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### U-46 may approve lacrosse teams for boys, girls

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY



Bartlett High School's Anthony Diperte makes a move toward the net during a varsity lacrosse game against Cary-Grove in the spring of 2016. Elgin Area School District U-46 officials are considering starting district-funded cooperative lacrosse teams for high school girls and boys starting next spring. **Joe Lewnard | Staff Photographer**

Elgin schools' officials are recommending starting cooperative lacrosse teams for high school girls and boys starting in the spring.

If approved by the Elgin Area School District U-46 school board, lacrosse would become an Illinois High School Association-sanctioned sport.

Last spring, some U-46 coaches pushed for creating district-funded lacrosse programs.

The district has boys' lacrosse club teams at South Elgin and Bartlett high schools that are self-funded, costing roughly \$30,000 per program. Students pay more than \$500 in fees per season to play. Teams rent fields from local park districts for practice.

The independent boards running those clubs sought the district to take over the programs and provide partial funding and expand them to include girls.

This spring, U-46 could have a girls' lacrosse cooperative with students from Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin and Streamwood high schools, and two boys' lacrosse co-ops at Bartlett High School for students from Bartlett and Streamwood high schools, and at South Elgin High School for Elgin, Larkin and South Elgin students.

"What we decided to do is have an east side, west side co-op and do a gradual release of funding," said Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction and equity. "It will come under the jurisdiction of U-46."

The district would charge a \$200 athletic fee per student. Teams would probably have to charge an additional \$300 to \$400 per student to cover the cost of uniforms and equipment, Lozier said.

That could include the cost of purchasing helmets, sticks, goggles and mouth guards.

"We have a plan to make lacrosse a fully funded by U-46 IHSA sport within the next two years," Lozier said. "Again we are waiting to see what type of (state) funding actually comes through to see how else we can support lacrosse."

Lozier said she has amended the high schools' budgets to pay for athletic trainers, which originally was considered cost prohibitive but officials were able to work that out.

Teams could do their own fundraising to support other costs, which players have been doing already.

"It's about \$1,000 per student to play," Lozier said.

The IHSA conducts its first lacrosse boys and girls state championship series in the spring -- at least 65 boys' teams and 40 girls' teams must participate in the series. School boards must OK lacrosse as a varsity sport for their schools to participate in the state series.

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## **566-member U46 high school marching band performs in Chicago's Thanksgiving parade**

**BY RAFAEL GUERRERO**



Members of the School District U46 Unified Marching Band performed at the 2017 McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago. The band featured more than 560 musicians from all five U46 high schools. (School District U46)

For the first time in almost a decade, hundreds of marching band students from the five high schools in Elgin-based U46 came together to march in Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade.

The U46 Unified Marching Band brought together 566 student musicians to perform in the downtown Chicago event Thursday morning. In 2008, more than 400 marching band students performed as one band during the same parade.

"We're very proud right now," said Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, the district's fine arts coordinator.

District spokeswoman Mary Fergus said it was one of the largest marching bands to ever participate in the parade; Abney-Giraldo said she overheard WGN's broadcasters say it was the largest group to ever participate.

"The validity on that, I am not going to claim," Abney-Giraldo joked.

The mega-marching band had been under consideration since last school year, when Bartlett High School band director Eric Hollaway submitted the group's application to the Chicago Festival Association to participate in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade.

Abney-Giraldo said the discussion to bring back the unified marching band developed after realizing none of the band directors for the five high schools — Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, Bartlett and Streamwood — were around in 2008.

The combined band only practiced in full twice, once in October and once last week, Abney-Giraldo said. In an attempt to show off the number of students participating, district staff attempted to take pictures before their parade performance, but they couldn't get all of the students in frame.

The band featuring 101 students playing clarinet, 79 on flute, 83 playing trumpet, almost 100 on the drumline and others, Abney-Giraldo said.

"We're so lucky we had good weather," she said. "I've done that parade in freezing conditions, and it can get difficult to make the instruments play in the cold."

The size and ambition of such an undertaking is why the unified marching band remains a rarity. Abney-Giraldo said it requires hundreds of students, staff and parents to commit time for practice and the final performance. She said the undertaking also requires commitment from district administration, such as acquiring 22 school buses and bus drivers to transport students to and from the high schools on a holiday.

When and where the band will perform again is still unknown, she said.

"We've been getting that question a lot," said Abney-Giraldo.

## SPORTS SECTION

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### Elgin can't sustain halftime lead, falls to West Chicago

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI



Elgin's Kylie Graves tries to take the ball from West Chicago's Sofia Radice Tuesday at Chesbrough Field House at Elgin High School. **John Starks | Staff Photographer**

The charity stripe wasn't very kind to the Elgin girls basketball team Tuesday night.

West Chicago shot 26 free throws to Elgin's 9 on the way to a 53-35 victory in Upstate Eight crossover action at Elgin's Chesbrough Field House.

Sierra Koenig scored 22 points and Sofia Radice added 15 for the Wildcats (2-5).

Kamiya Harvey led Elgin (0-5) with 9 points.

Elgin did not attempt a free throw in the first half but still led 28-24 at the break. West Chicago made 7 of 15 from the line. Even when the Maroons did get to the line in the second half, they couldn't take advantage. They missed their first 7 attempts before finishing 1-for-9.

Elgin got off to a fast start, rolling to an 8-0 lead. The Maroons extended it to 18-6 on a bucket by Sabrina Chen. West Chicago used a 16-2 run to grab the lead, but Elgin finished the half on an 8-2 roll.

After intermission it was all West Chicago. The Wildcats scored the first 7 points of the second half, outscored the Maroons 15-6 in the third quarter and held the home team to 1 point -- Chen's free throw -- in the fourth quarter.

"They started switching screens and we got a little rattled with that, so we turned to things that didn't involve as many screens and tried to create," said West Chicago coach Dan Vashinko. "That helped us get some more open looks and get some baskets."



Not only did the Wildcats hold a big edge at the free-throw line, but the foul trouble kept the Maroons from getting any consistency on the offensive end. One Elgin starter fouled out, two others finished with 4 fouls, and two had 3 each.

"We got off to a real nice start offensively, and then defensively I think we did a real good job," said Elgin coach Dr. Nick Bumbales. "It took them a little while to adjust to what we were doing, and I think once they had that figured out they got after it a little bit. Then we got in foul trouble.

"Overall, the cohesiveness of the unit was much better. The girls were doing a good job. It's an improvement, we just need to put it together for four quarters."

Sarah Moskow added 6 points off the bench, and Dajha Cooper grabbed 8 rebounds for Elgin.

Sam Wiegele added 9 points, all in the second half, for West Chicago. Radice and Shailee Patel had 6 rebounds apiece, leading the Wildcats to a 28-24 rebounding edge.

With the Wildcats down 4 at halftime, Wiegele canned a 3-pointer to open the second half scoring, and 2 free throws by Radice put the Wildcats ahead to stay.

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## **Hare-raising effort**

Senior sets record for 3-pointers, reaches 1,000 points for Bartlett

BY PAUL JOHNSON



Bartlett guard Kayla Hare began her fourth varsity season as the 10th player in program history to score 1,000 career points. (Brian O'Mahoney/The Courier-News )

Entering this season, Bartlett's Kayla Hare had several career milestones close at hand. She's wasted little time ticking them off the list.

In the Hawks' season-opening win over Plainfield North at the Benet/Naperville Central Tip Off Tournament, the senior guard hit four 3-pointers to give her the program's career record.

Hare was 72 shy of 1,000 career points, but she took care of that in Bartlett's fourth game. She has 1,031 points heading into Thursday's nonconference game against Oswego.

"It's really exciting, especially because of all the teammates who helped me get there," Hare said of reaching 1,000 points, the 10th player in program history to do so. "Some of them were there to see it."

Hare's roles have changed in her four years on the varsity.

She started out as a complementary player in her first two seasons. She deferred as a scorer to Kaitlin Brohan, the program's ninth player to reach 1,000 points.

But last season, Hare took on more of the scoring load and also made a name for herself with her 193 steals, tying for 13th-best total in IHSA history.

This season, the Missouri-St. Louis recruit is doing a little bit of everything as the team's veteran leader. Her stats are up across the board for the Hawks (3-2). She's averaging 20.4 points, 6.4 rebounds, 5.0 steals and 3.6 assists.

"She is one of those once-in-a-lifetime girls who just gets it," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "Her basketball IQ is very high. She can handle the ball, shoot, play defense, rebound. She has all the tools. It makes life pretty easy."

Hare also is helping a pair of dynamic freshmen guards, Justina Hernandez and Lexie Sinclair, navigate their first varsity seasons. Sinclair burst onto the scene with three games of 20 or more points, leading the team in scoring twice.

"It's a little weird," Hare said. "I'm used to being the younger one. All the seniors who came before me taught me how to be a leader."

Complicating matters was the introduction of Hunt as Hare's third coach at Bartlett. Dave Mello, the coach the past two seasons after Denise Sarna retired, resigned a month before practice to take the same job at Fenton.

Enter Hunt, an assistant the past three years.

"It was definitely a surprise for a lot of us because we had no idea that coach Mello was going to resign," Hare said. "It's been an easy transition. It's been a great opportunity to have three great coaches."

Hunt was faced with a dilemma. He could prepare for the season with what Mello already had in place or put his own stamp on things.

"We're doing what I want to do," Hunt said. "It was an extremely difficult decision. We know that early on we won't have everything in. We know that first month and a half will be a growing thing for us."

Hunt is happy to have Hernandez and Sinclair helping ease the load for Hare as the Hawks try to fend off the likes of defending champion South Elgin and West Aurora in the Upstate Eight Valley.

"It's my hope that in four years we're talking about those two like we're talking about Kayla right now," Hunt said. "Lexie may even be a little ahead of where Kayla was when she was a freshman. They're smart and athletic. People can't just focus on Kayla this year."



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## U-46 reviews proposals prior to upcoming vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on three expenditure items totaling \$1.5 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 4. The items were presented on Nov. 20.

One item presented was amended as the district sought to spend \$25,000 a year over the next three years for the Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE), but a majority of board members amended the request to give \$25,000 for just one year citing a lack of transparency from the organization. The initiative appears to largely be funded by taxpayers via government bodies, such as city governments, which contradicts previous statements, but it is unclear.

Board member Sue Kerr said: "I would support a one-year because my concern with ACE in the past has been, they've done the curriculum fair, but it has not always been clear to me what else they have accomplished."

Kerr said during a presentation from ACE committee members that it had "good plans, specific plans" and she would support a longer term commitment "as we see the work coming next year."

An exploratory team was formed by former Superintendent Jose Torres in 2012 to create ACE, a group comprised of government entities and businesses among other organizations.

Instead of asking how the government body can serve the taxpayers who fund it, ACE is designed to ask how the public can serve the government according to Peter Sikorski, the ACE vice chair, during a presentation earlier in the meeting.

"It was a combination of government organizations, civic organizations and the business community really all coming together to say 'what does U-46 need of the community to have broad community support?' To me, that was much different than an organization looking to tell U-46 what to do," Sikorski said.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said that Torres "committed to a three-year, \$15,000 a year commitment to alignment. This past school year, we didn't make a contribution."

Sanders said that Rockford commits \$75,000 a year to its alignment initiative, which has been around since 2009

according to its website.

Neither district has seen academic results since creating their alignment initiatives according to the Illinois State Board of Education's report card. Over the last three years of available data in Rockford its percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations on PARCC has dropped each year from 23 percent to 17 percent and on MAP from 18 percent to 10 percent, and U-46 has also seen yearly drops in PARCC (33 to 28 percent) and MAP (24 to 11 percent).

During the meeting, there were questions left unanswered as has been the case in the past when some contradictory information had apparently been given to the board.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "What exactly are we spending the \$25,000 on?"

Sanders said "essentially" the salaries and benefits of an executive director and administrative assistant. He added it also "goes to support the work of the alignment initiative."

Ward asked what the ACE director's salary is which Sanders said "I do not know."

"I was unaware that it went for their salary," Ward said. "I thought it was a volunteer position."

During a presentation given last school year, Sanders made contradictory statements saying "this is all paid for through fundraising" but went on to say "there was a portion to kick it off from U-46, from Elgin, from some of our municipalities and others." He was also unsure if tax dollars from U-46 were still going towards ACE at the time.

ACE also appeared to be a way for the district to get around the school board at least for one aspect as members of the initiative said it planned on creating a mobile preschool which they said did not need public approval during that previous presentation. Sanders was unsure if that would require additional staff to support the preschool. ACE members also lauded its collaboration portal used primarily for "private discussions" among members.

According to the proposal, the planned result from the \$25,000 is for expanding career pathways for high school students, marketing early education programs for "children ages birth to four" and seeking "health professional partnerships to have more

schools experiencing a holistic school environment that prioritizes students' social and emotional development as well as their academic success."

Board member Phil Costello said he thinks ACE is a "great initiative" but agreed with Ward's concerns with the lack of transparency. He, Veronica Noland and Melissa Owens all agreed with Kerr on going with one year.

"I don't think anyone finds anything wrong with this initiative," Costello said. "I think it's just a matter of going forward with a little more steady footing."

Owens said ACE's annual report "doesn't tell me anything. I don't know who specifically is funding this beyond ourselves, and we're not getting a lot of information from them on numerous aspects."

Noland said she "often wondered what they are doing and what we're supporting," and "I would love to get more transparency from this group."

Board member Traci Ellis supported going with the full three years "because I don't think that we can expect the depth and breadth of outcome that we want year by year."

Ward was unsure if she supports the initiative at all considering the conflicting information she has received.

"I was under the impression in the past that this was volunteer and that we weren't having to pay for this, that it was getting the business community aligned and volunteering to work with us but that it wasn't at a cost to us,"

Ward said. "And now I'm learning that there's an executive director that's a paid position. So I don't know that I'm comfortable with the \$25,000 period."

Noland responded: "I can appreciate that point of view, but I also see, hear as a result tonight that having this group have a professional at the helm... is really what's going to drive this forward."

The remaining expenditure proposals included a five-year proposal with Hayes Software Systems costing \$832,916, to come from the education fund if approved, and a proposal with Happ Builders Inc. costing \$643,700, which would come from the capital projects fund. Both proposals had other organizations present lower bids for which Ward asked for an explanation on.

The proposal with Hayes Software Systems is to provide an electronic inventory system for all U-46 owned items from textbooks to computers and Bruce Phelps, interim director of business services, said the district spoke with other districts that have used both Hayes and Follett, which came in nearly \$200,000 less, and Hayes provided an easier staff transition and "will not require a lot of personnel" additionally to implement. The Happ Builders proposal is to provide renovations to welding labs at Elgin High School and Chris Allen, director of plant operations, said that Construction Solution, which came in over \$65,000 cheaper, withdrew its bid after making an error.



### Baseline drive

Following a baseline drive, the Sabres' Zach Marquez releasing a short shot against Downers Grove North during Streamwood's holiday tournament game against the Trojans on Tuesday, Nov. 21. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

## U-46 Board discusses school calendar, tax levy

By Seth Hancock

A tentative 2018-19 school year calendar was presented to the Board of Education in School District U-46 on Monday, Nov. 20, and three separate tax levy pieces as well as an intergovernmental agreement to be voted on Dec. 4 were presented as well.

Melanie Meidel, who heads human resources for the district, said the proposed calendar "is a draft" that will be going to a professional development committee.

The proposed calendar aligns with this year's calendar with the first day of classes set for Wednesday, Aug. 15,

and a week later on Aug. 22 for preschool. There are 173 attendance days and 184 teachers attendance days.

Thanksgiving break is set to start on Wednesday, Nov. 21, the last day of classes prior to winter break is Friday, Dec. 21 and that break will go through Friday, Jan. 4, the final week of March (25 through 29) is set for spring break, the final day of classes is set for Thursday, May 23 or Friday, May 31 if all five emergency days are used and high school graduation is set for Saturday, May 25.

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# Police Reports

**STREAMWOOD**  
**Saturday, Nov. 4**  
★ At 12:52 a.m., Jairo A. Lopez, 58, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with DUI and not driving on wright side of road. The subject was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**  
★ At 8:19 p.m., Vemarye Space, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Friday, Nov. 17**  
★ At 10:49 p.m., Gabriel Bueno, 22, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 11:58 p.m., John L. Urbaniak, 61, Elgin, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper lane usage and expired registration. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Saturday, Nov. 18**  
★ At 6:30 p.m., Brandon Larick Spencer, 34, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant. He was held awaiting bond call.

**Sunday, Nov. 19**  
★ At 10 p.m., Aireol S. Holman, 29, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, speeding and no driver's license on person. The subject was held awaiting bond call.

**Monday, Nov. 20**  
★ At 7:56 a.m., Emily M. Galvez, 19, Streamwood, was arrested and

charged with leaving the scene of an accident and no valid driver's license. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 8:46 a.m., Mark E. Williams, 20, Aurora, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**BARTLETT**  
**Sunday, Nov. 12**  
★ At 5:08 p.m., Alicia F. Zapata, 31, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 7 p.m., Thomas C. Gould, 58, St. Charles, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Monday, Nov. 13**  
★ At 11:48 p.m., Jose C. Barcia-Hernandez, 36, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license and speeding. He was released on bond and faces a Dec. 12 hearing date.

Tuesday, Nov. 14  
★ At 8:35 a.m., Victor Rutayisire, 23, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and expired registration. He faces a Dec. 20 hearing date.

★ At 10:45 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Oak Glenn Drive reported that she asked a neighbor to get her dog to stop barking and was told it was none of her business. Police spoke with the neighbor who agreed to be better about letting the dog in.

★ At 12:05 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Ladysmith Road reported that her address was changed on one of her credit card accounts, but nothing had been purchased or delivered.

★ At 6:49 p.m., a complainant report-

ed that an unknown offender used her debit card to make a purchase. The complainant refused receipt of an identity theft packet.

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**  
★ At 1:25 a.m., police at Lake Street and Monarch Drive cited the driver of a vehicle in the area for driving with suspended registration. The subject faces a Dec. 14 court date.

★ At 1:43 a.m., Shawn E. Kincanon, 38, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a lighting violation. He was released on bond and faces a Dec. 4 court date.

★ At 12:59 p.m., a complainant at McDonald's, 700 block of South Illinois Route 59, reported that a subject attempted to pay for food with a counterfeit \$20 bill. When he was told that he could not use the currency, he advised it was a mistake and provided a debit card.

★ At 5:32 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Topaz Lane reported three unknown juveniles throwing rocks at a neighboring house. She yelled at them to stop and they took off on foot. Another complainant re-

ported that an unknown subject threw a log at her back door and damaged her landscaping lights. Police searched the area with negative results. Estimated loss \$100.

★ At 10 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Monarch Birch Lane reported that an unknown offender stole items from a package on his porch. Estimated loss \$130.

★ At 11:45 p.m., Rubicel Estrada-Garcia, 36, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a lighting violation. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Dec. 4 court date.

**Thursday, Nov. 16**  
★ At 12:53 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Horseshoe Court reported that multiple items were stolen from his unlocked vehicle parked outside his residence. Estimated loss \$1,500.

★ At 9:38 a.m., a 17-year-old Hanover Park juvenile, two 15-year-old Hanover Park juveniles and a 16-year-old Hanover Park juvenile were cited for theft. The subjects face a Dec. 29 court date.

## Police Dept. celebrates personnel changes

**By Joe Hyland**  
The Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting of the Village Board included police department ceremonies promoting as well as swearing in personnel.

Police Chief Ed Valente provided information on the personnel involved in the ceremony.

The department promoted two and added one. Daniel Jagielko was sworn in as a new patrol officer. Sgt. Shawn Taylor was promoted to commander and Cpl. Patrick Silver was promoted to sergeant.

Valente provided some biographical information on the personnel.

Jagielko started with the department in September 2016. He is a graduate of Conant High School, and earned an associate's degree from Harper College. He received his police training at the Chicago Police Academy, graduating in December 2016.

Taylor is a graduate of Streamwood

High School, and earned an associate's degree from Elgin Community College. He served in the Army from 1997 to 2003. Taylor joined the department in January 2007. He has served in a number of capacities with the department, including juvenile officer and gang specialist. Taylor rose through the ranks to his present post, serving at various times as patrol officer, corporal, tactical officer, detective, field training officer and sergeant. He received the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit in 2012.

Silver began with the department in September 2011. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He served in the Minnesota National Guard for eight years. He also served as a law enforcement officer in Bozeman, Montana. He was previously a patrol officer and corporal with the Streamwood department.

## Sabres girls hoops endures more close tourney losses

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Streamwood girls basketball team had its chances but couldn't finish in a 37-35 loss to Jacobs in the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 18.

It was a momentum changing game in which the Sabres led 16-13 midway through the second quarter to see Jacobs rally for a 25-16 halftime advantage. Streamwood rallied back to tie the game at 28-28 heading into the fourth.

In the first minute of the final period, Jacobs took a 30-28 lead before an Andrea Bracy (17 points, 11 rebounds) three put the Sabres ahead and they would lead until 1:57 remained and Jacobs tied it at 35-35. With 1:20 left, Jacobs took a 36-35 lead.

In the final minute of play, the Sabres had a turnover and then later a final three-point attempt came up short. Streamwood went 2-for-6 from the free-throw line in the frame.

"We had some opportunities to score but just couldn't get the job done," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "For us, we need to find ways to

score. This was also the second game in a row we went 2-for-6 at the line in the fourth quarter."

Mandy Mien had 10 points and four assists, and Rebecca Roncone had five points.

It was Streamwood's third straight loss to start the season, all three being in close games. The Sabres fell to 0-4 to end the tournament with another close one, a 34-31 loss to Huntley on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

"We could easily be 3-0, at least 2-1," Rosner said after the Jacobs loss. "We know that. We have three tough losses to begin the season. We just need to keep playing hard and stay positive."

Against Huntley, Streamwood held its opponent to two points in the third quarter to pull ahead 24-23 and the Sabres led 27-23 when Huntley went on a 7-0 run to take the lead for good.

Mien (16 points, six steals, four rebounds), Bracy (eight points) and Roncone (seven points) led the Sabres.

"We're right there," Rosner said. "We don't have a deep bench, but everybody is getting playing time."

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# Recognition of lacrosse pending in District U-46

By Seth Hancock

Lacrosse could become a recognized sport by School District U-46 if the Board of Education approves a proposal at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 4. The proposal was presented on Nov. 20.

Jason Ward, athletics director at South Elgin High School, sent a letter to the district stating the Upstate Eight Conference “has approved” boys lacrosse teams for both South Elgin and Bartlett as well as a U-46 co-op girls team. Both boys teams will also be co-op as an eastside and westside team allowing boys at the three other U-46 high schools to compete.

A memo from Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent, stated what U-46 will take care of and what the teams will have to take care of.

“Even if a portion of the sport is self-funded, Lacrosse teams will have to follow the same policies and protocols to which other IHSA events in SD U-46 are held,” the memo stated.

The district’s human resources department will post coaching positions and athletics’ directors will do the hiring, and the teacher’s union contract will set the salary. Union members are given hiring priority regardless of the “lacrosse experience” of a non member.

There will be varsity and JV teams for each program under the proposal, and U-46 will provide transportation for competitions. Athletes will have to provide their own transportation for practice, and practice fields will be located at Eastview and Kenyon Woods middle schools, and competitions will

be held at Millennium Field at Streamwood High School.

Athletics’ directors will arrange competitions and the district will prepare practice and competitive fields.

Athletes will have to pay the same \$200 athletics fee as other sports, and the district estimates an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year for athletic trainers fees which it will pay for out of its secondary budget.

Lacrosse teams will likely have to charge additional fees and will have to pay for officials.

At the Nov. 20 meeting, Lozier said the teams will “probably have to charge an additional \$300 to \$400” to athletes to pay for equipment and uniforms.

Lozier said “there’s been a lot of interest” in lacrosse and both Bartlett and South Elgin have “very robust teams” already, which included South Elgin winning a state title last year. Board member Jeanette Ward echoed that saying the board’s received a lot of emails concerning lacrosse.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if the teams will be able to play this spring, to which Lozier said they would, and Ward asked if the teams can and are currently doing their own fundraising and Lozier said: “I believe they are” currently fundraising “because they fund everything fully right now by themselves, and it’s about \$1,000 per” athlete.

Board member Phil Costello asked if equipment is primarily purchased by the athletes to which Lozier said “for the most part” noting that lacrosse sticks are like baseball players who bring their own bats.

## calender

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For the past five years, the district has started classes several weeks earlier in August starting under former Superintendent Jose Torres who said he wanted to look into yearlong schooling. The district has taken three surveys over that timeframe and every time a strong majority of respondents have opposed the earlier start date.

This year, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: “I think we have done plenty of surveys over the years to know kind of what the community wants.”

The first survey taken showed 90 percent of nearly 1,700 respondents opposed to the earlier date, the next had 73 percent of 935 respondents opposed and last year 73 percent of 4,715 respondents opposed. Last year, the administration for the first time intended to follow the survey results but the board’s majority overruled it asking for the earlier start date, board members Sue Kerr and Jeanette Ward the current members opposing the earlier start date.

Ward has consistently opposed the earlier start date and asked: “I thought we had agreed last year as a board to take a survey?”

Sanders said: “I don’t recall that. What I heard is that we should use the same guidelines in future years.”

Two years ago, the administration suggested the board approve some guidelines regarding the calendar, but no guidelines have yet to be approved. At the same time, board member Traci Ellis was the only member to oppose continuing to seek public feedback through a survey.

Board member Phil Costello, who supports the start date “for the sake of consistency,” said: “We should at least every two years survey the families to make sure we get the voice in there because it could change.”

The reason given by board members last year to support the earlier start date was the ability for high school students to take finals before winter break.

“The challenge that we have every year is trying to balance the needs of parents and community members considering a calendar that has to represent 180 different school days,” said Sanders who added that the public “wanted students to have finals before winter break.”

However, there has not been a survey done regarding when the public wants finals to occur and last year Meidel said the finals date “was noted” on that survey meaning those who supported a later start date knew finals would occur after winter break. Last year Sanders said the district’s own data showed “it’s not made a significant impact over these past few years academically” whether finals are held before or after winter break, and “[students are] going to have that stress whether it’s before winter break or after winter break.”

Another issue raised on the proposed calendar came from board member Melissa Owens who noted the Wednesday after spring break there is a scheduled professional development day meaning students will have a week off then have a day off right away the following week. Meidel said “April is a challenge month” with testing going on and trying to align to neighboring districts, but said some of the professional development days could change after going to committee.

Regarding the 2017 tax levy, a Certificate of Tax Levy as well as a corresponding resolution will be voted on at the upcoming meeting. The determination of a tax levy increase of \$8 million was approved by a 5-2 vote, Costello and Ward opposing the tax increase, earlier in November.

Also a resolution on the intent to abate \$9.7 million from the working cash fund will be voted upon.

An intergovernmental agreement with the Village of South Elgin on a five-year contract renewal will also be put to a vote. The agreement allows South Elgin the use of athletic fields, gym and parks at Fox Meadow Elementary School.



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# U-46 math curriculum ratified despite debate

By Seth Hancock

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rick Newton, who said he was a "math major in college," said during

public comments he was "deeply concerned and disgusted" by the Yummy Math resource but was not surprised it would be used in U-46.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A computer science proposal to establish two new courses, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Comput-

er Science A, was approved 7-0. The total cost for resources is estimated at \$584,875, which includes a notebook computer for each student, with an ongoing cost of \$15,393.

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

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

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said

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

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

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

## Pet of the Week



### Dolly Pawton look-a-like contest winner

A former stray, 5-year-old, Dolly Pawton has moved into DuPage County Animal Care and Control and is ready to settle down and be part of a family. A big girl, Dolly will need a strong handler while she works on her leash skills. Dolly is spayed, up-to-date on vaccines, and ready to love a family. Please visit [www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol](http://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol) for more details or call 407-2800.

(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

## Fire Dept. ceremonies highlight board meeting

By Joe Hyland

The Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting of the Village Board kicked off with a combination promotion and swearing-in ceremony. The combination was designated a badge pinning.

The first part of the ceremony saw three new firefighter/paramedics added to the department's ranks. The three were introduced by Village President Billie Roth.

Nicholas Oates started in July 2016. Oates attended Harper College, and received his firefighter training through the firefighter academy at McHenry Community College. He received his paramedic training through Elgin Community College at St. Joseph's Hospital. He lives in Union.

Next up was village resident Mike Zarth who started with the village in August 2016. He attended Elgin Community College and received his firefighter training through the Bensenville Fire Protection District's training academy. His paramedic training was done at Sherman Hospital.

The final new addition was Thomas Neyfeldt. Neyfeldt, who lives in Schaumburg, received an associate's degree in fire science from Harper College. Neyfeldt, like Oates, received his training through McHenry Community College. He received his paramedic training at the College of Lake County.

Following the swearing in ceremony, firefighter/paramedic Gary Jacobs was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Jacobs started with the department in February 1998 after previously serving with the Bartlett Fire Department. He attended Elgin Community College and received his firefighter training at the Elgin Regional Fire Academy and his paramedic training from Sherman Hospital.

Chief Chris Clarke added some additional details about the new firefighters as well as Jacobs. He noted that Oates had started his career in the St. Alexius Hospital emergency room. He served as a part-time firefighter with both Huntley and Marengo as well as a full-time stint in Elburn before joining Streamwood.

Zarth has fire service in his blood. His father served for 30 years as a firefighter/paramedic in Bloomingdale.

Neyfeldt previously did full-time service with the Roselle and Belvedere departments before joining Streamwood.

Jacobs is a U. S. Marine veteran with 27 years of active duty and reserve service. He did five combat and numerous non-combat deployments in that time. Jacobs works with many local agencies on mass violence procedures, and was one of the founding members of the department's Guns and Hoses Foundation.



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# Sabres split four games at holiday tournament



Nikola Sinik of Streamwood penetrating into the paint while encountering Downers Grove North's Ryan Featherstone. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team bounced back from a pair of losses to finish 2-2 at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

In their season opener, the Sabres dropped a 72-63 game against tournament host Wheaton Academy on Monday, Nov. 20. The Sabres went on to drop a 66-38 game against Downers Grove North on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn said his team fell behind early in both games and went on to "trade buckets" as his team failed to come back, but the Sabres would play with a lead through most of its last two victories.

After finishing tied 13-13 after one quarter against Metea Valley, Nikola Sinik scoring all nine of his points on three threes in the opening frame, Streamwood led nearly the rest of the game in a 43-40 victory on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The Sabres built their largest lead at 36-25 heading into the fourth quarter but later faced an 8-0 run that put Metea Valley ahead 40-39 with 57.2 seconds left to play.

"We're still at that inexperience level in being in that situation of having to protect a late lead," Kowalyszyn said. "Just getting that experience, that knowledge, will be huge going forward."

Streamwood responded on its following possession when Keenon Cole, who led with 14 points, hit a three-pointer to put his team ahead 42-40 with 39.1 seconds left. Cole then came up with a big defensive rebound and went to the free-throw line and split to seal the win.

"It was just a matter of continuing to work hard down the stretch," Cole said. "Our team just stuck to what we knew, which was defense."

"Defense was the key to that game," Kowalyszyn said. "We did a good job late after giving up the lead."

Brendon Marton had eight points and Zack Marquez six in the effort.

Streamwood concluded tournament play with a 50-38 victory over St.



Brendon Marton releasing a jumper over the defense of Downers Grove North's Jake Rozema.

Francis on Friday, Nov. 24. Trailing 8-7 after one quarter, Streamwood used a 17-11 second to take a 24-19 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Cole, who hit two treys, led with 13 points and DeAngelo Flynn (nine points), Marton (eight points), Lamont Cole (seven points) and Sinik (seven points) contributed.

"I feel like we're taking a big step in the right direction," Keenon Cole said.



While blocked by the Trojans' Ryan Featherstone, the Sabres' Keenon Cole looks for the result of his blind pass into a corner for a teammate that was not there.



Zach Marquez driving along a sideline in an effort to advance past the Trojans' Mychale Hyland.



# Police Reports

## SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Nov. 15

★ At 2:47 a.m., police responded to the First American Bank, 632 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:12 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Silver Glen roads for a report of a malfunctioning traffic signal.

★ At 9:42 a.m., police responded to the Fox Meadow Elementary School, 1275 Jenna Drive, for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 7:40 p.m., police responded to the Heritage Woods of South Elgin, 700 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of a commercial fire alarm.

★ At 8:39 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Dublin for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 8:40 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a report of a suspicious incident.

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

★ At 9:49 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of North LaFox and Division for a report of an abandoned vehicle.

★ At 12:04 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Silver Glen roads for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Anna Maria Rosales, age and address withheld, was issued two citations.

★ At 12:22 p.m., police responded to the Fox Meadow Elementary School, 1275 Jenna Drive, for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 12:28 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of North LaFox for a report of a customer/management dispute in progress.

★ At 12:47 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Ashton for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 3:45 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of South McLean for a 911 investigation.

★ At 3:56 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Oakwood for a keep the peace request

★ At 5:59 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of North LaFox for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Ryan Zarate, age and address withheld, was issued two citations.

★ At 9:46 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Reserve susveh.

**Friday, Nov. 17**

★ At 6:55 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Waterside for a report of an activated alarm.

**Sunday, Nov. 19**

★ At 9:58 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 31 and Sundown for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Ricardo Deandra, age and address withheld, was issued two citations.

**Monday, Nov. 20**

★ At 1:58 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Randall for a report of an open door or window.

★ At 3:01 a.m., police responded to the Tanya Volk, DDS, 448 Briargate Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 3:41 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Waterside for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 8:16 a.m., police responded to the Primrose School, 450 Briargate Drive, for a report of a suspicious incident

★ At 10:32 a.m., police responded to the Home Depot, 440 Randall Road,

for a fraud complaint.

★ At 10:52 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Thornwood for a truancy complaint.

★ At 12:05p.m., police responded to the South Elgin Post Office, 310 N. Lafox, in an attempt to locate a subject.

★ At 1:16 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Beck for a 911 investigation.

★ At 3 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Hancock for a report of an intoxicated subject.

★ At 3:27 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Medford for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 5:31 p.m., police responded to the LA Fitness, 488 Randall Road, for a

report of burglary to a motor vehicle.

★ At 10:33 p.m., police responded to the Best Buy, 424 Randall Road, for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 11:08 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of West Spring for a report of a suspicious incident.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

★ At 6:51 a.m., police responded to the Koepper America, 635 Schneider Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 7:04 a.m., police responded to the Randall Road Animal Hospital, 207 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:15 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Lancaster for a report of a domestic.

## String of home burglaries reported in village

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 24, the South Elgin Police Department took four residential burglary reports on the east side of the village. The incidents occurred between 4:30 and 9:30 p.m. The victims on the following streets were affected: The 0-100 block of Pine Court; 100 block of East Plum Street; 600 block of East State Street; and the 700 block of Robertson Road

The victims had left their homes and entry was gained either through an unlocked door or through an unlocked window with window screens removed. Various items were taken including electronics and an undisclosed amount of cash. Police are fol-

lowing up on some leads in these investigations. The police department is asking anyone that witnessed anything out of the ordinary on the above listed streets to please contact the South Elgin Police Department.

The police department also reminds residents that if you “Like it, Lock it Up.” We are also asking for residents in and around the area to help to combat this crime and please keep an eye on local neighborhoods by reporting any suspicious activity to the police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Investigations Division of the South Elgin Police Department at 847-741-2151.

## North Stars finish 3-2 at holiday tournament

By Seth Hancock

The North girls basketball team struggled to break Lake Park’s press as the North Stars dropped their season opener at the Hoffman Estate Thanksgiving Tournament 47-37 on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Lake Park built an 11-2 lead at the start which North would respond to mostly from the free-throw line. The North Stars were 9-for-10 in the first quarter, including 6-for-6 from Anna Davern (13 points), and a Leilauni Chanthaboury (five points) three-pointer in the final minute of the quarter was North’s first field goal giving them a 12-11 lead.

Anna Tate (15 points) opened the scoring in the second quarter for a 14-11 North Stars lead before Lake Park went on an 8-0 run to take the lead for good. North would fall behind 30-23 by the halftime as Lake Park hit four of its nine treys in the frame, and that deficit would reach 15 points in the second half.

For North coach Mike Tomczak, the first game represented a learning experience for his squad.



North’s Talia Pellegrini seeking an escape route along the sideline while trapped between Lake Park’s Daina Riser, left, and Kinsey Tweedy.

“There’s no better way to get varsity experience than to play a varsity game,” Tomczak said. “We definitely have a lot to work on in practice.”

Caroline Jakaitis rounded out the North Stars scoring with four points.

While Lake Park’s offense shot well throughout the night, including 7-for-14 from behind the arc in the first half, it was its defense that gave North fits. The North Stars finished with 31 turnovers.

“Their full court press was really tough,” Tomczak said. “Games like this are great in terms of learning from them. Their type of pressure is really tough to simulate in practice.”

The North Stars went on to drop its second game of the tournament 73-23 against Maine West on Thursday, Nov. 16. North was led by six points each from Chanthaboury and Davern, fell behind 20-2 after one quarter and was unable to respond.

North’s third game ended with a tournament win for the North Stars, 53-28 over Hampshire on Friday, Nov. 17. Chanthaboury hit four treys on the way to a game-high 17 points and Davern (15 points, 10 rebounds) and Tate (12 points, nine rebounds) both contributed.

North then rapped up the Hoffman Estates Thanksgiving Tournament with a pair of wins, a 54-53 win over Proviso West on Friday, Nov. 24 and a 46-24 victory over Hoffman Estates on Saturday, Nov. 25.

“We had quality opponents every night,” said North coach Mike Tomczak. “We’re not a finished product and we have a long way to go, but after starting 0-2 and finishing 3-2 it’s good to know that they are ready to learn and grow.”

Against Proviso West, North built a 43-37 lead after three quarters and held on in the fourth. Anna Davern had a huge game scoring 32 points, including three treys, and Anna Tate added 15 points.

North couldn’t buy a bucket early against Hoffman Estates going without a field goal until nearly 11 minutes in when Emma Helsel (eight points) hit her first of two three-pointers in the game to make it 9-4. The North Stars trailed 7-1 after the first quarter and 15-10 by halftime.

“We definitely looked tentative versus the 2-3 zone,” Tomczak said. “They had some bigs who were intimidating for us.”



In front of her own bench, the North Stars’ Megan Gunnink getting off a jump shot as the Lancers’ Darrione Rogers closed for a block attempt.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Things changed in the second half largely due to solid shooting. North hit six of its seven threes in the second half, including a trey from Megan Gunnink (eight points) which gave North its first lead for good at 24-22 with 2:23 left in the third quarter. Gunnink scored all of her points in the period including two treys.

North had forged its first tie at 20-20 and trailed 22-20 with 3:06 left in the third quarter when it finished the game on a 26-2 run.

Davern led the effort with 12 points, including a pair of threes, and Tate added nine. Leilauni Chanthaboury added a three-pointer.

Both Davern and Tate were named to the all-tournament team.

“The more they play together, the more dynamic we can be,” Tomczak said. “We need to have depth to be successful this season, and those two are a great place to start.”



# Volleyball not the only featured event at KFN



Leah Birns and Ali Thoma said they were sitting at the 'lonely table' in the lunchroom.

It was "Volleyball Night" at Klub Friday Night (KFN) on Friday, Nov. 17, held at Fox Meadow Elementary School. After an hour or so, the volleyball net came down and touch football ensued. As at every KFN gathering, DJs played music in the lunchroom for dancing or just listening with friends and attendees could purchase concessions.

The next KFN event will be the Ugly Sweater Contest, Friday, Dec. 8. Call the Parks & Recreation Department, 847-622-0003 for more information.



Dancing in the lunch room, from left, Jack Cooper, Logan Stoltz, Ethan Polkinghorn and Marisa Koch.



Early into the holiday spirit, Vern McCue watched the opposing team go after his shot along with Nick Holmes.



Donovan Fluke found himself on the floor after diving for a ball.



Teammate Nick Holmes watched as Michelle Lamant went for a kill in the volleyball game.



Logan Stoltz demonstrated a new way of 'break-dancing.'



From left, friends Skylar Sawyer, Marisa Koch and Jaszmine Tamaro waited for their parents to arrive at the end of the night.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)





## Park Bench

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### Special Events Letter to Santa Claus Deadline Tuesday, Dec. 12 Youth

#### Kooky Christmas Science Lab

This time we are investigating the holiday season! Rescue an elf in an ice excavation. Get crazy during cranberry science. Prepare peppermint goo and save Santa from sinking. Explore eye-popping pine cone science! Be looney with Christmas frozen balloon experimentation! Discover the science secrets of all the candy in your stockings. Master the mystery of winter snow. Explore the physics of a Christmas carnival and the chemistry behind winter-themed treats! Have a dance party with Santa and his reindeer using static electricity. Christmas and winter are an amazing avalanche of kooky science fun! This class will be held at the Municipal Annex on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$39 for residents and \$49 for non-residents.

#### Fitness Zumba

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music with dance/fitness movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, and effective aerobic workout. Zumba is an all-over-body workout with emphasis on the glutes, legs, arms, abdominals, and the most important muscle of the body... the heart! The cost is \$73 for residents and \$80 for non-residents (for 10 classes) or \$10 at the door. This class is located at the Municipal Annex on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 to 10 am on Saturdays.

#### Zumba Toning

Zumba toning takes the original Zumba dance fitness class to the next level utilizing an innovative muscle training protocol. Lightweight maraca-like Toning sticks enhance your sense of rhythm and coordination, while toning target zones, including arms, core and lower body. This class is perfect for those who want to party, but put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles! Please note: This class can be done without toning sticks. Toning sticks are available for purchase directly from the instructor. No free weights will be permitted. The cost is \$73 for residents and \$80 for non-residents (for 10 classes) or \$10 at the door. This class will be held at the Municipal Annex on Mondays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### PiYo

PiYo Live is low impact, high intensity fusion of Pilates and yoga exercises. PiYo Live combines the muscle-sculpting and core-firming benefits of pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. You'll use body weight to perform a series of continuous moves targeted to define every muscle. All this set to an upbeat sound track to get your heart pumping as you sculpt, tone, strengthen and stretch your body lean. This class is located at the Municipal Annex on Mondays, starting Dec. 11 through Jan. 22, 2018 at 7:45 to 8:45 pm.

For more information on these and other programs offered by South Elgin Parks & Recreation, please call 847-622-0003 or visit our website at [www.southelgin.com-Parks & Recreation-Programs-Seasonal Brochure](http://www.southelgin.com-Parks & Recreation-Programs-Seasonal Brochure).



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The South Elgin Branch will host a Gingerbread House Workshop on Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Hoffer Meeting Room. Two sessions will be offered: from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants will create a gingerbread house from milk cartons, graham crackers and sweet treats. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

#### "The Polar Express"

Hop in your pajamas and snuggle up for "The Polar Express" at the Main Library on Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Based on children's author Chris Van Allsburg's modern holiday classic, this performance will feature Books at Sunset's Judi Brownfield as Mrs. Claus and Christina Harshbarger as the Polar Express conductor. No registration required.

#### Iron Chef Gingerbread Challenge

The Middle School Zone at the Main Library will host an Iron Chef Gingerbread Challenge on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the South Story Room. Middle school students in grades six to eight will construct a "gingerbread" house out of graham crackers and candy. Supplies will be provided. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

#### Behind the Scenes at Marshall Field's Holiday Traditions

Go Behind the Scenes at Marshall Field's Holiday Traditions with us at the Main Library Elgin Room on Monday, Dec. 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We will hear Amy Meadows, former director of Windows and Marketing Events for Marshall Field's and Macy's as she pro-

vides a sneak peek into the design and execution of the famed, animated windows, the Main Aisle décor and the Great Tree. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

#### eBay Basics

Learn the simple ins and outs of eBay during eBay Basics at the South Elgin Branch on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Adults will learn how to buy merchandise on eBay and even how to pay for purchases using PayPal. This class is open to district residents and you must register with a valid GBPL Library Card number upon signing up. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any location.

#### Finals Feeding Frenzy

Do you have studying on the brain? Teens in grades nine to 12 can ease the stress of finals during our Finals Feeding Frenzy at the South Elgin Branch on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. Get your study on with others and feed your brain with some refreshments. No registration required.

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# North boys basketball opens 2-2 at tournament

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The North boys basketball team hopes to build off of last season's 19-9 record, 8-4 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division, and got its season started at the Rock Island Thanksgiving Tournament.

Fresh off a fall that saw North's football team win a conference title and both its boys soccer and girls volleyball teams earning trips to state for the first time in program history, North Stars' coach Tom Poulin said the mood is good.

"There's a real positive vibe in the building," Poulin said.

The North Stars went 2-2 in their opening tournament beginning things with a 41-38 loss to Minooka at North Central College in Naperville on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Their other loss was another close one, 62-56 in overtime against host Rock Island, after earning a 50-40 victory over Sterling earlier in the day on Friday, Nov. 24.

Against Sterling, North held its foe to single digits in three quarters to help win the game. North concluded play

with a 50-43 win over Bogan on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Despite the loss against Rock Island, the North Stars shot well from the field (24-for-46) while also earning a rebounding edge at 24-23. Returning seniors Kyle King (14 points, 10 rebounds) and Cade Callaghan (14 points, seven rebounds) were 7-for-10 and 7-for-13 from the field respectively, and returning senior Brendan Dal Degan scored 11 points including 3-for-5 from behind the arc.

Other key returners for North include seniors Jalen Chanthaboury, Erik Larson and Zach Ludwig as well as juniors Lucas Heflen and Tyler Nubin and sophomore Luke Scheffers.

This will be the final season in the UEC for North before moving to the newly formed DuKane Conference next year.

"It should be an interesting season," Poulin said. "This is a strong conference from top to bottom. Everybody has improved in my mind. I think any team can get beat on any night in our conference."

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

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

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

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Fox Valley Wildlife Center has received 1,500 animals since Jan. 1, 2014! Almost all of these animals have been

babies. Due to this, they are in much need of Kleenex. They are asking for donations of non-scented Kleenex boxes. They are also in much need of fruits and vegetables, mainly grapes, melon, zucchini, squash and greens. If you are able to donate these items, please drop-off at the center any day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Sharpen those presentation skills for all of your social and professional interactions. Fox Valley Toastmasters combines incremental, self-paced practice with warm support—and guests are always welcome. Toastmasters—Where Leaders Are Made, second and fourth Thursdays, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., second floor, St. Charles City Hall, 2 E. Main St.

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

# Reports

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tween the manager and a customer pertaining to money owed. The customer agreed to check out of the motel.  
★ At 5:17 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Sundance Drive for a report of a structure fire. The homeowner advised that he was unaware of how his chimney was smoking and appeared to have a flame atop. The Bartlett Fire Protection District was asked to check both the furnace and chimney.  
★ At 6:11 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Wayne Court reported that his new neighbor was looking into his work van. The complainant expressed concern that something might be stolen in the future.

## WAYNE

Thursday, Nov. 16

★ At 4:05 p.m., police responded to the 5N block of Dunham for a report of a suspicious vehicle that had been parked on the road for several days. Police located the vehicle and deter-

# IDNR program offers hunting workshops

The Illinois Hunter Recruitment Program provides free education and training workshops to teach adult participants how to hunt deer, turkey, squirrels, pheasants, ducks, geese and other game. Waterfowl and terrestrial game workshops are open to individuals who have not previously hunted those species. Advanced registration is required to participate in workshops. No FOID card or prior shooting or hunting experience is needed to participate. Check the schedule of upcoming workshops to register: <https://publish.illinois.edu/hunttrapillinois/upcoming-workshops/>.

mined that it belonged to a guest staying at a neighboring residence.

Friday, Nov. 17

★ At 6:15 p.m., police responded to the 6W400 block of Roosevelt for a request to assist Kane County Forest Preserve police with a disturbance that had spilled over from Riverbend Park. Officers made sure the disturbed parties were separated, and then stood by until Forest Preserve District personnel arrived.

Sunday, Nov. 19

★ At 5:09 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Smith Road and Illinois Route 59 for a report of a roadway obstruction in the form of a sofa. Police searched the area, but were unable to locate a sofa.

Monday, Nov. 20

★ At 9:12 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Oak Lawn Farm roads, a vehicle driven by Zev Yanai Gold, age and address withheld, was stopped for doing 40 miles per hour in a 25 miles-per-hour zone. An odor of cannabis was detected wafting from a vehicle. A search of the vehicle turned up a small quantity of cannabis as well as drug paraphernalia. Gold was arrested and transported to the station for processing. He was issued local ordinance citations for the drug issues and a written warning for the speeding violation.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

★ At 9:32 p.m., police responded to the 32W block of Glos. Complainant advised her neighbor was burning leaves that was aggravating a resident's asthma. The homeowner burning the leaves was contacted and advised of the village's ordinances regarding leaf burning.

★ At 10:21 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail Road and Billy Burns Lane, a vehicle driven by Fred T. Prasil, age and address withheld, was stopped for improper lane usage and doing 39 miles per hour in a 25 miles-per-hour zone. Prasil's plates and license were found to be cancelled. He was arrested and transported to the station where he was issued his citations and later released on an I-bond with an unspecified court date.

# The Examiner Asked

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, asked students at  
Fox Meadow Elementary School:

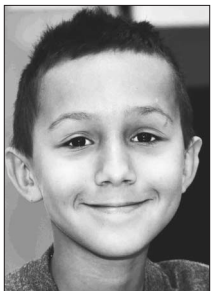
Would you rather explore the deep blue ocean or open space?



Sebastian Dominguez: "I would go into space because not much has been explored."



Dylan Kotz: "I'd explore the ocean because I'd want to search for gold."



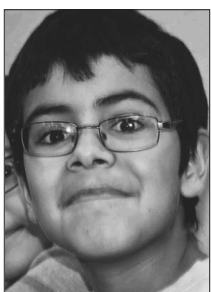
Noah Haton: "I would go in the ocean and look for fish and sharks and since not much has been explored."



Kennedy Anderson: "I'd go into the ocean so I could find really old stuff."



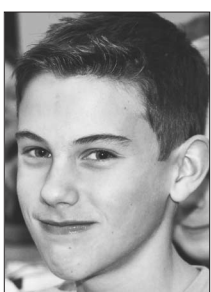
Tyler Goldstein: "I want to go to space because there is no gravity and it would be fun to jump."



Caiden Diaz: "I would go to space because not a lot has been explored."



Aiden Zabran: "I want to go to space and find aliens."



Andrew Shall: "I'd go to space to find other people."

(By Andrea Kohl)



# Storm drop tournament finale to Chargers

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team couldn't hold on to its early momentum as the Storm dropped their finale of the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament with a 44-32 loss against the tournament host on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The Storm jumped to a 9-3 lead at the start, but by the end of the first quarter Dundee-Crown had rallied for a 13-9 lead and led for good. South Elgin trailed 24-13 by halftime.

Despite the loss, South Elgin coach

Dan Mandernack said he was happy with the way his young team battled in the second half.

"They've been great," Mandernack said. "It's Thanksgiving in a couple days and they could have packed it in down by double digits at half. I was really proud of how they battled in the third quarter."

Megan McClure led the effort with nine points while she, Catora Brown (five points) and Alexis Roberts (five points) each hit a three-pointer in the

game. Miah Galvin added eight points for the Storm.

The loss ended the Storm's season-opening tournament at 1-3 overall, a year after going undefeated in the tournament with a senior-heavy team.

Facing state-caliber foes in Hononegah and Homewood-Flossmoor to start the tournament, Mandernack said "we had the two hardest games in the state to start the season" which represented a learning experience for the inexperienced squad.

South Elgin has over two weeks in between games with its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener against Glenbard East on Thursday, Dec. 7.

"I told them that there are going to be ups and downs," Mandernack said. "It's how you battle adversity, and their attitudes have been great. There's no one hanging their heads."

Mandernack added: "The girls are ready, they're excited. We've got a lot of time before our next game, and it's nothing but positives."



While driving along the sideline, Alexis Roberts of South Elgin looked over her shoulder for a passing target while being defended by Dundee-Crown's Kennedy White.



The Storm's Casey Brennan pulling up off a dribble contemplating a shot as the Chargers' Anna Kieltyka was in pursuit.



South Elgin's Miah Galvin posting up to release a shot over Dundee-Crown's Kendall Kieltyka.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

# Hare hits mark, Hawks win final tourney pair

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team wrapped up the Naperville Central/Benet Academy Thanksgiving Tournament going 3-2 while University of St. Louis-Missouri recruit senior Kayla Hare reached a career milestone.

Bartlett opened the second week of the tournament hosting Batavia and was unable to overcome a slow start in a 54-39 loss on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

After committing nine turnovers in the first quarter, the Hawks fell behind 15-3 and were chasing the rest of the night. Bartlett's deficit grew to 34-17 by half-time.

"We weren't able to run our offense the way they've been taught to run it," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "We had too many quick shots and didn't take care

of the ball. We were kind of shell-shocked when they pulled out to the lead."

The Hawks did win the second half 22-20 as their shooting got better. Bartlett finished with seven three-pointers including two each from Hare (15 points), Justina Hernandez (eight points) and Lexie Sinclair (eight points) as well as one from Teagan Noesen.

Bartlett pulled to 40-27 after three quarters but was unable to make a serious dent into its deficit.

"It's the second straight game where we have laid an egg at the beginning of the game, so we need to figure some things out on how to prevent that from happening," Hunt said. "I thought the second half we were more patient and that elicited some open threes and drives to the basket, but you can't spot a team that many points at the beginning of the game

and expect to come back."

Hare reached 1,000 career points after scoring 34 in a 77-55 victory over Rockford Auburn while Sinclair added 22 points in the effort on Friday, Nov. 24 at Benet.

After scoring 28 more points in a 56-45 victory over St. Joseph, Hare is now at 1,031 career points after Saturday, Nov. 25 at Naperville Central.

Hare reached the scoring milestone a week after setting the Hawks career three-pointers record, and she said: "It's really exciting knowing all of the teammates I have had over the years who have helped me grow as a player."

Hernandez added 10 points, Sinclair six and both Noesen and Danielle Kleeman five in the St. Joseph victory.



Bartlett's Alexis Sinclair driving into the paint after negotiating past the Bulldogs' Erin Golden. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



After helping to create a turnover by Batavia's Morgan Haug, the Hawks' Savannah Standefer scooped up a loose ball before starting a fast break up the court.



# Bartlett struggles to 1-3 record at tournament

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team had some struggles to start the year going 1-3 at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

After opening with a win, the Hawks lost three straight capped by an overtime loss of 57-50 against Wheaton Academy on Saturday, Nov. 25.

"They shouldn't be playing with any rust," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith whose team returns four of five starters. "They have the experience. We need to play better than this."

Wolfsmith added: "If they want to beat good teams, they've got to play clean basketball."

In their opener, the Hawks defeated St. Francis 51-47 on Monday, Nov. 20.

Although a victory, Wolfsmith said his team played poorly and it carried over into a 62-48 loss against Metea Valley on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

"Basically we played as bad as we did yesterday," Wolfsmith said. "You can't play like that against good teams and expect to win."

The game was close early on at 14-14 after one quarter and Metea Valley ahead just 34-31 at halftime.

The Hawks trailed by eight, 47-39, entering the fourth quarter and would pull within four twice as Ben Tompson, who had a team-high 15 points, hit a pair of buckets to pull to 47-43 then later had a pair of free throws to make it 49-45 with 5:23 left to play. From there, the Hawks wouldn't score again until a Nick Mansk three-pointer in the final minute while

Metea Valley had went on a 13-0 run to make it 62-45.

Allowing runs was one of the Hawks downfalls throughout the game.

"You can't be giving up 6-0, 7-0 runs and expect to be successful," Wolfsmith said. "We were within two possessions with the ball in our hands, and it went downhill from there."

Austin Gates scored 10 points, Tomas Vikonis seven and Ben Fisher five to help lead the Hawks.

Bartlett followed with a 50-43 loss against Downers Grove North on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The Hawks allowed just four points in the first quarter in building a 13-4 lead and they remained ahead at 34-30 after three quarters before Downers Grove North won the final period 20-9.



Following a baseline drive, Bartlett's Tomas Vikonis elevated to get off a shot over Metea Valley's Brad Hartje.



Ben Fisher seizing a rebound for Bartlett away from the Mustangs' Manny Hess.



Austin Gates putting the ball on the floor while driving parallel to the lane and dealing with the presence of Wheaton Academy's Jayston Williams.



The Hawks' Ben Tompson completing an assault on the Metea Valley basket.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# BARTLETT Public Library District

## Read! Learn! Connect!

### Babies and Tots

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver. Includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise, movement and baby and toddler interaction.

### Adult Chess Club

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come learn and play in a friendly environment. All boards and pieces will be supplied. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide instruction.

### Stories for Everyone

Thursday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.

Includes stories, songs, and verse for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers.

### Girls Book Discussion

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.

Girls in grades four to six. Wonder by R.J. Palacio. New York Times Bestseller and now a motion picture. Register in person at the Youth & Teen Services Desk and pick up a free book. Registration required.

### Be Creative Day

Friday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.

All ages. Come explore painting activities in the Art Room available just for these special days. Children under age eight must be accompanied by a caregiver.

### Bluestem Book Club

Friday, Dec. 1, 3:30 p.m.

Grades four to six. Booktalks, games and activities to promote the 2017-2018 Bluestem Book Award Nominees.

### Get Started with LinkedIn

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.

Learn the basics of LinkedIn, the social networking site for employment and

business professionals. Valid email address required. Registration required.

### Wendy & DB

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.

In their newest album "HomeEarth," Wendy & DB, a dynamic duo/band from Chicago, address the important messages for children and all people that we need to work together, and take care of our wonderful world and ALL the folks that live in it. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

### Gift Wrapping Outside the Box

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m.

Presenter Krista Gardziella will teach you techniques to make those presents stand out under the tree. Supplies will be provided. BPLD cardholders only. Registration is required. Please call 837-3560 to reserve a space.

### Shaw Chicago Presents:

#### Santa Claus's Partner

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.

A joyous and thoughtful program for the holidays that contains three stories from the late 19th Century: "Santa Claus's Partner," "Nibsey's Christmas" and "Christmas Everyday." This performance by Shaw Chicago Theater Company will bring laughter and tears to all.

### Bartlett Creative Writers

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another's work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and share writing and publishing tips. For writers of all levels age 18 and older.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).



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## Bartlett Library celebrates via Family Reading Night



Bartlett librarians Phyllis Sadowski and Mary Beth Fuller had a packed room full of families ready to participate in the "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" Family Reading Night on Thursday, Nov. 16. (Courtesy photo)

On Thursday, Nov. 16, 96 youth and adult patrons gathered to celebrate Family Reading Night at the Bartlett Public Library District.

This year the Bartlett Rotarians partnered with the Bartlett Library to celebrate the night with stories and crafts. Throughout the state of Illinois, Family Reading Night takes place in November to encourage families to spend quality time while reading together. The statewide event is sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and Illinois Center for the Book.

The Bartlett Library's theme this year was based on the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff. Youth & Teen Services librarians Phyllis Sadowski and Mary Beth Fuller started the night out by putting their own spin on the story "If You Give a

Pig a Pancake." Sadowski had a pig puppet stick its head out to interrupt Fuller when she tried to read the book. The pig kept needing items such as syrup, bubbles, a suitcase and more. Every time the pig made a surprise appearance, there were loud laughs from the children watching.

Sadowski and Fuller also had an activity for the children to follow along with their hand motions and voices. They got to put up their hands on their heads like moose antlers and talk in funny voices because of the book "If You Give a Moose a Muffin."

When Sadowski and Fuller finished their part of the program, the children were split up into four groups to be read to by Rotarians. After that, each family was given a free book to take home, "The Best Place to Read" by Debbie Bertram and Susan Bloom

with illustrations by Michael Garland. After the reading was finished, everyone was free to munch on a cookie and color the mouse from the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." There were already cut slits on the page so they

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It's time to relax and enjoy some painting while sipping hot chocolate and munching on festive treats! Join the Bartlett Public Library District for Artsy Adulting. Registrants will each get to make three winter crafts to take home and use as winter decorations. A no-sew sock snowman, a wine glass candle holder and a canvas painting. Sign up online or call 837-3560 for just one of the sessions; you will make the same crafts at either time: Sunday, Dec. 10 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. or 2 to 3:30 p.m. The Bartlett Public Library is located at 800 S. Bartlett Road. For more information, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).

Think your family's up for a creative challenge? Stop by the Bartlett Library on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 12 to 4 p.m. to participate in fun activities and create winter crafts at various stations. You'll need to finish each task before moving on to the next one. There's no doubt you'll have fun in our family friendly version of "The Amazing Race." The Bartlett Public Library is located at 800 S. Bartlett Road. For more information, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).

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

Each of the past nine years, the Bartlett Lions Club has donated and delivered nearly 20,000 pounds of food, in the form of complete holiday meals, to 300 area families in need of help. This year, our local schools and food pantries indicate that need remains high. This year the Bartlett Lions would like to continue this holiday tradition for as many families as possible and are seeking the help of Bartlett residents and local businesses who are willing and able to support this effort. Monetary donations will be

gratefully accepted and used 100 percent to purchase as much food as possible through the Northern Illinois Food Bank at or below wholesale prices. The Bartlett Lions are a 501(c)(3) charity, and tax-deductible donations will be used exclusively to support this year's undertaking. If you feel that you can contribute at any level, please mail your donation (payable to Bartlett Lions Charities, Inc.) to: Bartlett Lions Charities, Inc., c/o Holiday Food Baskets, P.O. Box 8049, Bartlett, IL 60103. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help the Lions serve our community.

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

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

Bartlett Hills Golf Club is in search of area vendors who craft or have a home based business for their annual Craft and vendor show on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bartlett Hills GC, located at 800 W Oneida Ave. Please contact Mary at 224-236-6301 or email [mgearhart@vbartlett.org](mailto:mgearhart@vbartlett.org) or visit [www.bartletthills.com](http://www.bartletthills.com) for more information.

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

at 800 S. Bartlett Road. For more information, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).

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

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

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

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for Veterans who are interested in serving your community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

West Suburban Patriots Patriots Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until 11 a.m. at Wheaton Bowl banquet room

in Wheaton. There is no charge to attend their meetings. An a la carte breakfast is available for a nominal fee. Wheaton Bowl is located at 2031 N. Gary Ave. For more details, see [westsuburbanpatriots.com](http://westsuburbanpatriots.com).

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

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

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

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Village to consider downtown TIF See Page 11

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## Village Board approves three tax abatements

**By Chris Leman**

On Tuesday night, the Village Board of Bartlett approved three tax abatements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The first is for the Bartlett City Sports Center, which will receive a 10 percent abatement for five years. The second is for the Village of Bartlett, which will receive a 10 percent abatement for five years. The third is for the Village of Bartlett, which will receive a 10 percent abatement for five years.

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## Village tables vote on impervious standards

**By Chris Leman**

The Village Board of Bartlett is set to vote on a new ordinance that would require new construction to meet certain impervious standards. The ordinance would require that new construction have a maximum of 10 percent impervious cover. The Village Board is expected to vote on the ordinance on Tuesday night.

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## Wayne approves use of new land disturbance permit

**By Chris Leman**

The Village Board of Bartlett has approved a new land disturbance permit. The permit would require that any land disturbance project be approved by the Village Board. The permit would also require that the project be in compliance with certain standards. The Village Board is expected to vote on the permit on Tuesday night.

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**Getting ready to hit the trail**

Members of the Bartlett Trail Association are getting ready to hit the trail. The association is planning a trail ride on Tuesday night. The ride will start at the Bartlett Trail Association headquarters and will go to the Bartlett Trail Association headquarters. The ride will be a 10-mile ride. The Bartlett Trail Association is a non-profit organization that promotes trail riding in the Bartlett area.

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