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- Chicago Tribune - Elgin News Digest: South Elgin students win grand prize at LA film fest

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South Elgin High School student Hannah Yoder reads the role of Phyllis Zimbler Miller in a production of Zimbler Miller's "Thin Edge of the Wedge," which was presented in January at Elgin's Congregation Kneseth Israel. A documentary of the production was filmed by students and won the grand prize for "Best Documentary Short" at the 2023 Silicon Beach Film Festival in Los Angeles. (Ryan Lewin / HANDOUT)

South Elgin students win grand prize at LA film fest

Students at **South Elgin High School's** Beacon Magnet Academy of Media and Digital Arts took home the grand prize for "Best Documentary Short" at the 2023 Silicon Beach Film Festival in Los Angeles.

"Teaching the Holocaust: Beyond Facts and Figures" centers on a student-staged reading of "The Thin Edge of the Wedge," presented at Congregation Kneseth Israel in Elgin in January.

The play, written by Phyllis Zimbler Miller, a 1966 graduate of Elgin High School, features accounts from Holocaust survivors and their families that she collected. Students involved with the play also visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum, according to an online news release.

To view the documentary, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgTL95AL-mk. For more information about the film festival, go to www.siliconbeachfilmfestival.com.

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

- Chicago Tribune -

Introducing the 2023 Beacon-News/Courier-News Boys Soccer All-Area Team

By: Paul Johnson

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Geneva's Liam O'Donoghue (6) splits the defense of Bartlett's Ryan Wozny (29) and Arav Patel (16) during a nonconference game in Geneva on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman/The Beacon-News)

Two players from St. Charles North and two players from Elgin headline the first team, while three players from St. Charles East highlight the second team.

First Team

Stephen Boldt, Westminster Christian, senior, forward: Led the Warriors with 35 goals and eight assists. Named Northeastern Athletic Conference's MVP.

Alex Curtis, St. Charles North, senior, goalkeeper: Made 100 saves in 19 games and allowed only 25 goals for the North Stars. All-state selection. All-conference choice.

Walter Delapaz, St. Charles North, senior, midfielder: Paced the North Stars with team-leading 14 goals and also added four assists. All-state selection. All-conference choice.

Lance Grandgeorge, Somonauk, senior, midfielder: Topped the state in goals while setting a program record with 58. His 144 career goals rank ninth all-time in Illinois High School Association history. All-state selection.

Giovanni Magana, Marmion, junior, midfielder: Led the Cadets with 15 goals and added nine assists. Catholic League Blue's player of the year. All-state selection.

Eduardo Nava, **Elgin**, senior, forward: One of the most dynamic offensive players in the area. Finished with 36 goals and eight assists, leading the Maroons to the supersectional.

Pacifique Ndayishimiye, West Aurora, junior, defender: A shutdown artist in back for the Blackhawks. Southwest Prairie Conference's player of the year. All-state selection.

Liam O'Donoghue, Geneva, senior, midfielder: Scored 10 goals to go with seven assists in sparking the Vikings. DuKane Conference's player of the year. All-state selection.

AJ Sabanovic, **Streamwood**, junior, forward: Beacon-News/Courier-News Player of the Year led the Sabres with 20 goals and 13 assists. All-state selection.

Roberto Salinas, **Elgin**, junior, defender: A stalwart in back as the Maroons advanced to supersectional. Scored two goals. All-state selection. All-conference choice. Team co-MVP.

Jake Walker, St. Charles East, senior, defender: The glue in back for the Saints. Had a goal and two assists. Named team's MVP and defensive player of the year. All-state selection. All-conference choice.



Elgin's Roberto Salinas (4) heads the ball in the Class 3A Round Lake Sectional championship game on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023.
(Mark Kodiak Ukena/The Beacon-News)

Second Team

Alvaro Alanis, Marmion, senior, midfielder: Four-year varsity regular. Led the Cadets with 10 assists and also scored three goals. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Adrian Diaz, Larkin, senior, forward: Paced the Royals with 18 goals and 19 assists. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Diego Flores, Dundee-Crown, junior, defender: Scored seven goals for the Chargers. Added five assists. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Martin Gaytan, East Aurora, senior, midfielder: Powered the Tomcats' attack with 14 goals and three assists. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Lachlan Ladd, Waubonsie Valley, junior, forward: Scored seven goals and added four assists for the Warriors. Named team MVP. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Logan Lewarchick, St. Charles East, senior, midfielder: Had four goals and two assists for the Saints. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Fran Montoya, Larkin, senior, defender: Scored four goals for the Royals while being an anchor in back. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Luke Rader, Somonauk, senior, midfielder: Posted 13 goals and produced a team-high 27 assists for the Bobcats. All-sectional selection.

Jordan Rolon, St. Charles East, senior, goalkeeper: Named the DuKane Conference's goalkeeper of the year. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Aaron Saldana, **Elgin**, junior, midfielder: Led the Maroons with 19 assists. Named team co-MVP. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.

Marc Walker, St. Charles East, senior, forward: Scored 13 goals to go with 11 assists as the Saints reached the supersectional. All-sectional selection. All-conference choice.



Marmion's Alvaro Alanis (8) heads the ball in front of Waubonsie Valley's Lachlan Ladd (10) during the first half of a nonconference game in Aurora on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Honorable Mention

Owen Armstrong, Jacobs, senior, defender.
 Jackson Carey, Hampshire, junior, midfielder.
 Trent Giansanti, Geneva, senior, forward.
 Ashton Kerrigan, **South Elgin**, senior, forward.
 Sahil Khare, Metea Valley, junior, midfielder.
 Reece Leonard, Geneva, junior, midfielder.
 Shauri Mateso, West Aurora, senior, forward.
 Power Selemani, West Aurora, junior, forward.
 Owen Stahl, Batavia, senior, defender.
 Ryan Walsh, Oswego, senior, defender.
 Nevin Volarath, Jacobs, senior, midfielder.

- Chicago Tribune - Football pairings and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: From Staff Reports

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Providence's Jamari Tribett (7) runs the ball against Highland during a Class 5A state quarterfinal game in New Lenox on

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023. (Troy Stolt/Daily Southtown)

Results and highlights of high schools and local colleges from the Southland and Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

FRIDAY'S EVENT

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

CCL/ESCC CHAMPIONSHIP

Marist at St. Rita, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

STATE SEMIFINALS

CLASS 8A

No. 3 Barrington (12-0) at No. 2 Lincoln-Way East (12-0), 1 p.m.

CLASS 7A

No. 7 Batavia (11-1) at No. 6 Mount Carmel (11-1), 4 p.m.

CLASS 6A

No. 3 Cary-Grove (10-2) at No. 1 Lake Zurich (11-1), 1 p.m.

CLASS 5A

No. 15 Providence (8-4) vs. No. 13 Joliet Catholic (9-3) at Joliet Memorial Stadium, 2 p.m.

CLASS 4A

No. 4 Wheaton Academy (11-1) at No. 11 St. Laurence (9-3), 3 p.m.

LOCAL COLLEGES

FOOTBALL

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

First Round

Belhaven (Miss.) at North Central College, noon.

Coe (Iowa) at Aurora, noon.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grayslake Central 66, Wheeling 20

Hinsdale South 55, Oswego 42

Homewood-Flossmoor 62, Crete-Monee 21

Hyde Park 58, T.F. South 41

Libertyville 56, Willowbrook 20

Libertyville (1-0): Madison Sears 12 points. Lily Fisher 11 points.

Reavis 46, Morton 32

Westminster Christian 37, College Prep of America 19

Zion-Benton 50, Thornridge 36

BURLINGTON CENTRAL TOURNAMENT

Burlington Central 43, Belvidere North 41

Burlington Central (1-0): Ashley Herzing 13 points.

Kaneland 52, Marengo 34

Kaneland (1-0): Kendra Brown 21 points.

St. Charles North 60, Larkin 15

HAMPSHIRE TOURNAMENT

Fremd 53, Geneva 45

IMSA TOURNAMENT

Elgin 65, Rockford East 49

Elgin (1-0): Izzy Castro 15 points. Madison King 12 points. Mahitha Ratakonda 10 points. Jocelyn Bardesi 10 points.

JOLIET WEST TOURNAMENT

Lincoln-Way Central 68, Joliet Catholic 22

Lincoln-Way Central (1-0): Lina Panos 15 points, 6 rebounds. Brooke Baechtold 14 points. Gianna Amadio 13 points.

Providence 56, Joliet Central 35

Providence (1-0): Eilish Raines 15 points. Gabi Bednar 14 points.

Plainfield North 54, Lincoln-Way West 51

MUNDELEIN TOURNAMENT

Highland Park 56, Grayslake North 34

Grayslake North (0-1): Lucy Roscoe 12 points.

RICHARDS TOURNAMENT

Thornton 64, Shepard 62

Thornton (1-0): Phalan Sigers 26 points. Sajda Tyehimba 11 points.

Shepard (0-1): Emma Greene 17 points. Jessica Manley 16 points.

Payton 48, Richards 42

Richards (0-1): Iyanah Crosby 17 points. Kailey Moore 15 points.

SOMONAUK TOURNAMENT

Aurora Central Catholic 65, LaSalle-Peru 28

Sandwich 48, Somonauk 36

Somonauk (0-1): Haley McCoy 22 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals.

Dwight 66, Plano 58

Plano (0-1): Josie Larson 33 points, 8 rebounds. Jadyn Long 11 points, 6 rebounds.

VERNON HILLS TOURNAMENT

Lake Forest 64, Lake Forest Academy 63 (OT)

Lake Forest (1-0): Lauren Richards 20 points. Sarah Constantine 13 points. Megan Rocklein 11 points. Charlie Axus 11 points.

Vernon Hills 42, Elk Grove 17

Vernon Hills (1-0): Elyse Davis 10 points.

Rockford Guilford 56, Antioch 41

Antioch (0-1): Hailey Webb 11 points.

YORK TOURNAMENT

Waubonsie Valley 81, Oswego East 49

Oswego East (0-1): Aubrey Lamberti 13 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals.

Glenbrook South 58, Marist 40

Prospect 58, St. Charles East 48

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

STATE QUARTERFINALS

CLASS 8A

Lincoln-Way East 24, Warren 0

Lincoln-Way East (12-0): Nuri Muhammad 2 TD runs. Braden Tischer TD pass to Ryan Usher.

CLASS 7A

Downers Grove North 34, Lincoln-Way West 6

Batavia 55, Rockton Hononegah 14

Mount Carmel 61, Quincy 14

Mount Carmel (11-1): Jack Elliott 5 TD passes. Darrion Dupree 1-yard TD run, 15-yard TD reception.

CLASS 6A

Lake Zurich 14, Belvidere North 10

Lake Zurich (11-1): Chris Pirrone 2 TD runs.

Cary-Grove 41, Geneva 7

CLASS 5A

Wheaton St. Francis 37, Morgan Park 14

Morgan Park (10-2): Marcus Thaxton 2 TD passes.

Nazareth 21, Carmel 17

Carmel (10-2): Johnny Webber TD pass. Donovan Dey TD run.

Joliet Catholic 49, Morris 7

JCA (9-3): Keegan Farnaus 3 TD runs, TD reception.

Providence 21, Highland 0

CLASS 4A

St. Laurence 24, IC Catholic 20

St. Laurence (9-3): Aaron Ball 20 carries, 89 yards, 2 TDs. Evan Les 18 carries, 74 yards, TD.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

STATE FINALS

Final Results

Top local teams: 1. Rosary 243, 3. Stevenson 182.

Top local individuals

200 medley relay: 2. Rosary (Lauren O'Connor, Elizabeth Nawrocki, Ariyana Nieckula, Olivia Moore), 1:42.35. 200 freestyle: 1. Becky Rentz, Rosary, 1:47.47. 200 individual medley: 1. Isabelle Beu, St. Charles North, 1:58.37; 2. Chloe Diner, Oswego co-op, 1:59.02; 3. Katie Gresik, Oswego co-op, 2:03.50. 50 free: 2. Tessalina Stavropoulos, St. Charles North, 23.21. 100 butterfly: 1. Rentz, Rosary, 53.47; 2. Beu, St. Charles North, 53.66. 100 free: 1. Annika Parkhe, Deerfield, 48.47. 500 free: 1. Gresik, Oswego co-op, 4:52.19.

200 free relay: 1. Rosary (Moore, Rentz, Bella Wojtowicz, Nieckula), 1:32.45; 3. Stevenson (Stephanie Kivora, Linnea Florin, Sophia Berger, Aria Grossenbach), 1:34.13. 100 backstroke: 1. Parkhe, Deerfield, 54.40. 100 breaststroke: 1. Nawrocki, Rosary, 1:00.98; 2. Diner, Oswego co-op, 1:01.85; 3. Moore, Rosary, 1:02.85. 400 free relay: 1. Rosary (Nieckula, Rentz, Wojtowicz, Nawrocki), 3:24.21.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

STATE FINALS

CLASS 4A

Mother McAuley d. Benet 25-22, 18-25, 25-16, championship

Willowbrook d. Barrington 25-20, 23-25, 25-17, third

LOCAL COLLEGES

FOOTBALL

CCIW

North Central College 61, Augustana 17

North Central College (10-0, 9-0): Luke Lehnert 18-for-23, 304 yards, 4 TDs. Joe Sacco 15 carries, 135 yards, TD. DeAngelo Hardy 7 receptions, 120 yards, 2 TDs (9, 60 yards); 6-yard TD run. Third consecutive conference title.

MIDWEST

Chicago 15, Lake Forest College 14

Lake Forest College (7-3, 6-3): Tre Stewart 25-yard TD run.

MSFA MIDWEST

St. Xavier 35, Roosevelt 14

St. Xavier (7-3, 5-0): Stuart Ross 24-for-36, 288 yards, 3 TDs. Won conference title for third consecutive season. Brandt Hixson 2 TD receptions. Kyle Quinn 32-yard TD reception.

NACC

Aurora 23, Concordia (Wis.) 0

Aurora (10-8, 8-0): Ian Luyando 22-for-33, 2 TDs. Michael Boland TD reception. Trey Madsen TD reception. Won conference title.

NONCONFERENCE

St. Francis 37, Judson 0

St. Francis (7-3): Carl Bew 2 TD passes; 14 carries, 85 yards, 2 TDs (3, 20). Joey Tumilty 5 receptions, 93 yards, 2 TDs (12, 33).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Benedictine 107, Lake Forest College 82

Lake Forest College (1-1): Alex Knight 20 points, 7 rebounds.

Tiffin (Ohio) 71, Lewis 66

Lewis (1-1): Devon Vanderheydt 15 points.

North Central College 97, La Verne (Calif.) 87

North Central College (1-1): John Blumeyer 24 points.

Waubonsee 96, DuPage 70

Waubonsee (3-0): Fernando Perez 21 points, 7 rebounds.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Aurora 60, Hanover (Ind.) 59

Aurora (2-0): Selena Vargas 10 points, 14 rebounds.

Michigan Tech 83, Lewis 64

Lewis (0-2): Grace Hilber 22 points, 6 rebounds.

Wartburg (Wis.) 89, North Central College 61

North Central College (1-1): Megan Duffy 14 points.

CATHOLIC CLASSIC

Marian (Ind.) 95, St. Francis 55

St. Francis (3-2): Le'lani Harris 14 points.

St. Francis (Ind.) 91, St. Xavier 72

St. Xavier (1-3): Jaidn Green 26 points, 6 assists.

FORESTER TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT

Concordia (Wis.) 62, Lake Forest College 42

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Xavier quarterback Stuart Ross (offense) and linebacker Finn Brandon (defense) were named players of the week by the MSFA Midwest. ... North Central College wide receiver DeAngelo Hardy was chosen offensive player of the week by the CCIW.