

Press Clippings - 5/30/2023

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Images: Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, Bartlett and Streamwood graduation ceremonies Class of 2023

May 30, 2023

By Paul Valade

Photos from the **Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, Bartlett and Streamwood high school** graduation ceremonies from Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates.



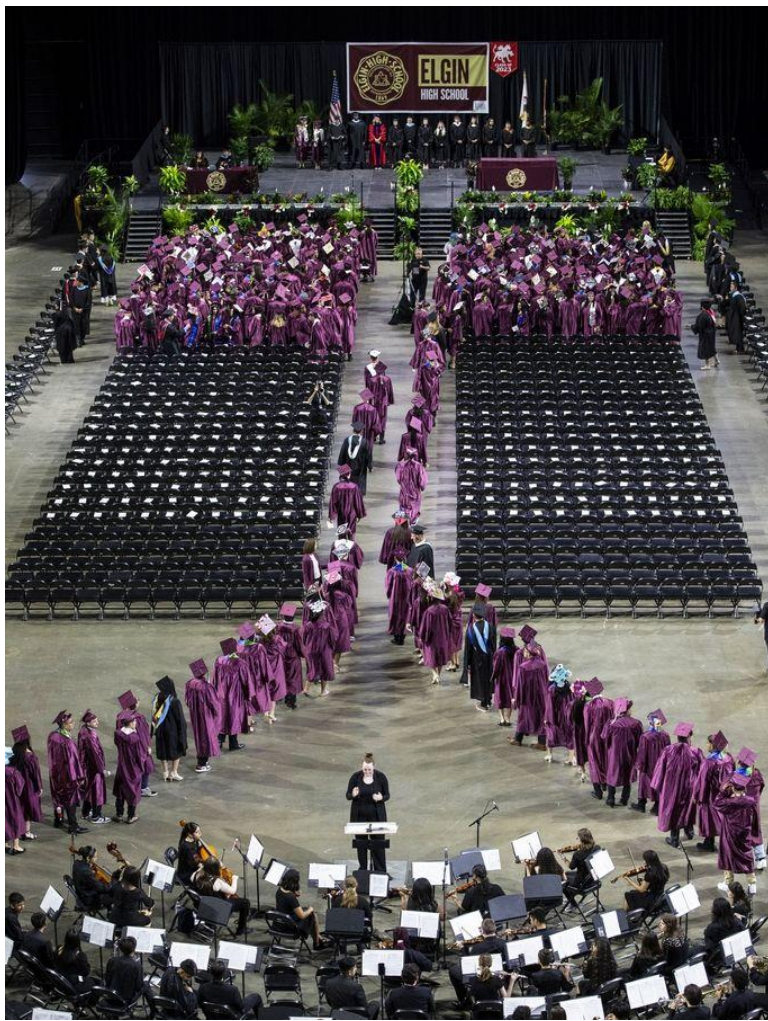
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South Elgin High School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates. Courtesy of John Konstantaras/**School District U-46**



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Bartlett High School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates. Courtesy of John Konstantaras/**School District U-46**



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Streamwood High School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates. Courtesy of John Konstantaras/**School District U-46**



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Kindergarten Readiness

May 29, 2023

By Madhu Krishnamurthy

The Elgin Partnership for Early Learning is marking its 10th year of helping improve children's readiness for kindergarten.

The nonprofit, which recently received its 501(c) (3) status, is launching its annual summer Learning on the Go programs in six Elgin and three Hanover Park neighborhoods. It provides storytime and literacy resources to at-risk families, mostly Latino.

A key readiness measure is whether children can master five key concepts -- talk, play, read, write and do -- often learned in preschool.

The group has more than 150 partners working to provide children and their families with the resources they need in health care, nutrition, literacy and social engagement to help children learn, grow, and excel in their first five years.

Those first five years are critical, as studies show 85% to 90% of brain growth happens during that time, Executive Director Amber Peters said.

"The impact we have on kindergarten readiness is a big influence on our children's ability to thrive throughout their entire education," Peters said.

The group's work is reflected in improved readiness scores for Elgin Area School District U-46 kindergartners. In 2017, only 10% of U-46 students tested ready for kindergarten. In the 2022 school year, the Illinois State Board of Education reported that number jumped to 24%.

From June 5 through July 24, the partnership will bring Learning on the Go programs to neighborhood parks, community centers, schools and apartment complexes. These free, bilingual events offer learning through play, story time and crafts, and provide an opportunity for children to check out books from Gail Borden or Poplar Creek libraries' bookmobiles.

Programs will be held on the following days and times:

- Mondays -- 10-11 a.m. at Drake Park, 701 Hastings, Elgin; 11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Park, 1540 Mulberry Lane, Elgin;
- Tuesdays -- 10--11 a.m. at Parkwood School, 2150 Lauren Ave., Hanover Park; 1--2 p.m. at Mill/Buena Vista Apartments, 1285 Fleetwood Drive, Elgin;
- Wednesdays -- 10--11 a.m. at Rivers Landing Apartments, 3 Times Square, Elgin; 11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. at Astor Center, 7341 Astor Ave., Hanover Park, and at Lords Park (East Shelter), 323 Waverly Drive, Elgin;

• Thursdays -- 10--11 a.m. at Century Oaks School, 1235 Braeburn Drive, Elgin, and at Ontarioville School, 2100 Elm St., Hanover Park.

For more information, visit elginpartnership.org. Call EPEL's resource helpline at (844) KID-INFO.

To read full article, [click here](#).

–Courier News/Chicago Tribune –

Elgin News Digest: Advocate to move monument from old Sherman campus

May 28, 2023

By Staff Reports

Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin began work this past week to relocate a monument from its former campus on Center Street to its current location on Randall Road.

The monument marked what was once the Cooper Avenue entrance to the hospital. Advocate Sherman public affairs manager Kirsten Johnson said that in honor of the hospital's 135th anniversary, a public monument re-installation ceremony will be held in July.

The hospital moved to Randall Road in late 2009, and the 14-acre campus was sold to Chicago-based Freedom Development Group in 2019. When that company went into foreclosure, a Kane County judge approved an order that gave Westridge Lending LLC ownership of the site.

School District U-46 has a letter of intent to potentially buy the site, which includes a 254,000-square-foot hospital building, parking lot and open land, but there has been no decision if the district will move forward with the purchase.

To read full article, [click here](#).

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Local Fare: Breaking down key postseason matchups in a busy week for high school sports

May 28, 2023

By John Radtke

Is it June yet?

During the many years I spent as a full-time high school sports writer and editor, we would start asking that question during the blizzards of winter, and then the monsoons

of spring. As Memorial Day weekend came around, we'd ask again because we were finally seeing a light at the end of the high school sports season tunnel.

Don't get me wrong. We love what we do, or we wouldn't invest ourselves in it the way we do. But when Memorial Day hits, it's a sign that those final championships are at hand, and with them will come time to take a breath and prepare for a new season.

Before we get that breath, though, there are championships to be won. This coming week of high school sports is a busy one, with state titles to be doled out in boys volleyball, boys and girls lacrosse, and girls soccer before baseball and softball state finals close things out for 2022-23 on June 9-10.

Here's a snapshot, taken with a wide-angle lens, at the upcoming week.

Boys volleyball:

Defending state champ Glenbard West is still alive and takes on Conant Tuesday in the **South Elgin sectional final**, with a berth in Friday's state quarterfinals at Hoffman Estates on the line. The other sectional finals on Tuesday include: Glenbrook South vs. Glenbrook North at GBN, Oak Park-River Forest vs. Chicago Payton at OP-RF, Whitney Young vs. St. Ignatius at Chicago Jones, Barrington vs. Hononegah at Grant, O'Fallon vs. Lincoln-Way West at LW-W, Marist vs. Brother Rice at Brother Rice, and, Lyons Twp. Vs. Downers Grove North at Oswego.

Baseball:

Sectional semifinals for Class 3A and 4A teams are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday statewide, and our area has myriad teams still alive. In Class 4A, Huntley faces Jacobs on Wednesday and Grant takes on Hononegah on Thursday at Dundee-Crown; St. Charles East battles York and Batavia faces Wheaton Warrenville South in a Wednesday DH at Judson University in Elgin; at Mundelein, it'll be Stevenson vs. Libertyville on Wednesday and Barrington vs. Hersey on Thursday, and at Romeoville, Downers Grove North plays Oswego East on Wednesday. In Class 3A at Grayslake Central, Cary-Grove draws. Lake Forest on Wednesday and the host Rams will tackle Crystal Lake South on Thursday; and, at Kaneland, Burlington Central faces Lemont on Wednesday and St. Francis faces Sycamore on Thursday.

Softball:

We said last week that the Class 4A St. Charles North sectional was the toughest in the state and nothing's changed our thinking. Tuesday's semifinal has defending state champ SCN taking on Fremd, and on Wednesday Lake Park plays **South Elgin**. An intriguing matchup in the Wednesday semifinal at Oswego has Wheaton Warrenville South taking on West Chicago, which upset Wheaton North in the regional finals for the Wildcats' first regional title since 2012. And out at Rockton Hononegah, Huntley will get a chance for a little payback when it faces Hampshire in the first of two semifinals on Tuesday. Hampshire, which upset top-seeded Hononegah for a regional title, ended Huntley's 50-game Fox Valley Conference winning streak earlier this season. Barrington plays the 7 p.m. game Tuesday in Rockton against Machesney Park Harlem. And at Warren, Tuesday' semifinal pits Buffalo Grove vs. Libertyville and on Wednesday,

Palatine plays the host Blue Devils.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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Baseball: Big fourth inning sends St. Charles East past Schaumburg for regional crown

May 27, 2023

By Dave Hess

There wasn't the least bit of panic.

Trailing ninth-seeded Schaumburg 3-1 after 3 1/2 innings, top-seeded St. Charles East rallied for 4 runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The result was a 5-3 win for the Saints in the Class 4A Glenbard West regional championship game Saturday morning at Village Green Park in Glen Ellyn.

The Saints (28-4) advance to the **South Elgin sectional** at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday hosted by Judson University against the winner of York/**South Elgin**. The Saxons end the season with a 16-13 mark.

"When we got down I knew we had plenty of game left," said St. Charles East coach Len Asquini, who will retire at the end of the season. "We had great situational hitting in the fourth. We maximized our opportunities."

To read the full article, click [here](#).