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Chicago Weather: Bitter cold moves in, temps to drop below zero

*3rd video on web page has interview with Tony Sanders

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CHICAGO (WLS) -- A Wind Chill Advisory was issued for Thursday and Friday in the Chicago area when low temperatures will drop to below zero -- between -5 and -12 degrees.

Wednesday evening, temperatures were in the 20s, but quickly falling. Thursday's high is 20 degrees and low is -7, and Friday's high will be 4 degrees and low of -3.

Wind chills are expected to drop to between -15 and -30.

The Wind Chill Advisory goes into effect from 6 p.m. Thursday until noon Friday for Cook, DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston and Will counties in Illinois and Benton, Jasper, Lake, Newton and Porter counties in Indiana.

Meanwhile, snow remains on the ground after a snowstorm dumped several inches of snow on the northwest suburbs and created slick roads and sidewalks.

The slick conditions naturally lead to a rise in injuries like wrist fractures and shoulder injuries. Carrie Blaine got her shoulder examined after a nasty fall on the ice outside of her home, the indignity only magnified when it was captured by her doorbell cam. Ouch.

Dr. Peter McQueen said injuries like hers are very common this time of year, when people fail to realize just how slick the icy surface can be.

The heavy snowfall and cold temperatures also presented potential danger for kids going to school Wednesday morning. Northwest suburban District U45 CEO Tony Sanders drove the roads himself at 4 a.m. to determine if it was safe enough to open schools.

The storm dropped a mix of rain across the area, with precipitation mainly being snow in areas north and west of the city. Genoa received 5.1 inches of snow, Barrington received 3.0 inches of snow, Palatine received 2.5 inches of snow and Wheaton received an inch of snow.

The wintry mix created slippery conditions on roads, so drivers are asked to take extra caution. Fog has also led to reduced visibility. The ABC7 Stormtracker checked out conditions on the Jane Adams Tollway, where roads were covered by snow in Huntley. Later Wednesday morning, traffic conditions improve, but roads were still wet.

Large, fluffy flakes fell in west suburban Bloomingdale, where ABC7 viewer Clark Keith shared video showing the "real life snow globe" conditions.

Nalisa Jansky spent her day off snow blowing her driveway in Woodstock as heavy snow fell.

"I mean at least we haven't gotten it all year," she said. "This is only like the second kind of big snowfall this year so I'm not that worried about it but I'm kinda glad that it's all at the same time and not a bunch of different days"

The Pedersen family was also snowed in and school and work got called off at the last minute.

"Probably not gonna do much today," said Woodstock HS student Keanna Pedersen.
"Probably gonna go outside play with the dog and snow, maybe take a nap."

The Woodstock area got close to four inches, with the historic square covered in winter white as heavy equipment struggles to keep it off the roads.

"I like the snow," Kristina Pedersen said. "I don't like our cold humidity that makes it freeze but otherwise I wouldn't mind it I guess."

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Ten miles to the south in the Village of Huntley, snow blowers buzzed along Main Street. Henry Aul is with the public works department, tirelessly battling what keeps piling up.

"This is our second time around down here now," Aul said. "We have been out here since 5 a.m."

This winter storm packed snow on top of ice and while it's made a beautiful landscape, it

has proved to be very dangerous, too.

"A lot of people are having trouble driving around, there's been a lot of accidents," said Huntley resident Halley Millbratz. "Businesses are closing down."

Overnight, a car almost crashed when it hit a big puddle on the Michigan Avenue viaduct to Lake Shore Drive.

Nearly 900 flights were cancelled at Chicago's airports on Tuesday. As of 10:40 a.m. Wednesday, 174 flights have been cancelled at O'Hare and and four flights have been cancelled at Midway.

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South Elgin names Creighton its 2018 police officer of year

By: Rafael Guerrero



• Officer Jim Creighton is South Elgin's 2018 Officer of the Year. The honor was bestowed at Tuesday night's South Elgin Village Board meeting.

A South Elgin police officer who's played key roles in such initiatives as National Night Out and Too Good for Drugs has been named the village's 2018 officer of the year.

Officer Jim Creighton was recognized Tuesday night by the South Elgin Village Board.

Creighton has taken "the community relations program to new heights in South Elgin," village President Steve Ward said.

Among the things he was cited for was his work with South Elgin's annual "National Night Out" block party, the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) walk and Santa's Helpers, according to a South Elgin news release.

He serves as the Too Good for Drugs instructor for all South Elgin elementary schools, reads to children at Gail Borden Public Library and helped start a mentor program at Fox Valley Elementary School.

The village also recognized Creighton's leadership in raising \$27,000 for Special Olympics.

During the Santa's Helpers event, Creighton worked with the police and fire departments and the village to create a "winter wonderland" for 15 children, providing them breakfast, shopping and lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Village Tavern and Grill, the release said.

At the C.O.P.S. walk, Creighton arranged a tribute to family members who lost loved ones in the line of duty, providing attendees a picnic, U.S. flags and a memorial table.

Creighton has spent his 12-year law enforcement career with South Elgin Police Department. He is a former Marine and served as a military poll bearer with the 8th and I military funeral group in Washington, D.C.

SPORTS

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Bartlett blows by West Aurora

By: John Lemon

Enjoying an undefeated season in the Upstate Eight Conference until a 44-43 loss to Glenbard South last week, Bartlett is determined to use that defeat to its benefit.

In that loss the Hawks allowed 28 points to the Raiders' 6-foot-2 post Maggie Bair.

On Wednesday at West Aurora, the Hawks didn't even allow 28 points to the entire Blackhawks team.

The Hawks throttled West Aurora, learning to take away the lob entry passes inside that hurt them last week. The result was a 44-25 victory to remain tied with South Elgin for the Upstate Eight lead with a date looming next Friday against the Storm.

"It was a hard loss for us," Bartlett sophomore Justina Hernandez said. "Learning about situational basketball. We practiced and were ready to come in today and shut them down."

Hernandez scored 12 points despite missing much of the game in foul trouble. Lexie Sinclair led the Hawks in scoring with 14 points and Mackenzie Hare added 10.

But the story came on the opposite end.

"I thought our defense was exceptional especially against their big because it's something we've struggled with," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "We lost to Glenbard South with lob city.

"The defense never wavered. When we got in our dry spots offensively the defense kept up."

Bartlett (21-4, 11-1) never trailed. The Hawks scored the first four points on lay-ins from Sinclair and Hernandez, though they also struggled in the first half with 18 points on 7-of-23 shooting.

That was still enough for an 18-11 halftime lead. Keva Tomas opened the second half with a basket to bring West Aurora within 5 but that was as tight as it would get as Hernandez followed with back-to-back drives that she made while being fouled to open a 23-13 lead.

"Justina was exceptional all night long," Hunt said. "She was attacking the rim and kind of broke that ice for us and warmed up this gym a little bit for us. That created lanes for everybody else."

"The person guarding me was smaller than me so it was a good opportunity to take it to the rack." Hernandez said.

Bartlett maintained a 30-17 advantage after three quarters, and West Aurora never got closer than 11 points in the fourth.

West Aurora (17-8, 9-5) had won seven of its eight entering Wednesday but never got anything going. The Blackhawks didn't score double digits in any quarter and made just 11 of 45 shots (24.4 percent) from the field, 1 of 11 from the 3-point arc and 2 of 5 free throws.

They also turned the ball over 17 times to Bartlett's 9. Dajour Miles led West Aurora with 8 points, Olivia Vanderwoude had 6 and Jalyssa Carrasco 5.

"We couldn't convert," West Aurora coach Teresa Waldinger said. "Offensively we weren't seeing who we needed to see at some key times. We couldn't finish shots. Defense was not outstanding tonight like we have been in the past. But I have to give it to Bartlett, they played a solid game. They worked. We've been playing well but tonight we couldn't finish."

Dundee-Crown pulls away from Elgin

By: Jared Birchfield

Dundee-Crown needed three quarters to finally pull away from Elgin Wednesday night.

The pesky Maroons hung with D-C for the first 16 minutes of the game and only trailed 35-29 at halftime.

The Chargers took control in the third quarter for a 76-66 nonconference win in Elgin.

"Elgin is on their home floor. They are not going to come in and let you beat them. They are a scrappy team," said D-C coach Lance Huber. "I thought they would be ready to play today and they were. They made some shots and they turned us over a few times and got some easy baskets and that led to the score at halftime."

Elgin's zone defense kept D-C from working the ball inside in the first quarter. The Chargers only sank four baskets in the period. Thanks to three trips to the free-throw line, D-C ended the first eight minutes tied 14-14.

Unable to shoot from the inside, the Chargers went to their outside game in the second quarter and drained five 3-pointers. Elgin responded with four of its own. Trey Yarber sank his first trey from the left corner at the 5:53 mark to give Elgin a 19-16 lead. The senior finished the night with 18 points including four 3-point baskets.

Dundee-Crown's Joshua Raby responded with his first of three baskets from beyond the arc in the second quarter to retie the game. Raby led all scorers with 20 points.

D-C (16-4) retook the lead, which it never relinquished, 21-19 on a conventional bucket by Jack Michalski with 4:56 left in the half.

The Chargers started working the ball inside during the third quarter to give themselves a little more breathing room. Brad Stec was the chief benefactor. The 6-6 forward scored 10 of his 18 points from inside the paint during the period.

"When they made their run it was a little too much to overcome," said Elgin coach David Hess. "When they got to the middle we let them pass it and they found the open guy. Our rotations weren't as good."

D-C led 53-32 at the start of the fourth quarter. A Doug Miller putback at the 3:00 mark widened the margin to 16 points, 66-50. Miller, a junior, scored 11 points.

Elgin (4-17) staged one more rally. On back-to-back buckets by Xavier Bond and Jeffrey Lomax, the Maroons pulled within 67-57 with two minutes left to play. Bond led all Elgin scorers with 19 points.

"In the second half we came out and took better care of the ball," Huber said. "We got some easy baskets and they really didn't make a lot of them until the fourth quarter and lucky for us, we were ahead by 16."