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### Archive room tells school's story Elgin High celebrates 150th year

By Rafael Guerrero



*Judy Sorton, a 1960 graduate of Elgin High School, looks through files of archives on the school's history. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News photos)*

Across the hall from the Elgin High School library sits a small room so nondescript that students and staff walking to and from class may miss it.

From the outside, it looks like storage or maybe an office supply room. Step inside, though, and one can feel the indisputable history of one of Illinois' oldest high schools. The items in the room — photos, yearbooks, documents, newspapers — bear extra significance to the school and the city this school year, as Elgin High School celebrates its 150th anniversary.

"A lot of people that have come through here just have a long-lasting spirit and affection for Elgin High," said John Devine, a history teacher at the school and chairman of the anniversary committee.

Elgin High School opened its doors as a four-year secondary school in 1869, one of the oldest public high schools in Illinois



*A scrapbook found inside Elgin High School's archive room dates to a student who attended the school in the late 1910s/early 1920s.*

Books on the school's history document how the school opened as a public alternative to the private Elgin Academy. Elgin High switched buildings as its enrollment and the city's population grew; most notable, the school once was at Gifford Street, at the site of U46's current alternative high school and district offices. Elgin High opened at its location on Maroon Drive in 1972.

Documents and pictures almost as old as its founding can be found inside the archive room; historic relics come from various places, such as from former students, residents and the Elgin History Museum. There's a program from the 1875 commencement. Copies of the school's former student newspaper, *The Mirror*, dating to 1897 are filed away in the archive room.

On a recent visit, Devine uncovered a journal/scrapbook of a former student. The journal dates to the late 1910s/early 1920s.

The archive room's organization did not happen overnight. Seven years ago, a group of class of 1960 alumni began the arduous task of making the school archives presentable and accessible. The five or so graduates volunteer at the school most Wednesdays, spending four or five hours every week for the last seven years. Former high school secretary Susan Fortner also played a significant role in the archives, they said.

"We walked in here, trying to get into this room and we couldn't," volunteer Ricky Harris said. "It was so bad there was a desk sitting right there and you couldn't tell it was a desk. There were piles and piles of boxes, shopping bags, newspapers."

Four of the volunteers — Judy Sorton, Ricky Harris, Barbara Cook and Pat Sanders — arrived at the school on a recent Wednesday to continue their work. (The fifth regular volunteer, Chandler Swan, was out of the country.)

Their love for Elgin High is apparent. Sorton wore a red T-shirt, its back emblazoned with, “I’m from the old school” and a drawing of the high school on Gifford Street.

The group said the weekly meetups take them back to their high school days. They recall former classmates, high school dances, the old building among nostalgic memories.

“The school spirit, it never leaves you,” Sorton said.

The archives room attracts students as well. The volunteers recalled the story of a student who was about to serve detention nearby. The student made a quick stop at the archives, the look on his face an indication he had never been inside it.

“What is this place?” they recalled him saying in disbelief.

Scott Stewart, a history teacher at Elgin High School, was looking up yearbooks and newspapers on this particular day, trying to gather facts and trivia material to announce during Friday’s homecoming game.

Homecoming this year recognized the school’s 150th anniversary, most notable through a marching band performance featuring alumni of different graduating classes.

The school has welcomed plenty of famous visitors throughout the decades and graduated well-known alumni, including Adler Planetarium benefactor and namesake Max Adler, NBA executive Rick Sund, journalist and author Nina Burleigh.

Stewart discovered via newspaper clippings that Olympian Jesse Owens once visited the school in 1946.

“Elgin High School is American history,” Stewart said.

As a lifelong Elgin resident, Stewart connects personally with the the archives. Most of his family attended Elgin High, although Stewart graduated from rival Larkin High School.

His family is present in some of the archival material. Even one of his family members is part of a social media campaign school officials hope catches on. A cutout face of “Aunt Norma,” a 1919 graduate, is visible throughout the school, challenging students and others to take pictures with her and solve riddles to win prizes.

Some of the items in the archives will be rotated in and out of glass cases throughout the school to further display the school’s history. Other pieces may make their way into the archive room.

Devine recently brought in a pole draped with dozens of color ribbons, usually located elsewhere in the building, he said. The ribbons are tied to the pole by the graduating class presidents.

“You are touching 100-plus years of momentary transfer here” between graduating classes, Devine said.

As the community prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school, those involved in maintaining Elgin’s history hope the other high schools in U46 and beyond take notice.

Sorton said it is important to note and archive a school’s history, even at newer schools that may be years away from symbolic anniversaries. Make space in the schools for archives, if possible, she advised other schools.

“You all need to be doing something,” Sorton said.

## **SPORTS SECTION**

**---Daily Herald---09/30/18**

### **South Elgin makes statement against Larkin**

**By Jerry Fitzpatrick**

Larkin landed the first punch against host South Elgin in Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference football game.

The Storm landed the next eight to floor the upstart Royals 53-7.

Larkin (3-3, 3-3) jumped to a 7-0 lead. Facing third-and-long on the third play from scrimmage, senior quarterback Jaxon Aubry connected with senior receiver Jahari Stubbs over the middle for an 82-yard touchdown pass. Stubbs caught 5 balls for 106 yards.

South Elgin (5-1, 5-1) responded with 53 unanswered points via 7 touchdowns and a Andrew Bucaro 32-yard field goal that snapped a 7-7 tie.

"The sideline did a great job of staying calm and composed," said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic, who coached Larkin for the last four seasons before taking over the Storm in June. "We were able to make a few adjustments on offense and rattled off 53 in a row, which is pretty good."

With South Elgin quarterback Jakob Johnson sidelined due to a concussion suffered in last week's loss to Glenbard East, part-time signal caller Azzavier Salinas took every snap for the Storm and directed eight scoring drives.

The senior threw for 236 yards and 3 touchdowns on 16-of-22 passing.

Salinas tossed a 27-yard, first-quarter touchdown pass to a leaping Patrick Noworol to tie the game 7-7, and he opened the second half with scoring passes of 53 and 10 yards to 6-foot-3 junior receiver Calin Gurau. The quarterback also rushed for 36 yards and 2 touchdowns.

"We practiced really hard for this game," Salinas said. "(Larkin) is our coach's old school. We wanted to do our best to show how he's developed our team and made us so good. We just put our all out there. I'm so proud of my team."

Bucaro's 32-yard field goal with 56 seconds left in the first quarter staked the Storm to a 10-7 lead. They scored twice more in the first half on a pair of Salinas touchdown runs to take a 24-7 halftime lead.

The Royals had chances to tighten the margin but dropped a pair of catchable interceptions and two potential touchdown passes that Aubry delivered on target.

"We felt like a lot of our things just weren't clicking today," Larkin acting coach Jason Aubry said. "We had open receivers. It's tough. (South Elgin) came out to play and they did a great job. They really did. I think the scheme we were playing against them worked but if anything could go wrong, it did. South Elgin is a good team, not to take anything away from them, but we're a good team, too. We just didn't execute."

South Elgin became playoff-eligible for the second straight year and the third time in four years by winning the turnover battle 5-1, thanks to 4 interceptions. Davion Cherwin and Ian Nathan made picks and Shiking Marshall snared 2 interceptions for a defense that limited the Royals to 144 passing yards, 36 rushing.

"It was a personal game for us," said Noworol, a starting safety who rotates in at slot receiver and returns kicks and punts. "We had to show them that we weren't messing around. We made it into the playoffs from this game. Obviously, it's a big statement game for us."

South Elgin's offense generated 449 total yards. Noworol caught 4 passes for 88 yards and a score and counted a 1-yard touchdown among his 6 carries for 47 yards.

Both teams hit the road next week. South Elgin travels to Glenbard South (4-2) while Larkin visits Bartlett (4-2).

"We had some rough plays, but we're going to get back at it and get ready for next week," said Larkin two-way lineman Isai Rios, who recorded 1.5 sacks.

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## **Boys soccer: Lopez scores twice in Elgin's win over Dundee-Crown**

**By Daily Herald Reports**

Elgin scored a pair of first-half goals in a 2-0 win over Dundee-Crown on Saturday, improving the Maroons to 12-1-2.

Omar Lopez scored both goals for Elgin, the first assisted by Cristopher Colin and the second unassisted.

Martin Jimenez made 4 saves for Elgin and Damian Smeich made 6 saves for Dundee-Crown, now 12-3-2.

Streamwood 3, West Chicago 1: Alex Chavez opened the scoring for the Sabres. Rolando Martinez scored the next goal on Alejandro Morales's assist, and Jesus Limon capped things with a goal on a Chavez assist.

Hector Alfaro made 3 saves for Streamwood, now 10-3-3 and 3-0-2 in the Upstate Eight.

Evanston 3, St. Charles East 2: Sabastian Carranza scored both goals for the Saints (9-5), the first on a penalty kick and the second on an assist from Jake Maslowski.

Jack Settle made 5 saves.

## **---Daily Herald---09/29/18**

### **West's 5 TDs spark Elgin over Streamwood**

**By Allen Oshinski**

Midway through the third quarter, Elgin led Streamwood 19-14, and the Sabres had the ball with a chance to take the lead.

But Elgin's defense forced a 3-and-out, and the offense scored on the next possession. That started a run of 22 unanswered points, as Elgin celebrated Homecoming with a 41-14 win in Upstate Eight action at Memorial Field.

Jordan West threw 5 touchdown passes for the Maroons (2-4, 2-4), who won their second straight.

Two of those went to brother Alexander West and two more went to Darien Jackson. Xavier Bonds also scored twice for Elgin. Jordan West passed for 248 yards and added 130 rushing.

"We just had more power than them," said Jordan West. "We looked at their weaknesses and coach (Anthony) Mason did a great job of finding that. And I think this is the best wide receiver group I've ever had in my life."

Elgin led 13-0 on TDs by Alex West and Jackson with halftime approaching. It could have been more, but the Maroons had a touchdown called back and lost a fumble deep in Streamwood territory.

The Sabres got on the scoreboard 47 seconds before halftime, with Emmanuel Martinez taking it in from 21 yards out. But the Maroons answered immediately, with Jordan West hitting Jackson for a 45-yard score with 11 seconds to go.

Streamwood took advantage of great field position to start the second half following a short kickoff and a penalty. Quarterback Omar Negrón capped a 45-yard drive with a 1-yard run to make it 19-14.

The Sabres (1-5, 1-5) got the ball back but Elgin's defense held Streamwood to 3 yards on 3 plays. After the punt, the Maroons went 52 yards in 12 plays, with West and West hooking up again for the score.

"We knew we had a really tough beginning of our schedule," Mason said. "So this is the time when we've really got to open up and be able to shine. I was just happy that we were able to be successful today."

Negrón led Streamwood with 77 rushing yards, but the Sabres weren't able to finish enough drives.

"We couldn't put some drives together and offensively they were hot tonight," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "But we didn't do the things during the week to earn the victory. We didn't have a very good week of practice and it showed tonight."

## **---Daily Herald---09/29/18**

### **Bartlett blanks West Chicago**

**By Jared Birchfield**

Alums who attended Bartlett's Homecoming Game Friday night left their alma mater happy as the Hawks blanked Upstate Eight Conference foe West Chicago, 49-0.

Bartlett dominated on both sides of the ball gaining a total of 376 yards while holding the Wildcats to 56.



"Everything we were doing was working," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "The run game was solid. The passing game was solid and defensively we held them."

"We have to learn how to come and play in adversity. That's the biggest thing for us," said Jack Rustman, the West Chicago coach. "We come out, we're not used to a grass field. It's muddy. Our kids don't know how to react to that. It gets into their heads and we start going south."

The Hawks scored on 5 of their 6 first-half drives.

A 13-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jonah O'Brien to Nick Mansk ended the Hawks' first drive with 8:42 left in the first quarter. Another O'Brien TD pass, a 40-yarder to Spencer Konstanzer, ended Bartlett's second possession.

Nick Deckard finished the Hawks' first quarter scoring on a 1-yard run with seconds left in the period.

Bartlett (4-2, 4-2) extended the lead to 28-0 on its first drive of the second quarter on a 6-yard run by Tyler Rivelli.

O'Brien gave his team a 35-0 halftime lead on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 43 seconds left in the second quarter.

Deckard scored his second touchdown, a 13-yard run on the last of his 19 carries at the 7:32 mark of the third quarter increasing Bartlett's lead to 42-0. The senior rushed for 114 yards.

Deckard is optimistic about the last third of the regular season.

"Our improvement has been insane. There is a lot of potential on this team and I think we can do big things," said Deckard. "I'm really excited to see what we can do."

It was also the last play of the night for O'Brien, who completed all of his 10 passing attempts for a total of 146 yards.

Anthony Siciliano scored Bartlett's last TD on a 6-run run halfway through the third quarter.

Switching Kostanzer's position on defense paid off for Bartlett. The senior recovered two fumbles. The first one in the first quarter set up the Hawks' second score.

"He really stood out with a rushing touchdown and two takeaways. He was one I was extremely impressed with," Erlenbaugh said. "Plus we moved him to a different position on defense from linebacker to defensive end."



West Chicago's best scoring opportunity came midway in the second quarter when the Wildcats (0-6, 0-6) got to Bartlett's 26-yard line as the result of a 33-yard run by Jordan Garcia (6 carries for 44 yards). The drive ended when the Hawks forced another fumble.