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U-46 CEO Sanders now its superintendent

By: Rafael Guerrero

Tony Sanders is no longer School District U-46's CEO — he is now its superintendent. Sanders and the school district shared on their social media pages that Sanders had met the necessary requirements to earn the district's superintendent certification and title.

“The results are in ... I am now the superintendent of School District U-46,” Sanders wrote in Facebook and Twitter posts Friday night. He shared a picture of the notification he received from the Illinois Licensure Testing System.

District U-46 also shared the news on its Facebook page.

“Let's give a high five to our top boss, Tony Sanders, who earlier tonight learned that he has met all the benchmarks and passed the tests that earn him the title of superintendent,” the Facebook post said. “His leadership, hard work, dedication, along with some nice song writing skills, are a great example for the U-46 team and our more than 38,000 students.”

Sanders took over as district CEO in 2014, despite not having a superintendent certification. From 2014 through 2017, the district had an interim superintendent, Kenneth Arndt; this move allowed U-46 to hire Sanders as its top administrator.

A state law passed in 2017 allowed Sanders to helm U-46 without a superintendent certification. Under the law, CEOs can serve as a district's top administrator as long as the CEO's cabinet includes assistant superintendents in departments such as finances and instruction; the CEO spent at least five years as a school district administrator; and the CEO demonstrated a “recognized administrative ability and management experience.”

The five-year employment contract U-46 board members approved for Sanders in 2019 included language requiring Sanders to earn the superintendent certification by spring 2022.

The contract allows the school board to reimburse Sanders up to \$39,000 for the cost of tuition and coursework.

---Chicago Tribune---03/04/2020

How Chicago-area schools are — or aren't — dealing with the coronavirus

By: Kate Thayer and John Keilman



Junior Rodriguez, a custodian for School District 54, wipes a classroom doorknob with a disinfectant spray at Frost Junior High School, March 3, 2020, in Schaumburg. Rodriguez said he and the custodial staff started giving more emphasis to sanitizing and disinfection cleaning after the first case of COVID-19, or coronavirus, was announced in Hoffman Estates in January. (John J. Kim / Chicago Tribune)

As the coronavirus spreads in the Chicago area, some schools are proactively scrubbing down desks, doorknobs and other high-touch surfaces where experts say the virus can live for days.

While state and local public health officials continue to say the risk in the area remains low, some school administrators — and in some cases, the teachers themselves — are increasing the frequency of cleanings. Some are even enacting procedures typically saved for when students or staff fall ill.

But a group of Chicago Public Schools teachers took to social media, describing in tweets that they are buying cleaning supplies on their own and wiping down their classrooms. A CPS spokeswoman said Tuesday, however, that cleaning products and hand soap are provided to schools.

“Student well-being and safety are the district’s highest priorities and CPS is working closely with (the Chicago Department of Public Health) to finalize updated guidance for schools with more detailed information,” said spokeswoman Emily Bolton. “We encourage all families, students and staff to refer to CDPH for the latest developments and stay home if they are feeling sick.”



Custodian Junior Rodriguez wipes locker combination knobs and handles with a disinfectant spray at Frost Junior High School in Schaumburg. (John J. Kim / Chicago Tribune)

The virus — a cousin to SARS and MERS that typically causes fever, cough and shortness of breath — has infected more than 88,000 people worldwide and killed more than 3,000, mostly in China, according to the World Health Organization. As of Tuesday morning, **there were five people in Illinois** with the virus: Some had recovered, and others were in quarantine.

There's little known about the virus, dubbed COVID-19, but experts say it's likely spread through sneezes, coughs and other contact; it can also live on surfaces for several hours and up to several days. Public health officials continue to stress hand washing, covering coughs and staying home when sick as the best lines of defense.

And while scientists don't yet know why, children appear to be spared the worst of it, typically getting milder forms of the virus or avoiding it entirely. But they can still carry it and infect others, experts say.

Reacting to the increased spread in the Chicago area, many suburban school districts sent messages reassuring parents that administrators are in contact with local health officials and are reminding students of good hygiene practices.

But in CPS, Michelle Gunderson, who teaches first grade at Nettelhorst School in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood and is also on the executive board of the Chicago Teachers Union, said there has been no sign that her school's privatized janitorial service has been "doubling down" on its cleaning duties.

"We don't have enough janitors on staff to do the minimal work they're assigned now, so I would wonder in 600-plus buildings how they're going to step this up in the short amount of time that we have," she said.

She said she has taken it upon herself to clean the hard surfaces in her classroom with Lysol wipes purchased through a \$100 supply donation parents make at the beginning of the year. But schools in less-affluent areas of the city aren't so lucky, she said, and teachers who must buy their own cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer or tissues aren't reimbursed by Chicago Public Schools.

"This is a big equity issue in Chicago," she said.

In the sprawling, **Elgin-based School District U-46, superintendent Tony Sanders** said staff members are working with health departments in Kane, DuPage and Cook counties to monitor attendance at its 57 schools and look for signs that a serious communicable disease has arrived.

The district has experience with suspected outbreaks: In 2009, it closed two schools when a student at each showed probable signs of the H1N1 virus. But the planned weeklong closure ended early after health officials said it was safe for students to return, Sanders said.

While the district has yet to change its normal cleaning regimen, instead focusing on the general illness-prevention mantra, some teachers are taking additional steps to ensure clean classrooms.

Barbara Bettis, president of the Elgin Teachers Association, said some of the district's 2,700 teachers are carrying hand sanitizer and bringing in supplies to clean the desks in their classrooms. She said she would ask the district to help cover that cost at a safety committee meeting scheduled for next week.

Other than that precaution, she said, she senses no panic among her members. She said the district seems well-prepared to respond to a communicable illness.

“There’s a whole flowchart of what needs to happen when,” she said. “That was very reassuring to me that the pieces are already in place for that.”

In St. Charles Community Unit School District 303, staff has enacted “super cleaning” protocols, said spokeswoman Carol Smith. That means a nightly disinfecting of all “high-profile touchables” like desks, doorknobs, phones and other surfaces that are frequently touched.

Typically, those surfaces are cleaned often but not daily, she said. The protocol usually is enacted after a high percentage of students or staff members are absent, Smith said, but in this case, administrators decided to take the extra step as a precaution.



Custodian Junior Rodriguez wipes a restroom door handle with a disinfectant spray at Frost Junior High School in Schaumburg. (John J. Kim / Chicago Tribune)

In Schaumburg-based School District 54, cleaning protocols were adjusted this week, said spokeswoman Terri McHugh. While some of the schools’ desks already received daily wipe downs because that’s where students eat lunch, custodians are now instructed to wipe all schools’ desks daily, along with other cleaning, in response to the coronavirus, she said.

Similar daily-cleaning directives were given in Community Unit School District in Wheaton, and Naperville-area Indian Prairie District 204.

Dominican University in River Forest is undergoing a rigorous cleaning using hospital-grade disinfectant after a student reported being in contact with someone who is being treated for coronavirus (the student, who has not tested positive or shown any signs of the disease, is doing a self-quarantine at home for a week).

“The cleaning crew is prioritizing its efforts on all classrooms, study areas, student gathering spaces, doors, knobs and community bathrooms, with a particular focus on areas that might have been frequented by the student who was exposed to the coronavirus,” spokeswoman Jessica Mackinnon said.

Tom Hernandez, spokesman at Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202, said schools are already cleaned daily. However, since the spread of the coronavirus, the contracted cleaning service is now using a stronger disinfectant.

But infectious disease specialists say typical household cleaners, like bleach-based products, will do. What’s unclear is how long droplets from a cough or sneeze carrying the virus can linger on a surface, said Dr. Michael Ison, professor of infectious diseases and organ transplantation at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

There are no studies to say for sure, but it's safe to assume "it will last on a surface for a relatively long period of time," he said. WHO says the coronavirus appears capable of surviving on surfaces for "a few hours or up to several days."

While hand washing, hand sanitizer use and other good, personal hygiene are the best lines of defense, it's also important to clean high-touch surfaces often, Ison said. "We know people don't do those things as well as we should."

Patty Olinger of the Global Biorisk Advisory Council, a division of cleaning industry trade group ISSA, said given the virus' potentially long lifespan, schools and businesses might need to increase the cleaning frequency of "touch points" like desks and door handles.

"If we can eliminate some of the viral load on our surfaces, then the likelihood of becoming sick goes down," she said. "We're breaking the cycle of infection."

SPORTS

---Daily Herald---03/04/2020

Cary-Grove fends off Larkin's upset bid

By: By Joe Stevenson

Cary-Grove's fans whooped and hollered, relishing one Frank Jakubicek dunk after another.

The 6-foot-8 Trojans' senior forward threw down a reverse dunk, an emphatic one-hander and a two-hander off Beau Frericks' alley-oop for C-G's last three field goals.

The night was not always so carefree for the Trojans though.

Larkin played better than its No. 8 seed and 9-21 record. The Royals caused a little anxiety for more than a half, but No. 1 C-G came out strong in the third quarter and took control for a 48-37 victory Tuesday in the Class 4A Cary-Grove regional at Elroy Fitzgerald Gymnasium.

"We knew we had to calm down," Frericks said. "We've won 28 games, we've been battle-tested. We knew we had it. We just had to keep our composure and it would open up. That's what we did and finished it."

The Trojans (29-3) advance to Friday's 7 p.m. championship game against the winner between No. 4 Jacobs (17-14) and No. 7 Dundee-Crown (13-15) who play Wednesday. C-G will be trying for the second regional title in school history.

"That wasn't an 8 seed. We knew that coming in," Trojans coach Adam McCloud said. "They defended us. We played way too passive early on."

Larkin hit two late 3-pointers in the first quarter and led, 17-14, at halftime, then scored first in the second half.

"They were intense in the beginning of the game," Trojans guard Clark Cunningham said. "They pressured us on the ball and it was getting to us early in the game. We stayed composed and were able to get the win."

Larkin, which started three sophomores, played a deliberate style while building the lead to five points.

"We knew we were fighting an uphill battle, man, and I'm really, really proud of our guys," Royals coach Deryn Carter said. "We thought we had them on the ropes for a while. But they did what big-time teams are supposed to do and we did what big-time programs are supposed to do. We came in and gave them a fight."

Carter thought an early part of the third quarter made the difference. C-G switched to a 1-3-1 half-court defense to put more pressure on Larkin's patient offense.

"We mixed in that zone because they were holding the ball out there," McCloud said. "It sped them up a little bit and once we got the lead, I knew we could go back to man-to-man because they were going to have to come to us, which was the key."

The Trojans found high-percentage shots in the lane in the third quarter and outscored the Royals, 17-5. C-G hit 6 of 6 in the fourth quarter, culminating with Jakubicek's dunks.

Frericks fed him for the reverse dunk with 3:50 remaining for a 39-27 lead. He jammed home the one-hander with 2:40 to go, then slammed in the alley-oop from Frericks with 1:40 left.

"That's always fun," Jakubicek said. "Being at home we had a nice crowd and the crowd always likes when I dunk the ball. It's definitely fun and it hypes up the team."

Frericks led all players with 17 points, Jakubicek added 12 and Drew Szydlo grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Fernando Perez Jr. led the Royals with 11 points and Damari Wheeler-Thomas scored 10.

St. Charles North goes inside to top South Elgin

By: Jerry Fitzpatrick

St. Charles North coach Tom Poulin said he spent the last few practices reminding his players to get the basketball inside to 6-foot-9 senior Connor Linke from the start.

The North Stars obliged in a 54-40 Class 4A Elgin regional semifinal win over South Elgin Tuesday.

The future Bradley Brave touched the ball on nearly every first-quarter possession. He scored 8 points and grabbed 4 rebounds in the first eight minutes to propel the North Stars to a 15-6 lead.

Linke enjoyed a five-inch advantage over South Elgin's tallest player, thus his teammates fed him in the post with lob passes throughout. He finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 3 blocks.

"We'd be foolish not to play through him," Poulin said. "If you want to win, throw it inside and play from there. It's not like he's a black hole. He shares the basketball and he's unselfish."

Linke contributed 3 assists. That total could have been higher had his teammates hit a few more shots, though the North Stars sank 16 of 26 from the field as it was.

"If I'm catching it, I'm normally skipping to guys in the corner for threes," Linke said. "That's how we win games."

No. 2 St. Charles North (22-9) led No. 6 South Elgin (13-20) by 15 points at halftime, extended the lead to 20 and maintained at least a 12-point cushion throughout the fourth quarter.

North advances to play No. 3 St. Charles East (24-7) in the Elgin regional title game on Friday at 7 p.m. The Saints defeated No. 5 Streamwood in the second game of Tuesday's doubleheader at Elgin. St. Charles North won both regular-season meetings between the DuKane Conference co-champions.

The North Stars can win back-to-back regional titles for the first time in program history with a third victory over the rival Saints.

Said Linke: "We want to leave a legacy here at North. That is definitely a way to do it."

South Elgin cut a 20-point deficit to 12 on three fourth-quarter occasions. Errant shooting short-circuited the comeback. The Storm shot 15 of 39 from the field (38.5%). From 3-point range they missed 14 of 15 overall, including all 7 second-half attempts.

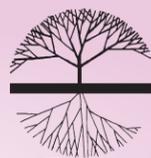
"We just couldn't make any shots in that third and fourth quarter to push that lead down." Storm coach Brett Johnson said. "I think we would have erupted if we had made one or two of those threes and gotten in to six or seven (points). The ball doesn't go in sometimes."

Junior Dylan Marquis led South Elgin with 8 points and 5 rebounds. All Upstate Eight Conference honoree Lane McVicar and fellow sophomore Drew Cwik each scored 7 points.

Senior guard Colin Nelson scored 9 points and senior guard Luke Scheffers had 8 points for the North Stars.

St. Charles North Max Love finished with 6 points in his return. He sank a pair of 3-pointers right before halftime, both assisted by senior guard Christian Czerniak. The 6-foot-4 sophomore had missed 11 straight games with a torn elbow ligament, his coach said.

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Property tax abatement approved by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved of a property tax abatement as well as amendments to the administrators' employment contract and board agreements at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 24.

The property tax abatement is in the

amount of \$9.6 million of a portion of the 2019 property tax levy to pay debt service on a \$66 million bond issue.

This is the fifth straight year U-46 has used the abatement, and the "total abatement over that five-year period is over \$29 million," according to Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations.

The stated effect of the abatement is to keep property tax rates flat despite increasing the levy, but the district has admitted it ultimately just kicks the can down the road for taxpayers to pay for the increases in the future.

In December, the board unanimously approved a hike in the U-46 property tax levy by the maximum amount allowed under the law. U-46 annually has asked for the largest tax levy increase allowed, generally with little pushback from the board.

The tax levy increase comes while enrollment continues to drop. Enrollment fell by 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) between Fiscal Year 2012 and FY 2019 and spending increased 29.8 percent (\$128.1 million higher) over that time which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator.

The administrators' employment contract included several changes according to U-46 CEO Tony Sanders including a change to a provision concerning "discharge for just cause."

"Essentially... we are adding a line to the contracts that says failure to complete or meet the requirements of a performance improvement plan are

grounds for termination," Sanders said.

A change to benefits was included to clarify the "language regarding vacation days that are available to 12-month administrators," Sanders said. He said administrators will be able to carry over five days of vacation days between July 1 and Dec. 31 through the 2020-2021 school year, but after that all vacation days will need to be used before July 31.

"This eliminates a situation we've been having where the contract allowed for a person's supervisor to determine how long a person could carry up to five vacation days," Sanders said.

Sanders said the district's match in administrators' 403b retirement plans will increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000 while the new contract will decrease the cellphone allowance to "\$30 a month for administrators who choose to use their personal phones. This now reflects the costs of what the district pays for our cellphones."

The board agreements, effectively how the board governs itself, were created in closed session during a board self-evaluation. The agreements were not posted publicly.

Board formally approves motor fuel tax funds use

By Kristin Carreno

Trustees voted unanimously in approval of a resolution authorizing the appropriation of motor fuel tax funds for the 2020 road program at the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20.

According to Public Works Director Matt Mann, the 2020 budget includes utilizing the motor fuel tax funds for street maintenance. This resolution appropriates \$1,750,000 of the funds.

"You will notice that the funds increased this year compared to previ-

ous years," said Mann. "This is due to the Illinois capital bill legislation that was passed in 2019 which increases our motor fuel tax funds by about \$600,000 per year."

According to Mann, these funds will be used for various 2020 roadway maintenance items including asphalt supply and the street resurfacing program.

"Prior to actually spending any of these funds we will bring back low bids for projects needed for approval," Mann said.

Variety of U-46 expenses approved at meetings

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved of over \$11 million in expenditure proposals at its two February meetings on Feb. 10 and Feb. 24.

The largest item was a \$6.8 million proposal, to be paid for through the operations and maintenance fund, with Troop Contracting, Inc. for an interior buildout at an Elgin building, 1019 East Chicago St., which was recently purchased as a satellite office for the transportation department.

"This project, which is considered phase two of a multi-phase project, will replace and reinforce the roof, insulate the structure, clad the exterior, and install all new mechanical systems," the proposal states. "It will also result in the creation of the satellite office space for the Transportation Department."

From the operations and maintenance fund, a three-year contract with Trane Chicago costing \$1.8 million was approved for preventative maintenance of the district's heating and cooling equipment as was a \$56,824 bid from Cintas, Inc. for annual fire alarm testing.

From the nation's taxpayers through grant funds, U-46 will purchase 30 interactive boards from Dell EMC and 30 board stands from PACE Systems at a cost of \$106,500.

Several proposals from the education fund were approved including two with Sentinel Information Services costing \$324,539 to purchase program network switches and \$368,183 for a wireless access point purchase, \$262,354 with Applied Communications Group for uninterruptible power supply, \$62,556 with Communications

Direct, Inc. to purchase 290 two-way radios and 16 chargers for middle schools and self-contained classrooms and \$56,695 with Storcom a storage area network maintenance renewal.

The remaining approvals were for operations and maintenance projects at individual schools:

Two projects at Elgin's Larsen Middle School including \$406,000 with Northwest Contractors, Inc. for the first phase of a gym renovation and \$78,880 with EHC Industries, Inc. for an asbestos abatement project.

At Streamwood High School, a gym floor and bleacher replacement project will cost \$246,000 with Happ Builders, Inc. and a paint removal project will cost \$235,000 with Celtic Environmental Co.

At Elgin's Larkin High School, a mobile unit housing 12 classrooms will be leased at a cost of \$216,847 with Aries Building Systems, LLC to house classes displaced during a construction project, and a \$45,400 asbestos abatement project with NES Environmental will also take place.

The board approved the third phase of a domestic water piping replacement project at Elgin High School costing \$74,000 with Holian Asbestos Removal, and two wood floor sanding and refinishing projects with Veterans Floors, Inc. were approved costing \$32,820 at Elgin's Washington Elementary School and \$28,400 at Elgin's Lowrie Elementary School.

Also approved was a personnel report and workers' compensation cases including one new position, a paraeducator, and \$5.9 million in itemized bills at the Feb. 10 meeting and \$6.6 million in itemized bills at the Feb. 24 meeting.



Decked out for the dance

Ernesto Alomzo and daughter Malia dressed up for the occasion at the annual Daddy-Daughter dance held at Hoosier Grove Barn on Saturday, Feb. 22. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

U-46 Board recognizes its all-state musicians

By Seth Hancock

Nine musicians from School District U-46 were named all-state this year, and the Board of Education recognized them at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 24.

In the fall, schools competed in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) District IX event, which includes both middle and high school students. From that event, high schoolers can be selected to perform in the all-state event in Peoria, which took place between Jan. 29 and Feb. 1, in several categories: band, choir, education symposium or orchestra.

Ethan Montgomery, a junior at Elgin's Larkin High School, was chosen as first chair for clarinet in the all-state honors band.

Bartlett High School students included seniors Tommy Arms (future music educators symposium) and Ryan Blake (all-state honors band, euphonium) as well as juniors Mikayla Chin (future music educators symposium) and Gauri Yadav (all-state honors chorus), and South Elgin High School students included senior David Galanes (all-state honors orchestra, oboe) and sophomore Jacob Pangilinan (all-state chorus). Larkin had two additional honorees, senior Elianna Nielsen (all-state honors orchestra, viola) and junior Miguel Rodriguez (all-state honors

band, flute).

"Our dedicated music teachers offer students a strong musical education in U-46," Jaimie Giraldo, coordinator of fine arts, said in a district press release. "Opportunities like the ILMEA allow students to perform and practice their artistry surrounded by gifted musicians from across the state."

Additionally, several other U-46 students were selected to perform in the District IX concert. From schools within *The Examiner* readership area:

Bartlett High School: Chloe Fox (choir), Kara Fox (choir), Daniel Hernandez (choir), Nick Raymundo (choir), Ziona Tharakan (choir), Thomas Arms (band) and Lawrence Yap (choir).

South Elgin High School: Alexandra Wesner (choir), Chanel Antoshin (orchestra) and Caden Grogan (band).

Streamwood High School: Joshua Lindahl (choir) and Zoe Becker (band).

Middle school students included James Chung (Streamwood's Canton, orchestra), Aanya Navsariwala (Bartlett's Eastview, orchestra), Maison Preuss (Eastview, orchestra), Victoria Nalepka (Eastview, orchestra), Victoria Vo (South Elgin's Kenyon Woods, orchestra), Emma Greenberg (Kenyon Woods, band) and Kiera Moore (Streamwood's Tefft, band).

Sampling finds lead in water at select village structures

According to the Village of Bartlett, in the course of routine sampling, the village found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings in the community and has notified those residents known to be impacted.

Lead is a naturally-occurring metal but can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children 6 years and younger. Lead is rarely found in source water but enters tap water through corrosion of plumbing materials. Homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures and solder.

Bartlett's source water, Lake Michigan, contains no detectable amounts of lead. As stated above, lead enters the drinking water primarily as a result of corrosion, or the wearing away, of materials containing lead in the

consumer's household plumbing and rarely from water in a utility's distribution system. These plumbing materials may include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chromium plated faucets and lead service lines connecting the home to the water main.

The village has already met with the customers receiving tap water that exceeded the action level and provided them with faucet filters.

The village is committed to ensuring safe drinking water for its residents. To see what can be done to reduce lead in drinking water and learn what the village is doing to address this problem, please visit the village website at www.village.bartlett.il.us/government/public-works/water-division/bartlett-s-drinking-water or call Bartlett Public Works at 837-0811.

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Sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by March 15, (must be postmarked by this date). For more information, please contact the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, your high school advising center or college financial aid office.

The Bartlett Woman's Club is again offering their yearly college scholarship. This is available to any high school senior boy/girl who reside in Bartlett. Applications are available in the guidance offices at Bartlett, Streamwood, Elgin, South Elgin and Larkin high schools. All other high school seniors need to call Ruth Beckner at 837-8125 or email at ruth147@aol.com for an application. Applications are due April 1. Proceeds from the annual Fashion Show make these scholarships possible. This year the Fashion Show will be on Sunday, April 26 at St. Andrews Country Club.

Arts in Bartlett seeks vendors for its

third annual Global Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. This two-day festival features art and crafts booths, music, dance, food, children's crafts, games and audience participation. The booths include international and Americana art, crafts, textiles, musical instruments, jewelry, goods from Fair Trade shops, henna art, informational booths from nonprofits, and food vendors. Forms are available on the Festival page of artsinbartlett.org or call 372-4152.

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

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more, please email BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com.



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A View from the Cheap Seats



Primary Blues

By Rich Trzupek

The election was about six months away. Everyone believed that it would be as important an election as an election could be, sure to set the course of the republic for decades to come. The stakes could hardly be higher.

The incumbent understood all that. He was anything but your typical politician, yet he had an instinctive flair for understanding and responding to the mood of the nation, or at least the mood of his supporters within the nation. It was a talent that his many opponents on both sides of the aisle found baffling and troubling.

He was an amateur who had somehow managed to best the professionals at their own game – at least temporarily anyhow – and rare is the professional who can honestly reassess their world view in the most forgiving of circumstances when bested by a newbie. They thus concluded that this brash, boisterous newcomer was but a short-term annoyance preying on the electorate's basest fears.

The not-so-loyal opposition saw in the incumbent everything wrong with the blundering, poorly-educated, simple-minded portion of the electorate that had somehow managed to retain a voice in the American experiment. This president, they concluded, appealed to everything selfish and ignorant in America. He was boob who appealed to rubes. Many opponents laughed when one pundit pronounced him an ape. The label stuck among the snickering classes.

He did enjoy support among his own party, but that support was hardly universal. Some longed for a more polished, "civilized" candidate who would uphold the dignity of the office to which he was entrusted. A few brave souls openly challenged the incumbent for the nomination, but those efforts were half-hearted and ultimately doomed to fail.

It would be an election that would emphasize, as few of any elections had emphasized before, the divisions among us rather than the common principles and causes that unite us. To

many, of all political persuasions, the election was as much a battle for America's soul as it was a contest between two parties, two ideologies and the representatives of each. The wrong choice, everyone said, would rip the fabric of the nation asunder.

The incumbent understood all of this. Even his most vehement opponents were willing to admit that he had a unique ability to take the country's temperature. There were times when he spoke from the heart in a way that managed to both uplift his supporters and enrage his detractors. Indeed, a speech that would eventually go down in history as a classic, moving piece of oratory that has known few equals before or since was roundly criticized by a collection of journalists who more or less served as the semi-official public relations arms of the president's opponents.

One such publication, based in Chicago, dismissed the president's soon-to-be-famous remarks as so much literary refuse, declaring that: "The cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat and dishwatery utterances of the man who has to be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as the President of the United States."

The president of the most powerful nation on earth was a focal point for the tumultuous issues of the day that so divided a great nation and so threatened its future. The incumbent understood that, but he viewed himself and his mission as the servants of the changes that those tumultuous times demanded, not as the force majeure creating the challenges.

Whether a majority of the electorate would agree with the president remained to be seen. That, he reflected solemnly, was a matter out of his control. He had made his case as best as he was able. He didn't believe there was much more he could do and he resigned himself to following whatever fate decreed.

Six months later the electorate spoke. Abraham Lincoln was re-elected to a second term as sixteenth President of the United States by a wide majority. Email: richtrzupek@gmail.com



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Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.

All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

Supporting run for office
Dear Editor,
My husband, Michael Camerer is a candidate for the Illinois House of Representatives for District 45. We have been married for 34 years and have lived in Bartlett for three decades. Michael has run a business in Bartlett for 30 years, is a member of numerous community organizations, and currently serves as a Village Trustee. We raised

our three boys here and have come to love our hometown of Bartlett. Michael's political experience, business background, community commitment and ability to listen to residents make him the best choice for House Representative.
I ask that you would vote for him on March 17th. He would count it a privilege to serve you in Springfield.
Robin Camerer

Hawks boys hoops beaten in regular season finale

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett boys basketball team ended the regular season with a 64-50 loss to Glenbard East in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Glenbard East.
The loss was the largest in the UEC for Bartlett which finished 7-11 in the conference and did not lose by more than seven points before the finale.
The Hawks struggled early as they fell behind 39-26 by halftime and trailed by double digits the rest of the night.

Bartlett did play a stronger second half being edged just 25-24, led by Hayden Angell who scored seven of his nine points in the second half. The Hawks started to pick things up late in the first half as they trailed 37-19 when they went on a 7-2 run before break capped by a Michael Priami three-pointer.
"I thought our start was poor," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I thought we were a little bit timid

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Police Reports

St. for a report of a fire alarm.

★ At 2:11 p.m., police responded to 817 Chasewood for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 3:50 p.m., police responded to 1337 Lowell for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 4:49 p.m., police responded to Ozinga Bros., 1250 Illinois Route 25 for a 911 investigation.

★ At 5:28 p.m., police responded to 166 E. Lynn for a keep the peace request.

★ At 7:03 p.m., police responded to Petsmart, 428 Randall Road, for a report of an odor of smoke or other substance inside the store.

Saturday, Feb. 22

★ At 7:20 a.m., police responded to 125 Ione for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 9:40 a.m., police responded to 1245 Sandhurst for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 11:40 a.m., police responded to Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 11:49 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of McDonald and Randall roads for a report of a malfunctioning traffic sign or signal.

★ At 12:06 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 663 Dean Drive, for a report of battery.

★ At 2:41 p.m., police responded to 548 E. State for a report of an ordinance violation.

★ At 4:24 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 663 Dean Drive, for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 5:34 p.m., police responded to For Eyes, 474 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 7:01 p.m. police responded to Heritage Woods of South Elgin, 700 N.

McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated commercial fire alarm.

★ At 10:43 p.m., police responded to Mi Vallarta, 1101 N. LaFox, for a loud music complaint.

Sunday, Feb. 23

★ At 1:30 a.m., police responded to Mi Vallarta, 1101 N. LaFox, for a loud music complaint.

★ At 2:22 a.m., police responded to Village Tavern and Grill of South Elgin, 464 Redington Drive, for a report of a hit and run.

★ At 11:32 a.m., police responded to 620 Kenilworth for a child custody dispute.

★ At 12 p.m., police responded to 330 Ann for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 1:21 p.m., police responded to 685 Renee for a report of a residential fire alarm.

★ At 4:16 p.m., police responded to Jim Hansen Park, 280 Concord Ave., for a report of a fight.

★ At 4:34 p.m., police responded to 620 Kenilworth for a keep the peace request.

★ At 4:45 p.m., police responded to Willard Elementary School, 370 W. Spring, for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 7:01 p.m., police responded to LA Fitness, 488 Randall Road, for a report of theft.

★ At 8:09 p.m., police responded to 613 Dean for a dumping or littering complaint.

★ At 10:47 p.m., police responded to 627 Arlington for a report of a domestic in progress.

Monday, Feb. 24

★ At 2:55 a.m., police responded to CPM Motors, 1145 N. LaFox, for a re-

port of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:04 a.m., police responded to Fox Meadow Elementary School, 1275 Jenna Drive, for a DUI.

★ At 9:41 a.m., police responded to 370 Paine for a threats complaint.

★ At 10:33 a.m., police responded to 838 Hamilton for a fraud complaint.

★ At 10:42 a.m., police responded to Michaels, 436 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:25 a.m., police responded to 200 Crystal for a report of burglary to a motor vehicle.

★ At 12:05 p.m., police responded to 1086 W. Kane for a fraud complaint.

★ At 1:35 p.m., police responded to 564 Waterford for a liquor law violation.

★ At 11:29 p.m., police responded to CPM Motors, 1145 N. LaFox, for a report of an activated alarm.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

★ At 2:45 a.m., police responded to Spring Cleaners, 1285 W. Spring, for a report of an open door or window.

★ At 3:30 a.m., police responded to 255 Prairie for a missing person report.

★ At 7:10 p.m., police responded to Jimmy Johns, 500 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:09 a.m., police responded to 1425 Ridge for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:31 a.m., police responded to Petsmart, 428 Randall Road, for an inside smoke investigation.

★ At 11:10 a.m., police responded to 340 Randall Road, for a report of an activated commercial fire alarm.

★ At 2:11 p.m., police responded to South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St. for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 4:28 p.m., police responded to Kohls, 350 Randall Road, for a report of a hit and run.

★ At 4:47 p.m., police responded to 269 Nicole for a report of an activated

alarm.

★ At 5:45 p.m., police responded to 343 S. Collins for a 911 investigation.

★ At 6:26 p.m., police responded to For Eyes, 474 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 6:58 p.m., police responded to 1429 Marleigh for a report of an activated alarm.

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Saturday, Feb. 22

★ At 1:45 a.m. in the vicinity of Oltendorf Road and Schaumburg Road, William Crowell III, 51, of 132 E. Shag Bark Lane, was arrested for driving with revoked/suspended license second DUI and speeding. Crowell III was transported to the police department where he was held pending bond call.

★ At 10:48 p.m. in the vicinity of East Irving Park Road and Vine Street, Ronald E. Kitchen, 34, of 715 Dean Drive, South Elgin, was arrested for an outstanding Kane County warrant. Kitchen was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a new court date with an unspecified date.

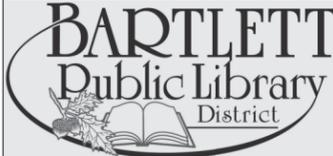
Sunday, Feb. 23

★ At 10:01 p.m. in the vicinity of East Avenue and Hackberry, Christopher M. Mickel, 38, of 128 Seton Court, was arrested for driving with a revoked/suspended license and for driving with a defective windshield. Mickel was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of April 14.

WAYNE

Friday, Feb. 21

★ At 11:45 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Powis and Army Trail for a report of a suspicious person. The person was contacted and found to be a homeowner waiting for a realtor.



Read! Learn! Connect!

Heads up, the Bartlett Public Library District will be closed all day on Friday, March 6 for a staff training day.

Intro to Robotics: Ozobots Edition! Wednesday, March 4, 4 p.m.

Grades four to six. Learn about programming and robotics as we experiment with Ozobots! No experience required. Registration required.

Adult Chess Club

Wednesday, March 4, 6 p.m.

Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come enjoy an informal evening of chess in a fun and welcoming environment! Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend and all boards and pieces will be provided.

Hidden Google

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.

Google is much more than a search engine. In this class, learn tips and tricks on how to get the most out of Google. Registration required.

Practice SAT Test

Saturday, March 7, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Grades nine to 12. The Sylvan Learning Center of Schaumburg presents a free pencil and paper SAT practice test for high school students. Students are required to bring their own approved calculator. Registration required.

Cookbook Club

Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m.

Pick up the chosen cookbook at the Adult Services Desk, try out a recipe and bring your dish to share as part of our book discussion.

Knitting Club

Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m.

Want to meet new people, work on your knitting projects, and learn

new skills? The BPLD Knitting Club is for you. We're a group of knitters of all skill levels.

Chess Club

Monday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Grades two to 12. Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Beginners are welcome, but should know how the pieces move.

Everyday Excel

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of entering data, editing a spreadsheet, and performing simple calculations using Microsoft Excel. Knowledge of mouse and keyboard is required. Registration required.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Kits

In an effort to support those with dementia and their caregivers, BPLD has put together a few kits that come with activities specially selected to appeal to older adults who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Kits are available to check out for three week periods. BPLD cardholders only.

Census 2020

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important for Illinois. The results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state gets in Congress. You will be helping us at the Bartlett Public Library District greatly when you complete the census. For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

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

Hoops

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offensively, and we settled with shots which led to transition baskets for them which we didn't defend well."

Wolfsmith added: "I thought in the second half, we played a little more physical and I thought we matched their intensity. We hit some shots and moved the ball better. I liked what I saw in the second half, I just didn't like the effort in the first half."

Ian Smith led the effort with 11 points, including three treys, and both Clark Lewis (eight points, two threes) and Nicholas Bucaro (six points) con-

tributed. Bartlett was playing without 6-foot-10 sophomore Conrad Luczynski who Wolfsmith said was "banged up" and "we'll see how he responds the next couple of days" regarding the postseason.

Ultimately, the Hawks used the game as a tune-up for the Naperville Central Regional. No. 15 Bartlett, now 10-19 overall, opens against No. 3 Naperville Central.

"We knew Naperville Central was in the stands, so we weren't going to show them a whole heck of a lot," Wolfsmith said. "I liked what Glenbard East did, they switched between a bunch of their different defenses which we needed. That was a good thing for us to get tuned up for a quality team as we open the postseason."



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South Elgin edged by Fenton in 51-45 defeat

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team came up short in a 51-45 loss against Fenton in its regular season and Upstate Eight Conference finale on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at South Elgin.

Although a loss, the Storm narrowed the gap quite a bit from a 52-29 loss at Fenton earlier this season. The Storm did win the rebounding battle, 22-17, in the rematch led by junior Jacob Pettineo (seven rebounds), but they shot 42 percent from the field compared to Fenton's 55 percent and 28 percent from behind the arc compared to Fenton's 67 percent.

Sophomore Lane McVicar (10 points, two three-pointers, five rebounds, five assists), sophomore Drew Cwik (eight points, two three-pointers), junior Wyatt Steurer (five points, five rebounds, three assists, two steals) and junior Dylan Marquis (five points, two assists, two steals) contributed.

It was senior night for the Storm who lose three fourth-year student athletes: Derryl Barnes Jr., Moses Montgomery and Joseph Zdybel.

South Elgin ends the regular season 12-19 overall, 8-10 in the UEC, and prepares for the Elgin Regional. The No. 6 Storm opens with No. 9 Elgin in the quarterfinals, at team they beat twice in the UEC, with 68-54 and 54-35 wins.

"They just need to execute on offense and understand their roles and possessions," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "There are big possessions in games and they need to know what they are doing in certain situations and against certain players."



Drew Cwik getting off a jumper for South Elgin between the Bison's Diamon King, left, and Ricky Lopez.



Derryl Barnes Jr. driving along the baseline for the Storm headed toward the Fenton basket.



Wyatt Steurer attempting to score over and being fouled by Fenton's Frankie Krygier. The contact took both players to the floor and sparked a brief confrontation between the pair.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



South Elgin's Kendis Wiley extending in an effort to haul in a pass under the Fenton basket and in front of the Bison's Diamon King.

Sabres fall to Royals in regular season finale



Jakobe Strong completing a driving layup for the Sabres above a trio of floor-bound Larkin defenders. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team dropped a 79-72 Upstate Eight Conference game against Larkin in its regular season finale on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Streamwood.

The Sabres, who beat Larkin 73-69 earlier this season, came out and built a 16-14 lead after one quarter, but Larkin responded with a 23-point second to take a 37-29 lead by halftime. Streamwood closed the deficit to four, 54-50, entering the final period, but Larkin was able to hang on.

"We got off to a good start but could not sustain the energy and efforts to beat a very improved Larkin team," said Streamwood coach Kent Payne.

The stat line was pretty even over most categories, but Larkin did out-rebound Streamwood 48-35 and scored



The Sabres' Andrew Phan caught in the middle of a three-man collision under the Larkin basket with the Royals' Dontrell Maxie, left, and teammate Richard Santiago that jarred the ball loose along the baseline.

40 points in the paint compared to 30 for the Sabres.

Jakobe Strong (seven rebounds, six steals, four assists) scored a game-high 20 points and Kyle Maybrun (13 points, four assists, four steals), Richard Santiago (13 points, three-three-pointers, six rebounds), Ryan Torre (eight points), Lorenzo Coney (seven points, six rebounds) and Darrel Luce (five points, six rebounds) all contributed.

It was senior night for the Sabres who recognized their two fourth-year student athletes: Coney and Luke Pentecost.

"Lorenzo Coney and Luke Pentecost have really stepped in and improved through the course of the season," Payne said. "We had Zo (Coney) for this season only, and he is one of the best players in the Upstate Eight. Luke is one of the best shooters in the Upstate Eight."

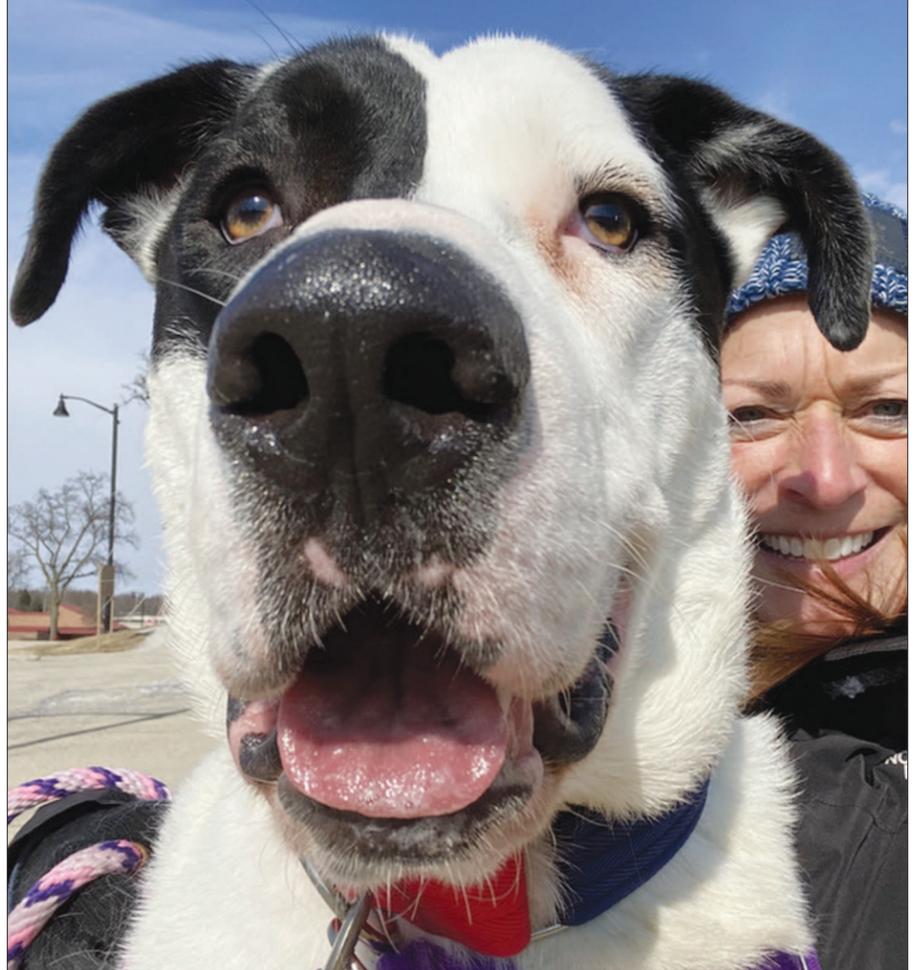
Streamwood is now 15-15 overall, 10-8 in the UEC, as it prepares for the Elgin Regional. The No. 5 Sabres open with No. 3 St. Charles East.

"It is a tall task taking on St. Charles East," Payne said. "They are a good ball club, and we will need to play at a very high level to compete with them."



Darrel Luce launching a three-point field goal effort against Larkin and over the Royals' Donte Sharpe.

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(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

Police seek public assistance in locating missing person

The South Elgin Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating a person missing since September 2019. Suzanne Rezab (white, 33 years old, 5 feet, two inches, 115 pounds, brown hair, green eyes, light complexion) is a known drug user and

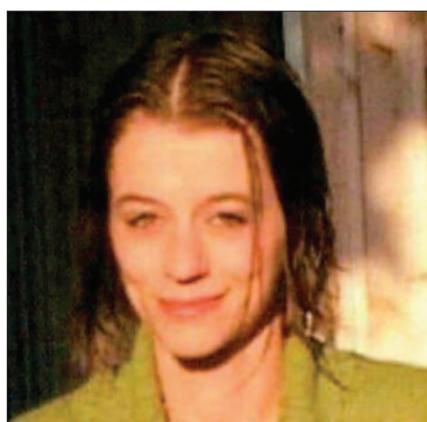
fled from the Ascension Church Rehabilitation Center in Oak Park last September wearing only an unknown colored gown.

Family reported her missing in November 2019 after they were unable to locate her on their own. The police department has exhausted all avenues of investigation and is now seeking the public's help in locating Rezab.

Rezab is a known to be a recovering heroin addict and may have relapsed. She frequently panhandled in the area of Congress Parkway near the Old Post Office building in Chicago. Other family members have reported unsubstantiated claims indicating that she might be somewhere in Indiana. If anyone locates Rezab please contact their local police department so that the officers can confirm her well being. Anyone with information please contact the Investigations section of the South Elgin Police Department at 847-741-2151.



Missing person Suzanne Rezab.



Rezab missing since September 2019. (Courtesy photos)



Rezab's distinctive leg tattoo.