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U46 recognizes its top 2017-18 volunteers

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School District U46 CEO Tony Sanders, left, and U46 board member Sue Kerr, second from left, pose with parents Phil Novello, second from right, and Vanessa Castelan, who were recognized as School District U46's Volunteers of the Year for 2017-18. (School District U46)

Two Streamwood parents have been recognized as **School District U46's** Volunteers of the Year.

At the 21st annual volunteer reception last week, U46 officials recognized the various volunteers who "donated their time and talents this school year," a district news release said.

Two of the volunteers recognized were Vanessa Castelan and Phil Novello, parents of Oakhill Elementary School students in Streamwood. The two won Volunteer of the Year honors for their work in and out of the elementary school.

Castelan facilitated a spring networking event for Parent Teacher Organization and booster group members districtwide. At the event, attendees exchanged fundraising ideas and shared strategies to increase parent/volunteer participation in their buildings, the news release said. She is also described as the "linchpin" of the school's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports team.

Novello organized a recent U46-sponsored real estate agent breakfast to better inform agents about the assets of towns that make up the district. According to the release, he is also active in the school's Dad's in Action parent work group.

Both parents are members of the district's Citizens' Advisory Council's Family & Community Engagement Committee, with Novello being co-chairwoman.

"Vanessa and Phil work tirelessly to support the district's goal of increasing our families' understanding and involvement in their child's learning by helping keep district events, programs and initiatives energized, organized and successful," U46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

Another parent recognized at last week's reception was Cynthia Hernandez, president of the Parents and Teachers of Huff Elementary in Elgin. She won the "Helping Hands" award, recognizing volunteerism at an individual school level, the news release said. She helped get teachers and parents involved in regular school events and seminars, and helped develop a pilot outreach program at Huff, the release said

SPORTS SECTION

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Baseball: St. Charles East hangs on, downs South Elgin

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

South Elgin made things interesting, at least.

Two outs from being 10-runners by St. Charles East two different times, the Storm's bats exploded in the final three innings and South Elgin wound up with the tying run at the plate to end the game.

Andrew Conn finally got the last out to close out the 15-13 win for the Saints, who led 11-0 and 13-3 in the Upstate Eight baseball matchup in South Elgin.

With warm temperatures and the wind blowing out toward left field for most of the game, the teams combined for 29 hits and 5 home runs.

Charlie Charpentier smacked a grand slam to help the Saints build the big lead. Thomas Schroeder added a 2-run homer and Ryan Richa a solo shot for the Saints (10-7-1, 9-3).

Austin Doty and Pat Keaty homered back-to-back for the Storm in the sixth.

Saint starter Jeremy Cox held the Storm to 2 hits over four innings.

"What happened after that tells you a little bit about what he did on the hill," said St. Charles coach Len Asquini. "He threw exceptionally well to keep these guys at a zero. Unfortunately, we couldn't finish it."

The Storm (5-3, 2-3) loaded the bases with one out in the third, but Cox got out of it unscathed.

South Elgin teed off on the Saint bullpen, scoring 13 runs over the final 3 innings.

The Storm scored 5 times in the sixth keyed by Doty's and Keaty's homers. They added 5 more in the seventh. Nate Gomez, Logan Romasanta and Nathan Smith doubled in the inning. Smith's blast made it 15-13, bringing up the tying run. But Conn got the called third strike to finally finish it off.

"On a day like today, the wind's blowing out, you never know," said South Elgin assistant coach Ben Erickson. "I'm happy our kids battled back and had the opportunity to put themselves ahead, but you can't put yourself in that predicament right off the bat."

Charpentier had 2 hits and drove in 5 runs for SCE. John DelloStritto, Patrick Griffin, Schroeder, Colton Conn, and Andrew Conn all had 2 hits for St. Charles East.

Romasanta finished with 3 hits, including a pair of doubles for South Elgin. Doty, Keaty, Gomez, and Smith had 2 apiece.

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Softball: Bartlett's Ulaszek wins duel over Streamwood

BY JOHN LEMON

Bartlett had a lot to overcome to get its seventh straight win Monday in Streamwood.

For one, the Hawks had to deal with the Sabres' Taylyr Crocilla, who silenced Bartlett's bats all afternoon.

They also suffered a bad break in the third inning when their shortstop and No. 3 hitter, IUPUI-bound senior Amanda Pagan, exited the game after injuring her left ankle sliding into second base.

Thanks to a clutch two-out hit from Danielle Kleeman and stellar pitching by Janelle Ulaszek, the Hawks still managed to leave Streamwood with a 1-0 win in eight innings.

"Any time you lose your senior Division I stud shortstop/pitcher ... but I give the girls credit," Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "I told them our backs are against the wall now. We have to go to war with what we've got."

Bartlett (14-7, 8-3) has a big week coming up with key Upstate Eight Valley games the next two days against West Aurora and South Elgin, and Wolfsmith doesn't know if Pagan will be back. She couldn't put any weight on her ankle as she was helped off the field.

Pagan walked in both of her at-bats. After her second walk she continued on to second base while teammate Riley Scrivner stayed at third. At the last minute after holding Scivner at third, Crocilla threw to second to try to get Pagan.

Pagan slid in safely but the late slide caused her ankle to jam into the bag.

"It was pretty swollen," Wolfsmith said.

Streamwood (5-10, 3-4) only managed one hit against Ulaszek, a one-out single in the first inning by Tessa Freedman.

The Sabres did put runners into scoring position in both the sixth and seventh innings with a chance to score the winning run but both times Ulaszek pitched around errors.

"We do work a lot better when we come together as a team and shake off the errors if we have any," Ulaszek said. "That really helped us today. We didn't let our confidence get down. I was working it in and out and changing the speeds of my pitches to throw them off."

In the bottom of the eighth Ulaszek closed the game by striking out the side. She finished with 8 strikeouts and only 1 walk.

Crocilla matched Ulaszek with one scoreless inning after another. She pitched around 7 walks, striking out 10.

"She's a heck of a pitcher," Wolfsmith said. "She's legit. She was dealing today, really moving the ball. Had us fooled on her changeup a little."

A leadoff walk in the eighth finally came back to get Crocilla, plus a two-out error that would have ended the inning. Instead, Kleeman stepped to the plate and drove in the only run of the game with a single up the middle.

"I didn't really have any hits earlier in the game but I was just staying positive and trying to keep my head in it and hit in the right place," Kleeman said.

"I applaud Dani for a 2-out bingo," Wolfsmith said. "It wasn't the hardest hit we had all day but it was to the right spot at the right time."

Hannah Jenig made a couple good catches in right field for the Sabres who host St. Charles East on Tuesday.

"Taylyr hit her spots, she moved the ball around, she changed speeds, she pitched awesome," Sabres coach Will Shogren said. "We didn't score a run. We need to score to win. We didn't have timely hitting."