She is on the verge of reaching a career milestone and has already set records for the Sabres program.

"Mandy is a one of a kind point guard, and the best ball handling guard I have ever coached," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "She has started for three years. She is the reason most teams do not bother to try and press us. She can break down almost any press."

Rosner added: "She is now the 10th all-time leading scorer in Streamwood history with 918 points. She is also the all-time assist leader and only a junior. She also led this year in steals with

109."

Patel was a threat all season from behind the arc with a team-leading 47 three-pointers, and she finished with 7.5 points per game.

"Riya came from very little playing time last season to being our top three-point threat this year," Rosner said. "Teams were always focused on our shooter."

The Sabres will also lose seniors Emily Bugarewicz, Alexis Rojas and Colleen Veguilla.

Mien was the lone returning starter this year and Streamwood did struggle at times finishing 8-23 overall, 5-13 in the UEC, but Rosner is optimistic about the future.

"Any time you start a season with four starters gone, you're going to have some challenges," Rosner said. "We had some ups and downs, but these girls kept working hard."

Rosner added: "I think we got better as the season went on.... We became a very dangerous team down the stretch, and we're going to build for next season."



Riya Patel completing a layup for the Sabres during Streamwood's recent IHSA regional win over Elgin. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Mandy Mein pulling up off a dribble in front of Jacobs' Courtney Durben during an early season tournament game at Dundee-Crown High School.

Streamwood soccer hopes to become cohesive unit

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team hopes to build a cohesive team that can grow throughout the season as the Sabres prepare for the 2019 campaign.

Last year the Sabres finished 3-13 overall, 0-6 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division. This season the UEC is under a new alignment with no more divisions with the loss of some teams and addition of Glenbard South.

"My goal for the 2019 girls soccer season is to develop our team as a whole since we had a lot of seniors graduate last year," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy. "My overall and conference goals are the same, to have our players play as one unit at a high level."

Senior midfielder/forward Paulette Carranza (three goals, four assists last year) returns after earning all-conference honors last season. Other key re-

turners are senior Melanie Ramierez and junior Alex Meza.

The key this season will be working as a team and knowing roles according to Duffy.

"To be successful this year our team will need to develop together as a single unit as new players learn to play together," Duffy said. "Learning our system, each other's tendencies, and abilities will make us successful."

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

The Sabres have a busy opening week scheduled with three home games including an UEC match with Glenbard South (Wednesday, March 13) and two nonconference contests against Dundee-Crown (Monday, March 11) and Crystal Lake South (Thursday, March 14).

Student policy changes set for U-46 board vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on changes to its policies under Section 7 (students) at its upcoming meeting on Monday, March 18.

The policy was discussed at the Monday, March 11 special meeting. Board members Phil Costello and Veronica Noland were absent.

No substantive changes were proposed to sections 7.010, concerning equal educational opportunities, and 7.020, concerning anti-harassment, but board member Jeanette Ward raised concerns in regards to the districts practices on access to bathrooms and locker rooms as well as athletics.

The administration admitted these policies will allow students access to the bathrooms and locker rooms of the opposite sex, boys in girls facilities and vice versa, based on their gender identity rather than their biological sex.

Regarding athletics, Ward asked if boys could compete with girls in sports "that are appropriately sex-segregated" like boys and girls track teams. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said that could occur and it would align with Illinois High School Association (IHSA) guidelines.

Men competing in women's sports have sparked national debates recently including from former professional tennis player Martina Navratilova who has said she has been treated to "a barrage of quite nasty personal attacks" for questioning the fairness of men competing against women. She wrote on her website: "All I am trying to do is to make sure girls and women who were born female are competing on as level a playing field as possible within their sport."

Ward has opposed the districts practices since they were changed in 2016 to allow access to the facilities of the opposite sex.

"I disagree with a lot that's in this policy... not that is proposed for the next vote of changes, but there's enough in here that I disagree strongly with," Ward said. "I'm not sure that I can vote yes on this document."

That discussion stemmed from a dis-

cussion on changes to Section 7.063 (school attendance areas) which expands protected classes with regards to establishment of school attendance areas, or boundaries.

Currently the language includes "race, color, creed, gender, or nationality" but I proposed to expand to "race, color, nationality, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, disability, status as homeless, gender identity, or any other legally protectable category."

Another proposed change received supportive comments from the board which would allow athletic opportunities to home school students. That change comes under Section 7.042 (participation in extracurricular activities and athletics).

The determination for eligibility in extracurricular activities will be made by the CEO/Superintendent with the change which Luis Rodriguez, assistant attorney, said will "allow part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics subject to certain limitations and a case by case review."

Ward asked: "Would it allow say home school students to participate if they take some U-46 public classes?"

Board member Sue Kerr responded: "They actually wouldn't even have to take any. They would have to have an approved curriculum that we recognize and have to follow IHSA regulations."

Rodriguez and Sanders said that was correct, Sanders saying "it does open up more opportunities to them" and Rodriguez adding: "Prior to that, board policy would not allow that."

"That's a good addition then," Ward said. "I'm glad to see that."

Board member Melissa Owens agreed and thanked the administration for the addition.

Other changes raised included to Section 7.190 (student conduct) which Rodriguez said includes "additional flexibility when curbing electronic device usage in the schools," and to Section 7.270 (administering medicines to students) which adds language to require parental notification when procedures are changed.