

Press Clippings for 11/9/2022

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The briefs

U-46 hosts STEM Expo kickoff events

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Each fall, Elgin Area **School District U-46** organizes STEM Expo Kickoff events to engage, excite, and inform kindergarten to 12th grade students ahead of the **U-46** STEM Expo, which is held in the spring.

For the expo, students are encouraged to explore a question or concept that interests them, create a project, and share their learning with their community.

During the STEM Expo Kickoff events, students and their families will learn about the **U-46** science curriculum, listen to scientists, ask questions, and get ideas for potential STEM projects.

This year, the events are being offered virtually from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in November. Each week will feature a different guest scientist speaking around their area of expertise.

On Nov. 9, join Carrie Levitt-Bussian, paleontology collections manager with the Natural History Museum of Utah.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, it will be Jordan Gray, communications and outreach coordinator for the Turtle Survival Alliance

To sign up to receive the webinar link, fill out this form: info.u-46.org/STEM-Kickoff22.

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Bartlett High teacher wins Edith Harrod Award

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By Seth Hancock

Bartlett High School teacher Anthony Zoubek was named this year's Edith Harrod Award winner from the Illinois Communication and Theatre Association (ICTA). Zoubek, who is an

English teacher, was recognized by the **School District U-46 Board of Education** at its Monday, Oct. 24 meeting.

The Edith Harrod Award is described as the “highest lifetime achievement honor that an Illinois speech, debate, and theater educator can receive while still working in the field” by the ICTA, according to a **U-46** press release. The award recognizes Zoubek for his work as a teacher, which he began in **U46** in 2006, and coaching of the **Bartlett** speech and drama team as well as his work with an ICTA advocacy committee that lobbied for a new state law that took effect at the start of this year. That new law adds debate and speech as electives that can be used for meeting graduation requirements as well as incentives for districts to offer those courses and related extracurricular activities.

At the time that advocacy committee began work in its lobbying efforts about five years earlier, Zoubek was diagnosed with cancer. “There were physical ramifications of the illness, and they took a toll. But being entrenched in the legislative process helped me overcome the emotional ramifications,” Zoubek said for the **U-46** press release. Zoubek added: “Today, I am cancer free, but not entirely out of the woods. Teaching, coaching, and advocating for my discipline got me through one of the scariest episodes of my life. To be recognized for ‘a lifetime’ of achievement, emphasis on the word ‘life,’ by my colleagues, few of whom knew that I was sick, struck me in a way that was deeply personal. The law was a passion project that, from an emotional standpoint, helped me heal. To be recognized for that is profoundly cathartic,”

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Dist. U-46 Board approves variety of agenda items

Nov 9, 2022

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** unanimously approved, via 7-0 votes, of various items at its Monday, Oct. 24 meeting.

Included were boundary changes for **Elgin’s Garfield Elementary School** as the district prepares to close the school at the end of this school year. **Garfield** will continue to be maintained by the district as a “transition space,” the proposal states.

“This recommendation was based on age and condition of the facility, declining enrollment, and available capacity at neighboring schools,” the proposal adds.

The boundary change uses Bent Road as the boundary line with students north of the road will be going to **Channing Elementary School** and those south of the road going to **Huff Elementary School**.

The board approved changes to its Policy 7:285 which is now renamed from Food Allergy Management Program to Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program. The previous one-page policy will now be four pages.

Trisha Olson, chief legal officer, said the changes generally relate to updates in state law, and “the changes just build upon what we had previously adopted, both in our internal rules and through (Illinois State Board of Education) rules to meet the requirements of law.”

The board approved closed session minutes from 12 meetings between April 25 through Sept. 26 of this year as well as destruction of closed session audio from 11 meetings between Nov. 16, 2020 to April 12, 2021.

Sue Kerr, the board’s president, said “the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of closed session minutes.”

A contract costing \$69,251 with Easterseals of Metropolitan Chicago was approved for coaching supports related to autism. The contract will be paid through federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant funds.

The supports will included 37 sessions (about four to five times a month from October through May) from a specialist coach which will take place at 10 schools in the district. It will also include three professional development sessions up to six hours.

Itemized bills totaling \$13.7 million were also approved.

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Boys soccer: Elgin's Orozco earns Fox All-Area Captain

Nov. 7, 2022

By Chris Walker



Elgin's Julian Orozco, right, played lockdown defense helping the **Maroons** to a 20-1-3 season. *Patrick Kunzer for Shaw Local*

Julian Orozco made one heck of a first impression on first-year coach Jimmy Romano.

This season, he's been as impressive of a player as the area has seen, making life miserable for opponents on the pitch while guiding **Elgin** to an undefeated regular season and the program's first sectional title.

He has been named the Captain of the 2022 Fox All-Area Boys Soccer Team.

"He was one of the first guys I talked to and got insight and picked his brain when I got here," Romano said. "He's a humble kid and always happy. I don't think I've ever seen him mad other than getting mad at himself. He's so respected and he's made my job easier as a first-year coach that I can delegate some stuff and trust him with a leadership role."

During 19 regular season games, Orozco and the Maroons (20-1-3) only surrendered 7 goals and only three came during the run of play.

"He's one of the best defenders in the state, hands down," Romano said. "Everyone does respect him and he's such a great mentor and teacher for those younger sophomores and juniors on the defense because he's so positive and encouraging."

As an effective, inspiring leader, Orozco attracted Geovanny Catalan to join the team and the fellow senior was instantly impressed by the fun, competitive environment already in place. It was the kind of scene that would ultimately drive the team to success the program has never seen, falling just short of advancing to state.

"At that first practice as a new player with a new coach and a lot of new players, I could tell it was different here," Catalan said. "It was super competitive, which is very rare to find in training. Guys were pushing and shoving and pulling shirts, sprinting. There were about five of us near ready to fight, but as soon as we stopped we put on some Michael Jackson and were laughing, hugging and already closer than a lot of teams."

Teams "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" against the Maroons, but they haven't been able to because of the feisty, hungry play led by Orozco's team approach.

"I play with my heart, I play for the badge for the team and give everything in every game," he said. "I want to win every game for the team."

Senior midfielder Omar Saldana said that the leadership of this group is beyond compare and the group has maintained a high level of confidence since those summer training sessions.

"One of the biggest things driving this year is the commitment of the team," he said. "And Julian is the anchor in back. He's the one guy where when things get tough, he's there to pick you up. It's great to have someone so confident on the ball, someone we can rely on in the back to lead the back line and he's been a huge part of us not conceding many goals this year."

And during those rare occasions that an opponent is able to find the back of the net, **Elgin** has done a great job of refraining from panicking, but rather finding answers and responding.

"We really have done a nice job of keeping our cool when we give up a goal," Orozco said. "We understand that these things are going to happen. We cheer each other up and keep at it rather than yelling at each other and the team shutting down."

As a three-year starter at **Elgin** who has spent thousands of hours playing games and working on his craft to perform at such a high level, Orozco has experienced the many ups and downs of athletic competition. He understands the importance of finding a sense of calm amongst the chaos.

"I like to keep my cool throughout the game and I remind my teammates that even if we're losing, we're all good," he said. "Yelling bad words and stuff like that can bring your confidence down and cause a chain reaction on the team. My job is to help build the team up."

If this were a performance review, it would be remiss to not include a few of Orozco and his team's fantastic accomplishments, including the limited number of goals allowed as a team, a team-best 14 shutouts, the first sectional in program history, most wins (20), fewest losses (1) and an 82-13 scoring differential.

And let's not forget how attractive he's helped make **Elgin** soccer, which drew 120 kids to tryouts, including an all-conference, all-sectional kid like Catalan, who played with Orozco in club.

"He's a great leader and he's really good at communicating and bringing people together," he said. "And he's even brought me home after practice many times. He's a great guy. He loves his family and is a joy to be around. He adds so much to the team, not just as a player with his abilities and his stats, but he's like an older brother to us."

What definitely cannot get lost in this special season for Orozco and the **Maroons** is the amount of fun they are having, even as the season-ending supersectional loss to York lingers.

"I felt like it wouldn't be this fun, because of last year, but it's been really fun," Orozco said. "We've been just taking it one game at a time and never forgetting to have fun."

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The final boys soccer Top 20

Nov. 7, 2022

Boys soccer

Final Top 20

Team Comment

1. Naperville Central (26-3-1) Hail to the 3A state champions
2. Stevenson (22-1-3) Memorable end to a near perfect season
3. York (20-2-3) This close to playing in 3A state final
4. Grayslake Central (19-2-3) Second straight 2A state trophy
5. Elgin (20-1-3) Best season ever for Maroons
6. Hinsdale Central (17-5-1) All-stater Davies returns
7. Naperville North (17-4-1) Barger two-time all-state
8. Conant (20-5-1) Belcher Cook All-Area Captain
9. Benet Academy (15-5-1) Nick Roe all-stater returns
10. Fremd (14-7-2) Remian and Rodino all-state

11. Timothy Christian (17-9-0) Class 1A third place trophy winners
12. Wheaton Academy (16-6-3) Class 1A fourth place trophy winners
13. Vernon Hills (13-8-3) Yet another fantastic postseason run
14. St. Charles East (18-4-3) Brockmeyer all-state
15. Crystal Lake S. (14-5-3) Getzinger back after all-state year
16. Lake Zurich (12-5-3) Ian Ferguson all-state
17. Marmion (10-9-5) Cadets return plenty of talent
18. Warren (15-5-2) Stanciak led strong group of seniors
19. Wauconda (12-5-3) Karsten Ternes leads the way in 2023
20. Larkin (16-9-0) Terrific late season run to sectional final

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Boys soccer: 2022 Fox All-Area Team

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By Chris Walker

2022 Fox All-Area Boys Soccer Team

Name School Year Pos.

Mason Brockmeyer St. Charles East Sr. F

Geovanny Catalan Elgin Sr. D

Anthony Cordova Larkin Sr. MF/F

Alex Curtis St. Charles North Jr. GK

Walter DelaPaz St. Charles North Jr. MF

Michael Garcia Streamwood Sr. MF

Nolan Getzinger Crystal Lake South Jr. MF

Trent Giansanti Geneva Jr., F

Joel Gutierrez, Larkin, sr., MF/F

Zach Heitkemper, Huntley, sr., MF

Logan Lewarchick, St. Charles East, jr., MF

Alex Martinez, Dundee-Crown, sr., MF

Pas Ndayishimiye, West Aurora, so., MF

Barry O'Neill, Marmion, sr., MF

*Julian Orozco, Elgin, sr., D

Miguel Peña, Dundee-Crown, sr., MF/F

Omari Rashidi, West Aurora, sr., F

Omar Saldana, Elgin, sr., MF

Nathan Siers, Westminster Christian, sr., F

Andrew Smart, Crystal Lake South, sr., D

*All-Area Captain

Honorable mention

Jose Acevedo, West Aurora, sr., **Kendall Andrewin, South Elgin**, sr., Owen Armstrong, Jacobs, jr., Jacob Budys, Dundee-Crown, sr., Andrew Davison, Kaneland, sr., **Adrian Diaz, Larkin**, jr., Peter DiNapoli, Westminster Christian, sr., Arnel Dizdarevic, St. Charles North, sr., **Marcos Gutierrez, Streamwood**, jr., Colin Hasty, Geneva, sr., Ryan Horlock, Batavia, sr., Isaac Jacobo, Huntley, jr., Sam Keen, Kaneland, jr., Logan Kemp, Cary-Grove, jr., John Kraft, Jacobs, sr., Casey Kriz, St. Charles North, so., Mactzil Lopez, Marmion, jr., Alex Marshall, Batavia, jr., Juan Martinez, Hampshire, jr., **Oscar Medina, Bartlett**, sr., **Eduardo Nava, Elgin**, jr., **Miguel Navarro, Elgin**, sr., **Ryan Nguyen, South Elgin**, jr., Hudson Nielsen, Huntley, jr., Ethan Nitsche, Kaneland, sr., Liam O'Donoghue, Geneva, jr., Jack Petsche, Burlington Central, sr., Jordan Rolon, St. Charles East, jr., David Smiech, Dundee-Crown, sr., Blake Studdard, West Aurora, sr., Ryan Vandever, St. Charles East, sr., Logan Vargas, Crystal Lake South, sr., Josh Washington, Crystal Lake South, sr.

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Rick Armstrong's Aurora, Elgin and Naperville football rankings and player of the week for Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022

Nov. 8, 2022

By Rick Armstrong

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. St. Charles North 10-1 (1)
2. Yorkville 10-1 (2)

[Kyle Gettemy's stop](#) preserves Foxes' 34-31 win over Moline in fourth overtime.

3. Batavia 7-3 (4)

[Tyler Jansey's big tackle, touchdown run](#) send Bulldogs past Hersey in double overtime.

4. Neuqua Valley 8-3 (5)

[Mark Mennecke and Grant Larkin reconnect](#) as Wildcats fall 17-14 to Lincoln-Way East.

5. Naperville North 7-3 (7)

Season ended.

6. South Elgin 10-1 (3)

[Michael Tringali battles to the end](#) for Storm in 42-0 loss to Maine South.

7. Jacobs 8-2 (8)

Season ended.

8. Geneva 6-4 (10)

Season ended.

9. Naperville Central 6-4 (9)

Season ended.

10. Kaneland 7-4 (6)

Knights eliminated as Prairie Ridge quarterback Tyler Vasey ran for 279 yards, seven TDs.

Special Teams Player of the Week

Senior kicker [Hudson Fiene](#) made a 35-yard extra-point kick into the wind following a penalty in second OT. He then added field goals of 21 and 29 yards in third and fourth OTs for Yorkville in a Class 7A second-round playoff victory.

Defensive Player of the Week

Senior linebacker [Tyler Jansey](#) had 15 solo tackles, four assists and three for loss for Batavia and scored the winning TD on a 1-yard run for a 19-13 win over undefeated Hersey in the second round of the Class 7A playoffs.

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Maine South ends season for Storm football, 42-0

Nov 9, 2022

By Seth Hancock

The [South Elgin](#) football team's season came to an end in the second round of the playoffs after the No. 4 [Storm](#) fell 42-0 to No. 13 Maine South on Friday, Nov. 4 at [South Elgin](#).

It was the second postseason shutout, third of the season, for Maine South's defense, and its offense found the end zone twice in both the first and second quarters to take a 28-0 lead by halftime.

Although the [Storm](#) held the higher seed, they were playing a Maine South program that has a long history of deep postseason runs. Maine South has now made it to the postseason 30 straight years which includes 10 state title appearances including a second place finish last year, and it has six state titles.

"There were a lot of things we could have done better, but I don't want to take away from the way that team played," said [South Elgin](#) coach Dragan Teonic.

Teonic added: "They were unbelievable. They played incredible on both sides of the ball."

As for the [Storm](#), who end the season 10-1 overall, this was the second straight perfect regular season team which ended in the second round of the playoffs. [South Elgin](#) has advanced to the second round five times in its history.

Senior Kyle Steinhofer (six receptions, 64 yards) did find the end zone on what appeared to be a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jake Sullivan, but a holding penalty negated it. Steinhofer finished the season with 38 catches for 621 yards and seven TDs, and Sullivan had 16 TDs on the year.

The [Storm](#) offense entered the game averaging over 300 rushing yards a game. Senior Jordan Green, who was averaging nearly 80 rushing yards a game, led the [Storm](#) with 34 yards on the ground.