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U-46 to host 11th annual STEM Expo Feb. 23

By: Elgin Area Unit District U-46

Students from across Elgin Area Unit District U-46 will embrace the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through various hands-on experiments during the 11th annual STEM Expo on Saturday, Feb. 23, at Bartlett High School, 701 W. Schick Road.

About 350 students are expected to participate this year, said Deb (Perryman) McMullen, U-46 Coordinator of K-12 Science and Planetarium.

"They get to plan and carry out projects based on their natural curiosities, and then share and defend their results to fellow students, families, and community members at the Expo," she said. "It's always an exciting day, and the format reflects the true spirit of the scientific method."

Student check-in will be 8 to 9 a.m., followed by the STEM Expo from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The closing ceremony will be 11:30 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. For details, visit bit.ly/U46StemExpo.

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Looking ahead

Lexie Sinclair and Bartlett stay excited about the future after losing in sectional final

By: Paul Johnson



- Lexie Sinclair wipes away tears after Bartlett lost to Wheaton Warrenville South in the Class 4A Batavia Sectional championship game Thursday.

With tears in her eyes, Bartlett's Lexie Sinclair pointed toward her teammates and let the emotion of her words linger.

"It's a great experience, especially to do it with all of them," Sinclair said. "I think this will help us a lot. I think we'll learn a lot from it."

The sophomore guard led the way Thursday night with seven points as the Hawks lost 37-22 to Wheaton Warrenville South in the championship game of the Class 4A Batavia Sectional.

While Bartlett (29-5) fell short of its goal of winning a sectional title, being a young team playing on that big stage represented a huge step in the right direction.

Early on, it appeared the Hawks would be in a back-and-forth battle with Wheaton Warrenville South (22-8).

A 3-pointer from Sinclair and a 4-point play from freshman guard Mackenzie Hare brought Bartlett within 9-7 with 1:55 left in the first quarter.

Between the four points from Hare and Savannah Standefer's layup to start the fourth quarter, however, the Hawks went 18:04 without scoring a point.

The Tigers stretched their lead to 23-7 after three quarters.

"Honestly, in those two quarters, I felt like we got some good looks," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "We were attacking the rim and they bounced hard off the back of the rim or the front of the rim.

"Shots that we've made in the past to keep us around or take the lead, we didn't make (Thursday)."

After not scoring for over two quarters, Bartlett suddenly went on a 9-0 run to start the fourth, cutting the lead to 23-16.

Justina Hernandez hit a 3-pointer. Standefer, Sinclair and Shelly Banks all made layups.

"We just had to keep going and keep pushing and hope that things change around," Sinclair said. "We just had to get stops on defense."

Wheaton Warrenville South methodically pushed the lead back to 15 at the free-throw line. After the 9-0 run, Bartlett scored only six more points.

The Hawks are hoping the team they lost to could be a blueprint for their future. The Tigers play five seniors who are all in their fourth season on the varsity.

Bartlett starts three sophomores and a freshman, showing what could be possible with experience.

"It was five seniors who have been together for four years, and we're still working our way there," Hunt said. "Hopefully next year, we take another step and we can do what they're doing. That's our goal.

"We have a bright future, but we have to fix some things. We have to get better and get to work. We'll take some time off and then we'll get after it."