

## **Press Clippings 02/15/2019**

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### **Police: South Elgin High School student threw bleach on another student**

**By: Elena Ferrarin and Madhu Krishnamurthy**



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The incident happened at about 6:50 a.m. Wednesday at the school, 760 E. Main St., South Elgin, when two female students got into a fight over a social media post, South Elgin Police Sgt. Mike Doty said in a news release.

Authorities say a 14-year-old girl brought a water bottle filled with bleach, opened it and threw the contents onto a 15-year-old girl. The 15-year-old had no reported injuries, Doty said.

Three school staff members tried to stop the altercation; two of them got bleach on their faces and one suffered an upper body injury, Doty said. All three were taken to Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin and were treated and released.

The 14-year-old was charged with one count of aggravated battery and one count of misdemeanor battery, he said.

"South Elgin police would like to remind all parents and guardians to speak with and be involved with their children about issues happening on social media," Doty said. "Educate them on the dangers of taking matters into their own hands and the repercussions that could happen when they act out of something that occurred on social media."

John Heiderscheidt, Elgin Area School District U-46 director of school safety and culture, said officials are working closely with the injured employees to help them return to work once they have been cleared by medical professionals.

The 14-year-old's actions violate school board policy and the Student Code of Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly, he said.

"Part of our interventions are restorative practices," Heiderscheidt said. "There is no such thing as an automatic expulsion. Zero tolerance is against the law in Illinois. We assess the factors in student discipline situations ... we consider the health of the individual, the academics, the peer factors, any bullying factors, prior experiences in our discipline or our academic institution, prior experiences or exposure to trauma ... looking at the totality of circumstances."

Heiderscheidt said while officials don't monitor all students' social media activities, if they become aware of students threatening each other on social media, even if it is outside of the school day, they try to intervene.

"I don't know that we had any prior information that suggested that this was going to happen," he said. "The call to action to the community, and to parents, is, if you are aware of something, please say something. We are here to help with those situations ... we are here to try to have a restorative conference and try to put people back together so kids can work out this conflict without leading to violence."

## **Elgin Chamber hosts annual meeting, award ceremony Feb. 20**

**By: Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce**



- One of the local success stories is the welding lab at Elgin High School, which will be honored with the Elgin Development Group's Workforce Award during the next Elgin Area Chamber's High Five Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The Elgin Area Chamber's annual meeting and High Five Awards Ceremony will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Gifford's Kitchen & Social, 2300 Bushwood Drive in Elgin. The event was rescheduled from Jan. 30 due to the extreme cold.

The event will combine the glitz and pageantry of the High Five Awards with the 111th annual meeting into one high flying and fun reception.

The event begins at 4 p.m. with networking until 5 p.m. followed by the program.

This brief program features the formal installation of board members: Nancy Abuali of Radius International; Ian Lamp of Lamp Construction; and Michael Wong of SmithAmundson.

It will be followed by a presentation of the Elgin Area Chamber and Elgin Development Group's success stories for 2018 and concludes with the recognition of our High Five Award winning members and organizations who helped contribute to the chamber's success in 2018.

The following awards will be presented:

- Ambassador Award: Dr. Lee Plasmier
- Small Business Award: Herb's Bakery
- Large Business Award: Motorola
- Showcase Business Award: Newhaven Display
- EDG Workforce Award: Elgin Area School District U-46 Welding Lab at Elgin High School
- EDG Business Development Award: iHerb
- Leadership Award: Mike Warren, ROI
- Nonprofit Award: YWCA Elgin
- Emerging Leader Award: Steve Kroiss, 79 Ratio
- Partnership Award: WRMN Radio

Tickets for the event are \$35 each and includes hors d'oeuvres and complimentary drink ticket.

Reserve your tickets in advance on our website at [ElginChamber.com](http://ElginChamber.com).

The chamber wishes to thank event sponsors Brittain's Car Wash, Rauschenberger Financial Advisors and Gifford's Kitchen & Social.

## **Larkin dancers to bring 'El Deafo' graphic novel to life onstage**

**By: Larkin High School**



- Quetzle Jacob, center, portrays Cece in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.



- Noa Greenfeld, left, in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.



- Alexa Kimsey in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.



- Part of the cast in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.

Larkin High School's Visual and Performing Arts Academy will present a dancing adaptation of "El Deafo," a graphic novel written and illustrated by Cece Bell.

This "Bring a Book to Life" adaptation is described as a touching story about a little girl who loses her hearing due to illness, and the related emotions she encounters on her journey through grade school.

Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15; and 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Larkin auditorium, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults; for information, call (847) 888-5200, ext. 8420.

The 3 p.m. Saturday performance will include a sign-language interpreter.

## About the book

"El Deafo" is a loosely autobiographical account of Bell's childhood and living with her deafness. However, the characters in the book are all bunnies. Bell, in an interview with Horn Book Magazine, stated, "What are bunnies known for? Big ears; excellent hearing," rendering her choice of characters and their deafness ironic.



- Quetzle Jacob, center, portrays Cece in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.

Cece Bell required the assistance of a Phonic Ear hearing aid while she was growing up. While the hearing aid enables her to hear the world around her, it also distances her from some children her own age because she is seen as "different."

This causes both frustration and depression for Cece -- she is desperate to find a true friend, but frequently feels that she has to accept poor treatment from others, being afraid of losing what few friends she has.



- Zoe Palmer, center, in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," Tuesday in Elgin.

She deals with these feelings by treating her hearing aid as a superpower, as it gives her the ability to hear everything. For example, she hears private teacher conversations, as her teachers wear a tiny microphone that transmits sound to Cece's hearing aid; and not every teacher remembers to turn it off when they leave the classroom. She adopts the secret nickname "El Deafo."

As time passes, Cece grows more assertive and opens up to the people around her, especially when she meets a new friend who doesn't seem to care that she wears a hearing aid. She also grows comfortable in confronting people that treat her differently because of her deafness, finding that many of them are largely unaware that their actions cause her emotional harm.



- Alexa Kimsey in Larkin High School Visual and Performing Arts Academy's "Bring a Book to Life" dance adaptation of "El Deafo," a graphic novel by Cece Bell.

Ultimately Cece opens up to her new friend and reveals her secret persona "El Deafo," much to the delight of her friend, who agrees to serve as her sidekick. As she gets older, she realizes that she no longer has to hide her "superpower" with others.

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### **3 staff injured in fight**

Altercation involved pair of students, thrown bleach

**By: Rafael Guerrero**

A South Elgin High School student used bleach as a weapon in a Tuesday morning fight in which three staff members were injured, authorities said Thursday.

A 14-year-old girl was arrested and charged with one count of felony aggravated battery and one count of misdemeanor battery, South Elgin Sgt. Mike Doty said in a news release.

The incident occurred about 7 a.m. Tuesday inside the school and involved two female students fighting over a social media post, the release said. One of the girls brought a water bottle filled with bleach and threw it at the other girl, who is 15, the release said.

Two staff members were injured when the bleach went on their faces and a third received an upper body injury, Doty said.

All three were treated for non-life-threatening injuries at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, the release said. Neither girl was injured.

The 14-year-old girl was taken to juvenile court, the release said.

John Heiderscheidt, U46's director of school safety and culture, called the use of bleach to potentially cause physical harm an "extremely serious offense." The district's student code of conduct will be used to determine disciplinary action, he said.

"If there is conflict that you are seeing on social media — that someone is planning on bringing in bleach or any other weapon — please call us immediately, please call your local police department," Heiderscheidt said.

Doty said it's important for parents to be aware of what's happening with their children's use of social media.

"South Elgin police would like to remind all parents and guardians to speak with and be involved with their children about issues happening on social media," Doty said in the release. "Educate them on the dangers of taking matters into their own hands and the repercussions that could happen when they act out of something that occurred on social media."

## **Embracing victims of sexual assault, abuse**

Supporters rally at Long Red Line event

**By: Rafael Guerrero**



- A group of people interlock red scarves in solidarity with the victims of violence and sexual abuse Thursday at The Long Red Line event at Elgin Community College.



- This is the third year The Long Red Line event has been held at Elgin Community College. Its goal is to draw attention to the issue of sexual abuse and to offer support for those who have survived it.

Deanna Hynes no longer is silent of the sexual abuse she and her sister endured as children.

Hynes, a sexual assault prevention educator with the Community Crisis Center in Elgin, endured sexual abuse at the hands of her father. It took years for Hynes and her sister to disclose their trauma to loved ones and report it to the authorities. Her father is now in prison for the abuse against Hynes' sister, while legal proceedings continue with regards to his abuse against Hynes.

“The reality and truth of our childhood was shared to the world and vindicated by our criminal justice system,” said Hynes, a McHenry County native.. “We are not broken, we are not damaged, we are not unlovable — we are survivors.”

Hynes and other women shared their stories of abuse, of support, and of empowerment at Thursday’s The Long Red Line event in the main lounge at Elgin Community College. The event — which culminates with the interlocking of dozens of red scarves — is now in its seventh year.

“In dreams, seeing a scarf can symbolize self-restriction, the repression of emotion or creativity, feeling silenced, the voice muffled,” said Vicki Rae Harder-Thorne, the event’s committee chair. She first shared being raped four decades earlier at the first The Long Red Line in 2013.

“A long red line of scarves like we will create today — standing in silence, chosen in silence, without any shame or guilt — is a powerful metaphor,” Harder-Thorne said.

Denise Tracy, a chaplain with the Elgin Police Department, said she is impressed with The Long Red Line, which began as an outdoor event. She said the message resonates through history, especially as #metoo, #timesup and similar social movements give it an international platform unlike any seen before. The movements strive to hold men accountable for abuses of power through sex or harassment.

“I think the truth is powerful and it inspires change,” she said.

Eight women shared different stories and messages with the dozens in attendance at Thursday’s event. Hynes and Harder-Thorne’s stories discussed their respective personal traumas. City Councilwoman Rose Martinez prayed with the audience, hoping the “peace we seek be here now.”

ECC student Nicole Gilman read an excerpt from the play “The Vagina Monologues” titled “My Short Skirt,” which says a woman’s clothing choice is not an “invitation” or “provocation” to commit assault or harassment but rather a symbol of “defiance, happiness, and liberation.”

Police Chief Ana Lalley reminded people of the area’s network of groups, organizations and agencies that support women and victims of violence, such as the Community Crisis Center. She said she’s attended The Long Red Line for several years now and appreciated the “positive momentum” the event inspires in Elgin.

Traci O’Neal Ellis, a former **School District U46** board member, shared her story of raising two sons. She said she believes respect for women begins in childhood, and she raised her children under that same belief. That remains a topic of discussion in her family even though her sons are now adults and have children of their own.

“I’m clear with (my 6-year-old grandson) also that it is OK to cry,” she said. “It is OK to show emotions other than power and anger. We’re human. ... I tell him it’s OK to feel all the feels.”

## **SPORTS**

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### **South Elgin survives Barrington in double OT**

**By: Scott Walsh**

From Barrington's first possession in the Class 4A Elgin regional final Thursday night, South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack screamed at the officials to call traveling against the Fillies.

Nearly two hours later, he finally got the call -- and it all but sealed the Storm's 60-51 victory.

Barrington took one step too many along the baseline with 31.2 seconds left in the game's second overtime. The turnover gave the ball back to the Storm, who held a tenuous 55-51 lead.

Barrington never scored again, while South Elgin hit 5 of 6 free throws down the stretch to give Mandernack his first regional title in his last four tries after coming up short in 2016, 2017 and 2018. He clutched his toddler son Antoš in his arms as he watched his girls receive the championship net at half court.

"Both teams were great and this is what it's all about," said an emotional Mandernack, as he paused to gather his feelings. "These girls have gone through a lot this year...I told them to just stay together, stay good teammates and keep fighting through. And they did."

The Storm (20-11) advances to play the winner of tomorrow night's game between Rockford Boylan and Belvidere North at the Class 4A Belvidere North sectional on Tuesday.

Junior Madison Waichunas was clutch down the stretch, scoring 9 of her game-best 18 points in the fourth quarter and second overtime. Her final bucket of the night, a short inside shot off the Storm's swirling cut-and-cycle offense, gave South Elgin a 52-51 lead they never relinquished.

"I knew that was a game-changer when I made it," Waichunas said. "We really stayed focused tonight and never lost our concentration. We knew we were going to win this game. We've had to step up like that the last couple of games, and this showed that we can really work together. It's an amazing feeling."

Waichunas's classmate sharpshooter Megan McClure, normally lethal from 3-point range, endured a miserable night from the floor -- she was just 2 of 11 from beyond the arc, and came up empty on her first six shots -- yet still wound up with 16 points, including four crucial free throws late in the second bonus stanza. Freshman Caroline Croft added 11 -- and a half-dozen rebounds, three in the second extra period.

Sydney Granby, who was a force to be reckoned with as Barrington (11-16) sought to pound the ball inside in the second half, had 13 points and Anna Mae King a dozen. Junior Taylor Thompson was in foul trouble much of the night and scored just 7 points, but all were in the fourth quarter with the game on the line.

"I'm really proud of our kids. They battled hard," said Barrington coach Babbi Barriero. "I think we did just about everything but win the game, frankly. We had a lot of chances down the stretch with some good shots inside but just couldn't get 'em to drop. Those are the shots we want to take and those are the shots that have been working for us all year. We let too many rebounds get away and they got some second chances at crucial times. That hurt us."

The first quarter was the usual feeling out period one often sees at this time of year. King bookended a long jumper and a drive around a 13-footer by Granby to give the Fillies a 6-2 lead out of the gate. South Elgin then put up seven straight to take a 9-6 lead in the final minutes before Shanna Turczynski (9 points) hit the first of her three 3-pointers to tie the game at 9-9 after one.

There were five ties and eight lead changes in the first 12 minutes before Barrington closed the half with a 10-3 run to take a 27-23 lead at the break.

After the intermission, and after such an intense second quarter, the third quarter looked like it was from another game. Barrington managed just three points in the quarter on a Turczynski bomb 70 seconds into the period, yet still managed to own a slim 30-29 advantage thanks to South Elgin's 3 of 12 shooting in the period.

The Storm took the lead on McClure's second, and last, trey of the night with 7:47 left in the fourth quarter. From that point it went back and forth for the remainder of regulation: the lead changed hands five times and was tied four, including when Granby put in a loose ball as time expired to force bonus basketball.

The teams traded four points in the first overtime to go to the second knotted at 49.

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### **Cole provides fuel**

NIU recruit erupts for 40 points in Streamwood's loss to West Aurora

**By: Paul Johnson**



- Streamwood's Keenon Cole has two 40-point games this season, most recent in Friday's 103-93 loss to West Aurora.

Streamwood's Keenon Cole has had a big regular season, averaging 25 points.

The senior forward really lit up the scoreboard in Friday's wild 103-93 loss to West Aurora.

Cole, a Northern Illinois recruit, led all scorers with 40 points — his second 40-point game this season.

“It was bucket after bucket,” he said. “It was a fast-paced game. They scored a lot off of transition, and we scored more off our transition.”

Cole and the Sabres have really turned up the heat since Jan. 25, when sophomores Darrel Luce, Kyle Maybrun and Jakobe Strong were elevated to the varsity.

Streamwood (12-16, 8-9) has gone 5-3 in that span, averaging 78 points and topping 80 points five times.

“I think we’re getting more comfortable playing with each other,” Streamwood coach Kent Payne said. “You know, we brought those young guys up. Just getting used to playing together, I think that’s really made a big difference for us.”

The constant has been Cole. He’s the team’s statistical leader, and now he’s bringing along young players who will take the torch from him when he heads to DeKalb.

“I’ve loved it so far,” Cole said. “It’s a work in progress, like it’s been from day one when I came to Streamwood.

“(Former coach Paul) Kowalyszyn trusted me to put me on varsity. It’s been a learning experience for me. I’m teaching the young guys to cherish everything because it’s over quickly.”

It may be over soon at Streamwood for Cole, but he has another chapter of his career yet to come at NIU.

“I’m really interested to see what kind of game I’ll have and how I change my game for the college level,” Cole said.

He still has more to prove at Streamwood, however, before he leaves.

“We have a team goal to win a regional,” Cole said. “I feel like we’re really capable of it. We’ve been close with all of these teams. Clean things up and play our best late in the game and we feel like we’ll be able to shock some people.”

**Battle-tested:** Although the record doesn’t jump off the page, St. Charles North (10-14, 4-8) has played a big-time schedule.

That gives North Stars coach Tom Poulin hope his team can make a postseason run. The sectional seeds will be announced Friday afternoon.

The North Stars have faced an uphill battle all season, but they picked up quality wins against Danville and St. Joseph and had single-digit losses to Batavia, St. Charles East, Simeon and South Elgin.

“We are in every single basketball game against good teams, against everybody,” Poulin said. “It’s time to win. We can. We can win a regional. This group can win a regional.

“People might laugh at me, but this group is good enough to win a regional. We have the pieces. We just have to be locked in mentally for 32 minutes.”

**Regional-ready:** The Class 1A postseason begins Monday, and Harvest Christian earned the second seed in its half of the Serena Sectional.

The Lions (15-7, 8-0) barreled through the Northeastern Athletic Conference undefeated.

Now, the focus turns to the playoffs.

Harvest gets the winner of Monday's matchup between Elgin Academy and the host Warriors in Thursday's Westminster Christian Regional semifinal.

"We have a pretty tough regional, but I am excited about the opportunity we have to make a run," Harvest coach Bryan Bradshaw said. "Our guys are filling their roles nicely and have a lot of experience that hopefully will help us in these big games."

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## Boys Basketball

### Top 5

With records through Wednesday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. South Elgin 20-6 (1)
2. Dundee-Crown 17-7 (2)
3. Burlington Central 17-8 (3)
4. St. Charles East 16-12 (NR)
5. Hampshire 15-12 (4)

**Player of the Week:** Keenon Cole helped Streamwood split a pair of Upstate Eight games. He poured in a game-high 40 points in a 103-93 loss to West Aurora and scored 25 points in an 80-68 win over Elgin.

## Bartlett cruises after early 3-pointer from freshman Hare

Scores 20 points as Hawks next face Wheaton North in 4A regional title game

**By: Paul Johnson**



- Bartlett's Mackenzie Hare rises for a shot in front of Glenbard East's Sophie Moore during Tuesday night's Class 4A regional semifinal.

Bartlett coach Brad Hunt was worried his team would come out with complacency Wednesday night.

After all, the Hawks had beaten Glenbard East twice handily on their way to the Upstate Eight Conference title.

Hunt's worries, however, were quickly erased. Mackenzie Hare hit a corner 3-pointer only 15 seconds into the game as the Hawks rolled to a 58-21 victory in the Class 4A Bartlett Regional semifinals.

Hare, a freshman guard, scored a game-high 20 points for the third-seeded Hawks (27-4), who advanced to face fifth-seeded Wheaton North at 7 p.m. Friday for the regional title.

Wheaton North notched a 39-26 win over Schaumburg in Wednesday's other semifinal.

"It starts the game off strong and the rest of the team gets hyped up, so it's the best for us," Hare said of her 3-pointer on the opening possession.

"We definitely have to treat every team like they're the best out there. We want to come out strong."

Hare hit three 3-pointers and scored 11 points as the Hawks opened up with a 13-0 lead. That grew to 22-2 near the end of the first quarter.

"It's good to get the first one out of the way," Hunt said. "We talked about how hard it is to beat a team three times in a row. If we could get off to a good start, it was likely that we could do some damage."

"I thought the press and our energy was phenomenal."

Bartlett harassed Glenbard East (8-24) into 37 turnovers.

"That's definitely important," Hare said. "We have a bunch of girls who can just get a steal."

The extra possessions helped the Hawks overcome shooting 23-for-62 from the field and 5-for-13 from the free-throw line.

"If we're going to be a championship team, we have some stuff to clean up," Hunt said. "We can't do what we did (Wednesday) and expect to win Friday."

Hare scored 17 points in the first half and hit another 3-pointer in the third quarter before Hunt turned to the bench for the rest of the game.

Sophomore guard Lexie Sinclair added 12 points for Bartlett.

Hare was excited about her first postseason appearance. She's also looking forward to the chance of winning Bartlett's first regional title in three seasons.

"My teammates definitely helped me get over the nerves," Hare said. "I've been waiting for this for a while, so it was very exciting. We're ready."