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Ten U-46 employees honored at state level

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U-46 Board vice president Kate Thommes, right, and Chanda Schwartz, secretary pro-term, left, congratulate the recent honorees in the Illinois State Board of Education's annual Those Who Excel program.

Those Who Excel and Golden Apple programs recognize excellence in education

Five teachers, three administrators, and a coordinator for Elgin Area School District U-46's homeless education program were recognized recently in the Illinois State Board of Education's annual Those Who Excel program. In addition, a high school Career and Technical Education teacher was among the finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

All 10 were honored by the U-46 board of education with Accent on Achievement certificates.

"Each one of these outstanding individuals is dedicated to helping prepare our students for a successful future," said U-46 Superintendent Suzanne Johnson. "We celebrate their experience, enthusiasm, and passion, and we are grateful to have them as part of the U-46 team."

Golden Apple is an Illinois nonprofit committed to recognizing exemplary educators and developing future educators. The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching honors outstanding teachers for having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and school communities.



Matt Erbach, a precision manufacturing teacher at South Elgin High School, was honored for his Golden Apple Award for Excellence at the U-46 board meeting.

ISBE's Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year Awards celebrate classroom teachers, administrators, teams, volunteers, and school support personnel who have made lasting impacts on the students, families, and fellow educators in their school communities. ISBE will celebrate the awardees at a spring banquet.

The 10 honored U-46 employees are as follows:

- Kimberly Blazek, a second-grade teacher at Centennial Elementary School in Bartlett, ISBE Award of Excellence, Classroom Teacher
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- Patricia Briones, Project Access coordinator, ISBE Award of Special Recognition, Student Support Personnel
- Matt Erbach, precision manufacturing teacher at South Elgin High School, Golden Apple Award for Excellence, CTE teacher
- Jill Gerovac, math teacher at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett, ISBE Award of Excellence, classroom teacher
- Angela Ginnan, principal at Eastview Middle School, ISBE Award of Meritorious Service, school administrator
- Paul Kowalyszyn, English teacher and instructional coach at Streamwood High School, ISBE Award of Meritorious Service, classroom teacher

- Lela Majstorovic, U-46's Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, ISBE Award of Meritorious Service, school administrator
- Rafael Martinez-Ortiz, associate principal at Dream Academy in Elgin, ISBE Award of Special Recognition, school administrator
- Jose Mora, world languages and dual credit teacher at South Elgin High School, ISBE Award of Special Recognition, classroom teacher

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Seigle Foundation pays tribute to Hamilton Wings founder Risé Jones

By: Seigle Foundation

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Risë Jones

With the sudden passing of Risé Jones, founder of Hamilton Wings, Seigle Foundation renewed their funding at the previous year's amount without a formal grant submission.

Hamilton Wings works to promote leadership development and academic readiness of socially and/or economically challenged children through the use of and access to the arts.

Interim executive director Deanna Cates stated, "Hamilton Wings is deeply grateful for the support of the Seigle Foundation as we continue to 'give children the wings to soar'! It is our privilege to honor our beloved and recently departed founder, Dr. Risé Jones, as we continue to provide her original, award-winning after-school arts education and integration programs for the wonderful students and families of U-46."

Arts grants totaling in excess of \$200,000 were awarded to the following charitable organizations: Hamilton Wings, Children's Theatre of Elgin, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Master Chorale, YWCA Elgin and Chamber Music on the Fox.

The foundation believes that communities and people flourish when a strong arts and culture sector serves to unify, entertain, and enlighten.

In addition to the arts, Seigle Foundation is focused on food, education, and housing.

Nonprofit organizations serving the Elgin and Dundee communities are eligible to apply. For more information see SeigleFoundation.org.

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U-46 breaks ground on school addition; more spring construction projects planned

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy
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Elgin Area School District U-46 Superintendent Suzanne Johnson speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday in South Elgin for an expansion at Kenyon Woods Middle School. U-46 will begin work this spring on additions to Kenyon Woods and Kimball middle schools and construction of a new middle school in Elgin.

Spring construction is in the air as Elgin Area School District U-46 is breaking ground on several building projects to help transform the district's middle schools into modernized sixth-through eighth-grade facilities.

Shovels hit the ground Wednesday for work on a 46,000-square-foot addition at Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin. The \$30 million project will increase the school's capacity to 1,125 students — current enrollment is about 750 — and is expected to be complete by August 2026.



Elgin Area School District U-46 Superintendent Suzanne Johnson poses with Kenyon Woods Middle School students during a groundbreaking Wednesday in South Elgin for a new addition to the building.

Construction is set to begin April 7 on a 53,000-square-foot addition at Kimball Middle School in Elgin. The \$25 million project will increase that school's capacity to 1,125 students — up from about 550 students this year — and will be ready for occupancy in August 2026.

And the district is building a new 193,000-square-foot middle school at 2604 Rohrssen Road in Elgin. Work on the \$110 million project begins April 22, and the school will be ready for occupancy in August 2027. It will have capacity for 1,125 students.



Construction is set to begin April 22 on a new 193,000 -square -foot middle school in Elgin.

Meanwhile, renovations of the 58,000-square-foot Hawk Hollow Middle School in Bartlett and building a 92,000-square-foot addition there are expected to be completed by summer.

Formerly an elementary school for 25 years until its closure after the 2022-23 school year, the improved Hawk Hollow will welcome its first seventh-grade class this fall. It will have students in grades six through eight the following year.

With \$53 million in upgrades, Hawk Hollow will have a capacity of 750 students. New features include dedicated science labs, flexible classrooms, staff planning areas, a new cafeteria with a full-service kitchen, dual gyms, performing arts spaces, and rooms for culinary arts, band, choir and music. The project includes installing solar tubes for energy-efficient daylighting in interior spaces and accessibility improvements, officials said.

Abbott and Ellis middle schools, both in Elgin, will be closed after the new construction is completed.

“Ultimately, there will be two of our older middle schools that will be closed,” said Brian Lindholm, U-46 chief of staff.

The improvements are funded through the district borrowing \$179 million in bonds that voters approved in April 2023 and using some of the \$100 million from reserves and another \$100 million in working cash bonds and debt certificates, officials said.

Among the goals of the referendum was moving to a middle school model with grades six through eight housed together, using space in elementary schools to expand early childhood programs, and replacing or renovating older elementary schools.

“We have spent a lot of time researching and planning for the transition to a new middle school model,” said Ann Williams, deputy superintendent of operations. “The research supports that sixth graders should be in middle schools. We’re very excited about how that will impact the culture of our schools.”

Lindholm said the district will be implementing a teaming model in the middle schools, especially in buildings where the enrollment is large.

Students in each grade will be organized in A, B and C teams so they can attend classes primarily with the same peer groups and teachers, creating a “school within a school” feel, he said.

The middle school renovations will improve collaborative spaces, allowing students to work in smaller groups, Williams added.

“All of our students will be moving to improved modern environments with more natural light, more green space, just awesome facilities ... across the district,” she said. “These projects reflect the best of who we are as a district: forward-thinking, student-focused, and committed to excellence for all.”



Elgin Area School District U-46 will begin work this spring on additions to Kenyon Woods and Kimball middle schools and construction of a new middle school in Elgin.

Consolidation at the elementary level is the next phase. The district is moving forward with design work on several projects, including building a new elementary school in Elgin, conversion of Illinois Park School in Elgin from an early childhood center to a full elementary building, and major renovations and additions at Glenbrook Elementary in Streamwood and Century Oaks Elementary in Elgin.

U-46 now has 38 elementary schools after closing two buildings over the last couple of years. The district will close three more schools, bringing down the total to 35 in the 2026-2027 school years.

Some district elementary schools date back to the late 1800s — Lowrie, Washington and McKinley.

“They will be closed, and students will be assigned to other buildings,” Lindholm said.

Lowrie and Washington will close after next school year, and McKinley will stay open until it can be replaced with the new elementary school to be built on the former David C. Cook site on Grove Avenue, just north of Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. That could take two more years, Lindholm said.

Much of these changes are driven by dramatic shifts in enrollment, with the district losing, on average, about 500 students per year, mainly due to declining birth rates.

“The enrollment is down several thousand from a peak 10 to 15 years ago,” Lindholm said. “We are at about 34,000 students this year. The birth rates seem like they have finally stabilized, but we know we have a few more smaller incoming kindergarten classes.”

- Chicago Tribune/ The Courier News - Work ready to begin on expansion of Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin

By: Mike Danahey

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Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday for the expansion of Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin were, from left, School District U-46 Superintendent Suzanne Johnson, School Board President Melissa Owens and board members Veronica Noland, Chanda Schwartz, Kate Thommes and Sue Kerr.

School District U-46 officials broke ground this week on an addition that will expand the size of Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin.

“As a former Kenyon Woods mom, it’s an honor to be here,” School Board President Melissa Owens said at the Wednesday event for the building project, one of several being launched by the Elgin-based school district.

The 46,000-square-foot expansion is expected to cost about \$30 million and, when complete, will allow the school to hold up to 1,100 students in grades 6 through 8.

Currently the building has an enrollment of 749 seventh- and eighth-graders, according to the most recent Illinois Report Card. As the district makes the transition to housing all sixth-grade classes in its middle schools starting in the 2026-27 academic year, it’s implementing an ambitious plan to close some schools, expand/renovate others and build new ones.

Owens said the new addition’s design also will reflect a change in how they approach education by teaming students in groups of 100 to 150. Those teams will learn together from a core group of teachers.

Ann Williams, deputy superintendent of operations, said site work on the Kenyon Woods project will begin next week, when students are out on spring break, but major construction will not begin until summer. The addition is scheduled to be ready for the 2026-27 school year.

A \$25 million, 53,000-square-foot addition to Kimball Middle School in Elgin will start construction following a groundbreaking ceremony set for 4 p.m. Monday, April 7. When ready for the 2026-27 school year, it also will be able to house up to 1,100 students.

A third groundbreaking will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, for a new 193,000-square-foot, \$110 million middle school at 2604 Rohrssen Road, Elgin. It too will hold up to 1,100 students when ready to be occupied in the 2027-28 school year.



The area behind Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin is ready for the construction that will begin next week on an addition that will allow School District U-46 to house up to 1,110 students in the building.

Hawk Hollow Middle School in Bartlett, formerly known as Hawk Hollow Elementary, is undergoing \$53 million in expansion and renovation work and will be available for seventh-graders this August. When work is complete, the 150,000-square-foot building will house 750 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in the 2026-27 school year.

Kenyon Woods principal Lisa Olsem is moving to Hawk Hollow Middle to become its principal, U-46 officials said. Rebecca Gabrenya, currently principal at Marquardt Middle School in Glendale Heights, will take over the helm at Kenyon Woods at the start of the 2025-26 school year, according to the school's webpage.

The Hawk Hollow project is being funded with money from the school district's reserve fund. The three other middle school projects will be funded with money from a \$180 million bond sale approved by voters in April 2023.

Another \$200 million in reserve and operating funds, along with grant funding, will help pay for the three middle school projects and others, including planned construction of a new elementary school on the former David C. Cook property on Elgin's east side.

At the Kenyon Woods groundbreaking Wednesday, Superintendent Suzanne Johnson once again thanked voters for approving the referendum and those who took part in listening sessions that helped shape the district's plans and priorities.

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19 community leaders nominated for YWCA Elgin Leader Luncheon awards

By: Pat Szpekowski

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The YWCA Elgin has announced the nominees for its 41st annual Leader Luncheon on Thursday, May 8. Hundreds of community leaders, business representatives and volunteers attend this time-honored tradition of celebrating Elgin area women leaders. Elisa Lara, a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurses Association Health Care, is serving as the honorary chair.

It will begin with a reception at 11 a.m. and luncheon at noon at The Seville in Streamwood. The luncheon is supported by title sponsor, The Schrieber Group of Elgin. Reservations are \$60 for YWCA members or \$65 for nonmembers.

A special tribute will be presented at the Leader Luncheon for the late Rise' Jones, founder of the Elgin nonprofit Hamilton Wings and longtime supporter of the YWCA Elgin.

The following 19 women leaders have been nominated by their colleagues and peers in eight award categories:

- Margaret Hillis Award for the Arts: Cynthia G. Hernandez (Ballet Folklórico Huehuecoatl) nominated by Jo Ann Armenta; Carole Medal (Gail Borden Public Library) nominated by Miriam A. Lytle; and Jess Rocha (Side Street Studio Arts) nominated by Tanner Melvin.
- Beatrice Dorsey Award for Business & Professions: Rachel P. Baer, MD FACS CGRA (Advocate Sherman Hospital) nominated by Joan Kanute; Joan Kanute (Advocate Sherman Hospital) nominated by Twila M. Williams; Yaneth Medina (St. Charles Bank & Trust) nominated by George Santiago; Dr. Magdalena Perez (Elgin Hispanic Network & Luna Behavioral Group) nominated by Rafael Villagomez; and Brenda Sandoval (Compass Staffing Solutions) nominated by Maria de los Angeles.
- Marguerite Henry Award for Communications & Technology: Erin Sauder (Explore Elgin Area) nominated by Krisilee Murphy.
- Harriet Gifford & Hattie Griffin Award for Education: Dr. Annette Acevedo (School District U-46) nominated by Dr. Suzanne Johnson; Nancy Coleman (Alignment Collaborative for Education) nominated by Leslie Wolko; and Noelle Dulabaum-Bohrer (Washington Elementary School) nominated by Ryan Corcoran.
- Myrtle Spiegler Gerberding Award for Public Service: Detective Shelley Mendiola (Elgin Police Department) nominated by Police Chief Ana Lalley; and Patricia Piper Golden (Retired Judge & AAUW) nominated by Elgin Area — American Association of University Women.
- Betty Brown Award for Racial Justice: Elizabeth (Liddy) Hope, Ph.D (Elgin Community College) nominated by Elgin Community College; and Sandra Y. Parga (Kane County 16th Circuit Judge) nominated by Helen Strom.
- Marie Grolich Award for Social Services: Noelle Dulabaum-Bohrer (Washington Elementary School) nominated by Ryan Corcoran, and Donna Kruse (Advocate Sherman Hospital) nominated by Susan Morby.
- Marjorie Leonard Award for Volunteer & Community Service: Christy Schmidt (Elgin Police Department) nominated by ELLAS — Elgin Latino Leadership Alliance for Seniors.

For information about the luncheon, reservations, and/or sponsorship, contact the YWCA Elgin at (847) 742-7930 or www.ywcaelgin.org/leaderluncheon.

- Chicago Tribune/ The Courier News - District U-46 tweaks boundary changes before 6th-graders are moved into middle schools

By: Mike Danahey

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Students who live on Elgin's east side will attend Elgin High School instead of crossing the Fox River to attend Larkin High School, the District U-46 School Board was told.

School boundary changes have been adjusted as the district prepares to move sixth-grade classes from elementary schools into middle schools in the 2026-27 school year.

"Right now there's a section on the east side of Elgin around Kimball Street that goes to Kimball (Middle School) and Larkin (High School)," U-46 Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mark Moore said. "Instead of that, they will go to Larsen (Middle) and Elgin, and all Larsen students will go to Elgin,"

Initial recommendations were presented to the board in December, but have since been tweaked based on feedback received at five community meetings held in December and January.

The proposed changes are necessary as the district enacts plans to close some aging and outdated schools, renovate and add on to others, and construct two new buildings — one an elementary school and the other a middle school.

The switch in enrollment for middle schools will take place this fall, and the new middle school being built on Rohrssen Road ready for students in the 2027-28 school year. Until it can be occupied, the students who are to go there will use Abbott and Ellis middle schools on a temporary basis and then those two schools will close.

Board members are to vote on the new boundaries at their April 14 meeting.

U-46 Chief of Staff Brian Lindholm reminded the board of the other projects in the works:

- Washington and Lowrie elementary schools in Elgin and Hanover Countryside in Streamwood will close after the 2025-26 school year.
- McKinley Elementary in Elgin will close once a new school on the former David C. Cook property is ready to occupy.

- Renovations are underway at Glenbrook Elementary in Streamwood and Century Oaks Elementary in Elgin and will be completed during the 2026-27 school year.
- Illinois Park in Elgin will be retired as an early education center following the 2025-26 school year and reopen as an elementary school the following school year.

Presentations and maps of the current and proposed boundaries are available on the district's website, Lindholm said. Staff also is putting together an online page in which an address can be typed in and the current and future schools assigned to it provided.

Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Lela Majstorovic said the district will allow families to submit residency exception requests to ask if their child might attend a school that's different from the one assigned.

"Approving a request will be contingent on available staff and space, based on the current staffing allocation at the requested site and that parents and guardians will be responsible to provide transportation," Majstorovic said.

For more information on U-46 boundary recommendations, go to www.u-46.org/Page/15447.

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Girls soccer notes: Naperville Central, Elgin start the season in impressive fashion

By: Chris Walker

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Naperville Central head coach Troy Adams, right, likes what he's seen from his team in their first seven games this spring.

Naperville Central's talent is also versatile.

"It's been a good start to the season," Redhawks coach Troy Adams said. "We've got obviously a lot of talented kids and a decent number of kids are playing in positions they typically didn't

play or not in high school, so to grow, learn and kind of develop and expand on their skill base has been fun to see.”

Playing without six starters, the Redhawks (6-0-1) most recently tied Edwardsville 1-1 on March 29. The Tigers took fourth in the state last year. The Redhawks opened DVC play on Tuesday, hosting Neuqua Valley.

Call it the X Factor

Elgin really didn’t know what it was getting with the arrival of Leyden transfer, Ximena Magana.

“She’s made a big difference and really brought the energy to the team,” Elgin coach Alicia Knoll said. “Her and (sophomore) Michelle (Ayala) work so great together in the middle. She’s just involved the whole team and what they’re doing right now. It’s been exciting to watch.”

Elgin (6-0-1) labored through a 1-0 victory over Willowbrook on Apr. 3 to remain undefeated. The Maroons were scheduled to begin Upstate Eight West play on Tuesday against Larkin (0-9).

“We didn’t play very well and came through, but that one kind of got us a little bit,” Knoll said. “A little bit of a wake-up call. I don’t know if that’s the right word. The message I’ve given is it’s only going to get harder and harder. I was just telling them as we start conference it’s a whole new level and we just need to be prepared to take it up to the next level to keep doing good things.”

Soccer is thriving in Elgin right now. The boys have won three straight sectional titles, compiling a 51-9-8 record during that stretch.

“The guys have been awesome so I’m just excited for our program to do well,” Knoll said. “It’s nice to see that amount of energy and excitement and just that willingness to work hard.”

Eleven is heaven in Aurora

The number 11 has gone wild in Aurora. The Blackhawks have gotten goals from 11 players and assists from 11 players to help the team get off to a 4-0 start.

“They’ve obviously done well and carried over some concepts from last year,” Blackhawks coach Jorge España said. “They’ve defended well and most importantly, possessed the ball and are being patient. That’s a big thing for us having different people score and assist.”

Giselle Perez leads the Blackhawks with 6 goals and 13 points. McKenzie Pearch and Lizbeth Salinas have each scored 4 goals.

Huntley prepares for FVC

Maizie Nickle is healthy and Brooke Maxedon is faster than most of her peers.

That means good things for Huntley which remains undefeated (5-0-2) after traveling to Rockford Boylan on Saturday and battling to a scoreless draw while playing on a natural surface for the first time.

“We got ties against Evanston and Boylan who are pretty good,” Red Raiders coach Matt Lewandowski said. “It’s the first time Maizie has been healthy to start the season and she looks really good right now. And Brooke ran track this winter and that made her realize she’s faster than most girls and can use that to her advantage to get into spaces.”

Nickle leads the team with 9 goals while Maxedon has scored 5 goals and contributed a team-best 5 assists. Maddie Rumachik has 4 assists and Maddie Cummings, Emma Emricson and Hailey Brandlin have each scored 3 goals.

“Fifteen of 21 players have some kind of points which is awesome to see as well,” Lewandowski said. “One of our greatest strengths is truly having 21 players and the depth to stay fresh. It’s finding the right combination on a particular day to get things done.”

- Chicago Tribune -

It’s about time for Bartlett’s Vince Yario, who throws strikes on tough hitting day. ‘You walk people, you lose.’

By: Paul Johnson

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Bartlett’s Vince Yario (12) throws a pitch against Streamwood during the first inning of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Bartlett's Vince Yario flashes premium stuff on the mound, but so far this season, the results haven't always followed for the junior right-hander.

First-coach Alex Coan hasn't been discouraged, however.

"He's competed really well on the mound," Coan said of Yario. "We've run into some really tough lineups. Not making any excuses, but we face really quality opponents."

Viola, Yario put it all together in Monday's Upstate Eight Conference opener against Streamwood.

Yario was dominant for the host Hawks in a 5-0 victory and stymied the Sabres over five innings on a frigid day, striking out five while scattering three hits and a walk. He also singled.

Josh Colaizzi led Bartlett (3-7-1, 1-0) with an RBI single and a pair of walks and threw a perfect seventh to close out the game. Joe Kennedy and Gio Scivittaro each added RBI singles.

Casey Nosek, Austin Paskewic and Adan Rojas had the hits for Streamwood (3-4, 0-1).

Yario said there wasn't a specific focus during bullpen sessions that turned his season around.

"I just had a lot more confidence out there," Yario said. "We've faced a lot of tough competition this year. That's good for us because we need it."



Bartlett's Vince Yario (12) fields a hit by Streamwood's Casey Nosek during the fifth inning of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Coming into Monday's start, Yario had struck out 23 in 11 innings while allowing 13 earned runs and 11 walks. He only walked one against Streamwood.

"I've been getting into a lot of three-ball counts and that was my goal — to lower that this year and this outing," Yario said. "That's all I wanted to focus on, just throwing it over the plate."

"I have a lot of confidence in my team, too."

Yario pumped strikes on a tough hitting day, which stood out to Streamwood coach Dan Jennings.

“He threw a lot of strikes,” Jennings said of Yario. “He threw to everyone in the order, even to guys like Paskewic and Riley Nosek and the middle of the lineup and challenged them to swing the bat.

“On a day like (Monday), if you walk people, you lose.”



Bartlett's Vince Yario (12) takes his lead off first base after a hit against Streamwood during the first inning of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Streamwood countered with Paskewic, its ace. Bartlett ran up his pitch count and chased him after four innings. He allowed four runs, three earned, on four hits. He struck out seven and walked four.

“They do a really good job with two strikes,” Jennings said of Bartlett. “They battle. I thought (Paskewic) threw well enough to win. He’s thrown really well every outing.

“It’s just a matter of hitting and making plays in the field. We’ll get there. We’re young.”

The stuff for Yario has always been undeniable. His fastball sits in the mid-90s and he can throw three or four pitches for strikes, including a slider and an improving change-up.

“He’s got really good horizontal break on his fastball,” Coan said. “He throws a heavy two-seamer. On a warmer day, there would be a little bit better velocity. You’re looking at a really special arm.

“He can be a really good piece. I’m really proud of the guy he’s grown into. He’s just a dog, a competitor.”



Bartlett's Vince Yario (12) and Alex Bihun (22) talk on the mound during the second inning of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Yario set out to harness that talent and turn it into results. It started with a switch to a new travel program, Canes Illinois, and has continued in Coan's first season leading the program.

"I really fixed my mechanics," Yario said. "That really helped me out a lot. That's all I'm focusing on this year, just my mechanics. Hopefully that brings me to the college level."

Outings like he had Monday will go a long way toward making that hope a reality.

"That's the Vince Yario we know we have on the team," Coan said. "We're really proud of him for going out there and doing his thing. We just told him to stay the course."