

# Press for Smaller School District Continues

The Village's Strategic Plan for 2006-07 includes the objective: "Continue legislative efforts toward school district disconnection." One component of the Village's efforts in this regard is meetings with area legislators and other state leaders to provide them with information about the benefits of creating a smaller district and the proposed legislation that would help hasten the desired result.

Bartlett's current educational campaign began in the summer of 2005, when residents were invited to attend a series of workshops to discuss the benefits of smaller school districts and the potential for academic improvement. The information gleaned from these workshops was included in the message brought to legisla-

tors during the fall veto session. Several of the Village's elected officials and parents visited Springfield and met with members of the state legislature. These meetings will continue throughout the year, both locally and in Springfield, to keep the decision makers up to date on the necessary legislation and other issues surrounding disconnection.

Another component of pursuing a new, improved school district is providing support to the diverse coalition of U-46 residents seeking disconnection from the district. This will include broadening the information and communication efforts that go out, to include the whole of U-46 and not just the residents in the southeastern quadrant of the district.



## POLICE BEAT

The Bartlett Police Department celebrated the promotions of Geoffrey Pretkelis, Patrick Ullrich and Richard Stickling, shown left to right with Chief of Police Dan Palmer.

Pretkelis, with the department since 1996, earned the rank of sergeant. Ullrich stepped up from sergeant to commander. He joined Bartlett in 1998.

Stickling was promoted from commander to deputy chief to fill the position of

recently retired Deputy Chief Dan Maloney.

Deputy Chief Stickling was hired by Bartlett in 1981 and served as an unsworn community service officer. In 1989 he was sworn in as a patrol officer and in 1994 was promoted to sergeant. While a sergeant, he served as a supervisor of both Patrol and the Public Services Bureau. He was promoted to commander in 2004, after he completed training at the FBI National Academy.

