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### POSITIVE VIBES

Artist paints motivational messages with hopes of inspiring students

### 'Be the nice kid': Artist paints motivational back-to-school messages to inspire U46 students

By Rafael Guerrero



Educators have several favorite motivational quotes, Julie Holloway observed in her time as a School District U46 secretary and a parent of students attending U46 schools.

One quote that continuously came up was written by motivational speaker, teacher and author Bryan Skavnak.

“Some kids are smarter than you, some kids have cooler clothes than you, some kids are better at sports than you,” he wrote. “It doesn’t matter. You have your own thing too. Be the kid who can get along. Be the kid who is generous. Be the kid who is happy for other people. Be the kid who does the right thing. Be the nice kid.”

A U46 principal who was a friend of Holloway’s asked her to paint Skavnak’s quote on a wall at their school. Other U46 school officials noticed.

“They all wanted it, everyone loves that quote,” Holloway, 41, said.

She painted the quote and other motivational and back-to-school messages at several schools in time for the first day of class. The Streamwood resident says so far she’s done work at or will do work for about a dozen U46 elementary and middle schools.

“It’s fun to see and do, knowing kids will look at it everyday,” Holloway said. “I would love to paint these messages at every school.”

U46 administrators who requested her services say both teachers and students value the messages, especially Skavnak’s. Washington Elementary Principal Lori Brandes said teachers and parents continuously stop to read the entire message.

“What stood out for me were two lines from the poem, ‘Be happy for someone else and be the nice kid.’ We are working with our students on showing empathy for others,” Brandes said. “Understanding another person’s thoughts and feelings is important when building a community.”

Inspirational back-to-school messages

A message urging students to "be the nice kid" is one of the most popular she's painted in District U46 schools, artist Julie Holloway says. (Julie Holloway)

Holloway's projects were not limited to the Skavnak quote. Some schools wanted to be different, asking for other motivational quotes, messages written in Spanish or back-to-school greetings on school doors and windows.

Holloway said she hopes the messages inspire students, teachers, parents and others at U46, a district she is fond of as her former employer. She is hopeful the art projects further motivate her creativity; she left her U46 job to pursue her artistic aspirations, she said.

"I would love to paint (these messages) all year," Holloway said. "Right now I just feel like it is my purpose, and I finally have the opportunity and the time."

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## **Larkin's goal-line stands stop Streamwood**

BY SCOTT MILLER

The stat book clearly indicated Streamwood was the winner at Memorial field on Friday night, but the Larkin bend but don't break defense said otherwise.

Despite being outgained 281 to 149 yards in total offense, the Royals came away with their first win of the season 13-12 in large part because of two huge goal-line stands at the 1-yard line.

The first came with just over 3 minutes left in the first half. The Sabres had driven 57 yards before a swarm of Royal defenders stopped them on a 4th-and-1 at the 1-yard line. At the time it kept Larkin in control with a 13-0 lead.

The Royals' second stand came with just over 7 minutes left in the game and this time the stakes were much higher. On another 4th-and-1 at the 1-yard line the Royals' Travis Farley stripped the ball and Angel Garcia recovered it. This time it stopped Streamwood from taking the lead and preserved a 13-12 Royals lead.

The Royals defense would come up big again on the Sabres' final drive stopping them at the 44-yard line on downs to seal the win.

"You have to hand it to Streamwood. They did a great job of pounding the ball on us. But when the rubber hit the road we hit the road running and stepped up big when we had to. It was just a great team effort," said Larkin assistant coach Jason Aubry. "We really needed a win to get excited about."

The Royals jumped out to a 13-0 lead early. After a muffed punt by the Sabres deep in their own territory the Royals took advantage 3 plays later on a 10-yard touchdown run by Jaxon Aubry with 9:16 left in the first quarter.

Larkin tacked on to its lead early in the second quarter with 6-play, 69-yard drive that culminated with a 21-yard touchdown run by Gonzalez.

"We got after it and attacked right from the start," Jaxon Aubry said. "It was a big improvement over last week. The defense came up really big for us. It felt real good to get that first win."

The Streamwood defense had some great moments of its own. Twice the Sabres sacked Aubry in the end zone for safeties. The Sabres also had a pair of fumble recoveries and interceptions by Anthony Garrison and Leonardo Marin. The second interception gave the Sabres the ball at the Larkin 16-yard line and led to Streamwood's only touchdown of the game, a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Omar Negron. early in the 4th quarter.

Negron finished with a game-high 128 yards rushing on 18 carries. It was his second straight 100-yard rushing game.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," Streamwood coach Don Guindon said. "I'm sure we had more yards and won the time of possession and all those things, but we didn't win where it counts on the scoreboard. But we will take the positives from this game and continue to build on them."

BY PATRICK KUNZER

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### **Boys soccer: Elgin tops St. Charles North in STC title game**

By Steve Nemeth

Daily Herald Correspondent

Disappointed not to be included in the Daily Herald's Top 20 preseason Rankings, Elgin made a statement Saturday by shutting out St. Charles North 3-1 in Saturday's championship of the inaugural St. Charles Soccer Tournament.

St. Charles East and rival North co-hosted the new eight-school event, and the Saints and North Stars were hoping one would keep the initial trophy.

However the Maroons topped the Orange Group and then blanked Blue Group victor North in the cross-over title match.

East's Saints did take third place with a 4-0 victory over Maine South.

Olaoluwa Ajayi used an Omar Lopez assist for a 16-yard blast from left wing 21:52 into the first half and the Maroons (4-1) made that lead stand up through halftime and beyond despite the North Stars (4-1) pushing for an equalizer.

"Seeing the goalie cheating toward one side, I looked to touch it opposite and it felt good leaving my foot," Ajayi said.

A mere 2:21 into the second half, Lopez set up teammate Jesus Milan for a goal and only 47 seconds later, it became 3-0 when Lopez himself scored courtesy of a Manuel Ramirez assist.

"We didn't have a (in-season) tourney on last year's schedule, so this was special and is pretty great," Ramirez said.

Elgin opened the tourney with a 7-3 win over pre-season No. 4-ranked Metea Valley, then won a shootout to beat group host St. Charles East 3-2 to lock up the top spot even though the Maroons came up short 3-2 based on a shootout versus Downers Grove North. The North Stars were No. 3 in the DH poll.

Third-place game: St. Charles East defeated Maine South 4-0 on Saturday to take third place at the St. Charles tournament.

The Saints led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Truitt Battin.

Luke Schnitker scored the next goal assisted by Battin. Battin found the net on an assist from Renato Avendano, and George Maridis capped the scoring on Schnitker's assist.

Zachary Doerr made 7 saves for his first shutout. The Saints improved to 3-2.

Wauconda tournament: Crystal Lake South defeated Wauconda 4-1 to win the tourney title.

Alex Canfield scored a pair of second-half goals for the Gators (5-0-1) while Tom Coughlin and Ty Getzinger scored in the first half.

Matt McCaleb made 1 save in goal. Wauconda drops to 2-2-1.

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**Glenbard East spoils Bartlett's big night**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

Bartlett raised the curtain on its new athletic complex Friday, but Glenbard East wide receiver Jeremy Johnson stole the show.

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior led the Rams (2-0, 2-0) to a 38-15 Upstate Eight Conference victory by putting on a clinic. He caught 10 passes for a career-high 187 yards and 4 touchdowns, all from quarterback and pal since first grade Bret Bushka, who threw for 266 yards.

Johnson caught 2 touchdowns in each half. In three of those cases, he muscled his way around or over a well-positioned defender.

"Honestly, it's just see the ball, catch the ball," Johnson said. "I just go out there and play my hardest. I think the heart I put into and the work I put in just really sets apart the cornerbacks and myself."

"I have all the trust in the world (in him)," Bushka said. "I'd take him really over any cornerback we're going to play."

Glenbard East's defense, which planned to take away the seams and Bartlett's tight ends, was nearly as impressive as its offense. The Rams did not allow Bartlett (1-1, 1-1) to complete a pass in 15 attempts and junior safety Jason Torreilles twice intercepted Hawks quarterback Jonah O'Brien.

"I was just in position for the ball and the ball came right to me," Torreilles said. "I like how we fly around and play defense. Nothing could come past us."

Bartlett gained 162 yards rushing, 80 of which came from senior running back Nick Deckard on 15 carries.

Bartlett's only first-half points came in the second quarter. Trailing 7-0, senior Spencer Konstanzer burst through the line and raced 62 yards up the middle to forge a tie with 7:05 left in the opening period.

"That was just one of our bread-and-butter trap plays," Konstanzer said.

The Rams answered with a 25-yard field goal from Dominic Tenca to take a 10-7 lead. They widened the advantage to 17-7 on Johnson's 5-yard scoring catch in the corner of the end zone early in the second quarter.

Later in the period, Johnson converted a third down with a 9-yard fade over a receiver. Bushka found him with a 28-yard scoring strike on the next play to make it 24-7.

The game was halted due to lightning in the area with two minutes left in the half and was delayed 50 minutes. After halftime, it was more Bushka to Johnson. After the Glenbard East playmaker outfoxed a defensive back for a 20-yard touchdown catch, he was inextricably left wide open on the first play of the Rams' next series and waltzed into the end zone for a 38-yard touchdown.

"It was a little bit of a torment," Konstanzer, also a Bartlett linebacker, said. "You still have to fight through every play. It is what it is at the end of the day. Now, we're just going to have to learn from this."

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## **South Elgin's defense stays perfect, blanks East Aurora**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The South Elgin offense started slowly against East Aurora, but the defense was sharp from the outset of a 47-0 Upstate Eight home win Saturday.

Led by junior middle linebacker Vince Clinite, senior cornerback Azzavier Salinas and sophomore cornerback Davion Cherwin, the Storm 4-4 defense posted a second straight shutout. They created 2 take-aways, forced punts on 6 of 8 East Aurora possessions and limited the Tomcats to 59 total yards.

"We play as a team and I like the way we play," Clinite said. "Our goal is to not give up any points all year."

South Elgin's first possession began at the East Aurora 30-yard line after a short punt, but the offense managed only 6 yards before settling for a 41-yard Andrew Bucaro field goal.

South Elgin (2-0, 2-0) fumbled at midfield on its next possession, but the defense again forced East Aurora (0-2, 0-2) to punt.

The ensuing Storm possession lasted 11 plays and covered 57 yards, however, quarterback Jakub Johnson's overthrow was intercepted by 6-2 senior defensive back Kevin Cruz at the 14-yard line to keep it a 3-point game with 8:47 left in the second quarter.

"Defensively, I thought that we played pretty well in the first quarter and the start of the second," first-year East Aurora coach Nick Kukuc said. "We were playing pretty gap-sound football. But they're a resilient team. They kept plugging away, running the ball, running that dive, running some option and they moved their way up."

South Elgin's defense provided a spark when Salinas made a running, one-handed interception at his own 30 and returned it 10 yards.

"I just stuck my hand out and I just caught it," he said. "I got lucky, I guess."

Salinas, who alternated drives at quarterback with Johnson, went 3-for-3 on the ensuing 60-yard, 10-play march. Salinas finished it off with a 3-yard keeper and Bucaro's extra point staked South Elgin to a 10-0 lead with 2:52 left in the half.

After the Storm defense forced a three-and-out, Salinas delivered a gut punch 22.1 seconds before halftime. He scrambled to his left in search of a receiver and took off running. He made a sharp cutback 10 yards downfield and raced 59 yards untouched up the right side of the field. Bucaro's extra point gave South Elgin a 17-0 halftime lead.

The third quarter was a different story for the Storm offense, which scored 23 points in the period to take a 40-0 lead with 1:38 left. Johnson directed a 16-play, 75-yard drive that he finished with a 1-yard run, Cherwin took a pitch and scored from 6 yards out and fourth-string running back Travis Tranchitella rushed for an 11-yard touchdown. Johnson's conversion run started a running clock.

"In the locker room at halftime, we just talked about how we have to execute better," Johnson said. "Then we came out and showed it."