

# Press Clippings - 5/31/2023

## – Daily Herald –

### Hanover Township Summer Open Gym to begin June 5

May 31, 2023

By Hanover Township

The Hanover Township Summer Open Gym Program will begin June 5 and run through August 4. This free program will be offered at four schools throughout the Township as well as the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve (899 Jay Street, Elgin).

Youth will participate in a combination of team building activities, recreation, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects, and arts and crafts activities. Open Gym is designed to give youth a safe, fun, and positive place to go that allows them to make new friends and showcase their skills while being around positive, caring adult staff.

Summer Open Gym will run Monday through Friday, noon to 4PM, at the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve as well as:

- Mondays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-14 at **Ontarioville Elementary**, 2100 Elm Avenue, Hanover Park.
- Tuesdays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-14, at **Oakhill Elementary**, 502 S Oltendorf Road, Streamwood.
- Wednesdays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-16, at **Oakhill Elementary**, 502 S Oltendorf Road, Streamwood.
- Thursdays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-14, at **Timber Trails Elementary**, 1675 McDonough Road, Hoffman Estates.
- Thursdays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-14, at **Timber Trails** • Fridays, noon to 4:00PM, for ages 5-16, at **Ontarioville Elementary**, 2100 Elm Avenue, Hanover Park.

To register or to inquire about volunteering, please visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) or contact the Township at (630) 483-5799.

# **– Daily Herald –**

## **Elgin Riverside Club selects John P. Schroeder as 2023 Man of the Year**

**May 31, 2023**

**By Elgin Riverside Club**

The Elgin Riverside Club honors John P. Schroeder as its 2023 Man of the Year.

Schroeder is a 1978 graduate of Elgin High School and attended Elgin Community College. He worked for many years at the City of Elgin as the assistant superintendent of buildings maintenance.

He is currently working for St. Edward Central Catholic High School as the facilities manager for the Elgin school. He resides in Elgin with his wife of 16 years, Jan. Together, they have five children and grandchildren. John is the son of James and Sharon Schroeder and has three brothers: James, Joseph and Jeffrey.

Schroeder has been a member of the Elgin Riverside Club since January 2004. He has held several club positions during that time: house committee member, trustee and, currently, vice president.

Over the years, he has been involved with many events and projects around the club: holiday raffles, spring cleanup, Fitchie Memorial Riverside Golf Outing, created the Snifters and Stogies Day, securing lifts and electrical for the parking lot lights, updating the sign at the entrance of the parking lot, and many other various projects to improve the club experience.

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

# – Examiner of Bartlett –

## Johnson poised to be next U-46 superintendent

(This article appeared in the Examiner of South Elgin/Examiner of Streamwood)

May 31, 2023

By Seth Hancock



### Interim to become permanent

According to an announcement by School District U-46 Suzanne Johnson, current interim district superintendent, will be named the next superintendent of School District U-46. Johnson will be formally announced pending contract negotiations and formal board of education approval at a June board meeting.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Suzanne Johnson has been named the next superintendent of School District U-46, according to a May 23 press release from the district.

Johnson has been the interim superintendent since February after former Superintendent Tony Sanders left the district to become the Illinois State Superintendent.

According to the press release, Johnson will be the next superintendent “pending the successful outcome of contract negotiations and approval at a June 2023 Board meeting.” If approved, she would officially become the superintendent on July 1. In March, the board approved of hiring Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA) to assist in an internal search at a cost of \$22,500.

In April, HYA released a document with a profile of the desired characteristics of the superintendent based on meetings with district staff, parents and students which described the characteristic of having “had successful experience in a diverse district, demonstrating relationship building and a successful track record of student achievement to be its next Superintendent.”

“The Board seeks someone who is an empathetic communicator, who listens carefully while collaboratively developing and patiently implementing with the Board a vision,

with its goals and the district's wide array of programs," the report states. "In addition, the selected candidate will be a person of integrity who is visible and approachable in the community and the District making data informed decisions, building teams, especially in the development of a team relationship with the Board."

The report adds: "The next **Superintendent of School District U-46** will work collaboratively with the staff and community as an advocate that reflects a student focus. The **School District U46 Board of Education** is looking for a person, who will lead in diversity and equity especially as they relate to human resources and student achievement, and committing to stay with the district for a significant tenure."

**Johnson** has been with the district for 26 years, previously as the deputy superintendent of instruction. She has an undergraduate degree from University of Iowa, a master's in curriculum and instruction from DePaul University and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from University of Illinois-Chicago.

## **– Examiner of Bartlett – Hawk Hollow conversion ripe with traffic concerns**

**May 31, 2023**

**By Seth Hancock**

The Village Board of Trustees was presented with a proposal from **School District U-46** related to the conversion of **Hawk Hollow from an elementary school to a middle school** at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, May 16.

The conversion would increase the enrollment from 293 students currently to a potential of 750 students which left some trustees leery of the plans as there are traffic issues presently, specifically during drop off and pick up.

Village President Kevin Wallace said: "It's kind of a wreck over there right now.... And if you add students, you're going to add cars, a lot of them. Especially in middle school. Middle school students don't like taking the bus."

The proposal includes "a two-story addition as well as two parking lots providing a total 236 parking spaces," Kristy Stone, planning and development services director, wrote in a memo. "**U-46** anticipates a total of 27 classrooms and a maximum enrollment of 750

students upon completion of the expansion. The majority of the expansion is devoted to flex/ lab space, library expansion and a new gymnasium.”

The site of the school is off of Jacaranda Drive which has single-family homes surrounding it.

Being requested is a plat of consolidation to make a single lot and rezoning the 19.9-acre lot to public lands where it is currently designated for both public lands and suburban residential. It also includes a request to remove an extension of Fair Oaks Road from a future land use plan.

“Improvements include a building addition to upgrade the school to a Middle School,” wrote Claudia Welp, project manager with Cage Engineering, in a letter. “Site upgrades include increased parking to meet Village requirements, separate parent and bus drop off loops, separate parent and bus entrance/exits to the site, and associated pavement, utility and stormwater upgrades.”

The plan will move to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and a required public hearing, and the board wants further review from a traffic engineer.

## **– Examiner of Bartlett –**

### **U-46 Board slated to vote on myriad of expenses**

**(This article appeared in the Examiner of South Elgin/Examiner of Streamwood)**

**May 31, 2023**

**By Seth Hancock**

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on \$261,054 in expenditure items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 5. The items were presented on May 15.

Included is \$129,500 with Corwin, coming from the education fund and reimbursed through federal grants if approved, to hire Doug Fisher as a curriculum consultant. It is for a revision to the middle school curriculum as the district prepares to transition to sixth grade moving to that level from elementary.

The proposal states that “we determined that an expert consultant to guide the work would support the curriculum writing teams to ensure alignment with our **U-46 Rising** work which would include rigorous tasks, common formative and summative assessments, learning targets, language targets, and success criteria. The expert consultant would also help achieve our goal of developing thriving adolescents as

defined by the MS Transition Committee as well as meet the needs of all our students by integrating social and emotional learning.”

Costing \$72,000 (education fund), the district is seeking a community engagement and communications consultant through Creative Entourage to “assist with ongoing community engagement to bring the community’s vision to life” related to facility updates.

The board will vote on renewing membership with the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) costing \$33,240 (education fund). The IASB is a taxpayer funded lobbyist group for government-run schools.

With Estate Enterprises, the district is asking for \$26,314 (operations and maintenance fund for district wide herbicide application.

“**School District U-46** has nearly 400 acres of grass on its properties and requires a contractor spraying specific herbicides to keep weeds to a minimum,” the proposal states.

The board will also vote on the 2024- 2025 school calendar as well as membership with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), which governs high school athletics. There is no fee to the IHSA membership.

## **– Chicago Tribune – Bartlett transfer Laney Stark becomes missing link for St. Charles North. And next spring? ‘I want to make a statement.’**

**May 30, 2023**

**By Patrick Z. McGavin - Aurora Beacon-News**

Junior forward [Laney Stark](#) understood it wasn’t going to be easy at St. Charles North.

But Stark, who transferred in the offseason from **Bartlett**, proved herself by being a dynamic talent for the North Stars — an attacking player who revealed a decisive flair.

And in the end, she knows who she is.

“I think I brought a missing piece,” said Stark, who plays a heady, intense, physical style. “I allowed us to go even farther and make an even deeper run than teams from the past.”

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

# **– Examiner of Streamwood –**

## **Young SHS softball squad see season end at regional**

**May 31, 2023**

**By Seth Hancock**

The **Streamwood** softball team's season ended in the Lake Park Regional semifinals as the No. 15 **Sabres** fell 15-0 to No. 2 Lake Park on Tuesday, May 23.

The loss ended **Streamwood's** season at 2-23 overall for a squad comprised of almost all underclassmen with one senior, **Ashley Harrison**.

With a young team this year, **first year coach Nicolle Giliana** said the wins and losses weren't as important this season but rather building a team that plays for each other.

"I am not looking at our wins/losses but how this group of girls are coming together, with all different skill sets, and are creating not only a team but a family," **Giliana** said. "We talk a lot about this being a team sport, we have to be there to support each other no matter what."

**Giliana** added: "**Assistant coach (Amanda) Chrisos** and I have seen great improvement with our girls. They were getting outs, making plays and getting active at the plate. I could not be any prouder to see how much they have grown and improved as a team and as individuals."

The **Sabres** ended Upstate Eight Conference play 1-17. Prior to regional play, **Streamwood** dropped a pair of UEC games to end the regular season.

At Fenton, the **Sabres** fell 19-11 on Monday, May 15.

**Sophomore Kailey Pawlikowski** had a big game going 4- for-4, with a double, triple and three RBI, and Harrison was right behind going 3-for-4 with an RBI. **Sophomore Sophie Saflarski** (2-for-2, two RBI) and **freshman Genavy Rodriguez** (2-for-2) also contributed. **Sophomore Hailey Dworak and Susana Alanis** as well as **freshmen Brianna Coffey and Justice Coats** added an RBI in the effort.

**Streamwood** fell 17-0 at West Chicago to end the regular season on Tuesday, May 16.



# – Examiner of Streamwood –

## Sabres baseball blanked by Grant at regional final

May 31, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team's season ended in the Larkin Regional finals as the No. 1 Sabres fell 4-0 to No. 4 Grant on Saturday, May 27.

The Sabres' offense was limited to just two hits, from senior Chris Lara and sophomore Austin Paskewic, but they had their chances. Streamwood's leadoff man reached in five innings, and the Sabres loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh with two outs when Grant finished the game with a strikeout.

On the mound, Streamwood junior starter Miguel Rodriguez was solid most of the game. One run came in the second inning, but Grant touched up Rodriguez for three runs in the sixth.

Despite the loss, the Sabres finished with a 25-10-1 record and have made it to the regional finals in three of the last four IHSA postseasons. Streamwood also clinched a share of the Upstate Eight Conference title this year.

Graduating seniors include Elgin Community College commits Lara and Nick Weaver along with Mario Avila, Carter Blanchard, Matthew Leffel, Vinnie Lunz, Joey Lunz, Joseph Matuszak, Isaiah Ortiz, Frank Sanchez and Joshua Wilder.

"Like I have said before, this senior class is always going to be special," said Streamwood coach Dan Jennings. "They are the first four-year guys we have had since we got here. I love these guys and cannot wait to see all the great things they do in the future."

In the regional semifinals, Streamwood defeated No. 8 Elgin 11-3 on Wednesday, May 24. Weaver (3-for-4, double, RBI), Ortiz (2-for-2, RBI), Paskewic (double) and Joey Lunz (three RBI) led at the plate, and Paskewic went the distance on the mound allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits and two walks, and he struck out six.

Streamwood opened the week with its final regular season game, a 5-2 non conference loss at Metea Valley on Monday, May 22.



# – Rockford Register Star –

## Girls soccer: Illinois coaches select 99 players for 2023 all-state team

May 31, 2023

By Jay Taft

The Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association recently released its 2023 girls soccer all-state team.

Here's who made the team.

### 2023 IHSSCA all-state girls soccer list

Ashlyn Adams, Wheaton-Warrenville, sophomore forward  
Olivia Anderson, Crystal Lake Central, junior midfielder  
Olivia Baca, Edwardsville, senior midfielder  
Lauren Bailey, Lake Zurich, junior forward  
Celia Barkley, Urbana, junior defender  
Paige Bingen, Lemont, senior midfielder  
Katelyn Borschnack, Herscher, junior midfielder  
Brooke Brown, Barrington, senior midfielder  
Ella Burke, Naperville Central, senior defender  
Sofia Camarillo, United Township, senior midfielder  
Grace Carman, Lane Tech, sophomore forward  
Felicity Cole, Payton, junior forward  
Imani Coleman, De La Salle Institute, junior midfielder  
Catherine Cupps, Payton, junior defender  
Sophie Davila, Morton, sophomore midfielder  
Claire DeCook, Naperville North, freshman forward  
Autumn Diduch, Freeport, junior forward  
Ella Dihel, South Elgin, junior forward  
Bella Diorio, Lockport, senior forward  
Lida Dodge, New Trier Midfielder Senior  
Ellie Egeland, Stevenson, junior forward  
Ava Elliott, Hinsdale Central, senior defender  
Christine Erdman, Lincoln-Way Central, senior defender

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