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Elgin teacher gets \$2,000 for school supplies Chicago Bears to recognize Marty Angelo as ‘hero in the classroom’ at Oct. 21 game

By Rafael Guerrero



Marty Angelo, in the Chicago Bears jersey, poses with his class Wednesday. The Elgin teacher will be recognized at the Oct. 21 Bears game. Also in the picture are Harriet Gifford Elementary School Principal Joe Corcoran and Bears Chairman George McCaskey, foreground. (School District U46)

An Elgin sixth-grade teacher will be recognized as a “hero in the classroom” at the next Chicago Bears home game.

The Bears organization, Harriet Gifford Elementary School officials, and students surprised Marty Angelo Wednesday morning with the “Hero in the Classroom” award. Angelo is one of 16 Chicago-area teachers the Bears, Symetra Life Insurance Co. and Gallagher Benefit Services will recognize this season with the honor. The recognition honors outstanding teachers with prizes, in-game recognition and money for their classrooms.

“I never considered myself to be a hero,” said Angelo, 44, on Thursday. He called the recognition “humbling” and was still feeling numb after the surprise. “I just do what I do. I just hope that I can make a difference in someone’s life.”

“It has been a trying year for me personally, as you know, and this really opens up a whole ray of sunshine that I just never imagined, and I’m just so grateful for you guys,” Angelo told his students during Wednesday’s announcement. “Despite all our hardships, I’m thankful for you coming to school every day because it’s you guys that help me get through the things I’m going through, and I hope to be there for you, too, to help you and to add a little sunshine to you.”

Angelo’s wife, Melodie, died in September after being diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year. Angelo returned to teach less than two weeks after her death despite the understanding from school officials he could take off more time.

“It was kind of hard sitting at home thinking the next steps, thinking of how to take care of affairs,” said Angelo, who has worked at the school for more than two decades. “My (Harriet Gifford students) were already having a hard time at the start of the school year. Being out of the classroom, I felt I needed to be there with them, getting back to a routine. I thought it would help me get back on track. It was helpful both ways.”

Angelo said the sixth-grade classes were plotting an outdoor education field trip to Wisconsin on Wednesday when visitors arrived. He said he knew something was up when Bears Chairman George McCaskey walked in.

Angelo received a \$2,000 check Wednesday that can be used on school supplies and classroom books. He also received tickets to a Bears game at Soldier Field. According to a School District U46 news release, Angelo will receive pregame sideline access and will be acknowledged during an on-field presentation at the Oct. 21 game between the Bears and the New England Patriots.

“He’s just one of the nicest guys you’ll ever meet, and he never says no to anybody,” Principal Joe Corcoran said in a statement. “He’s passionate about what he does.” According to the district’s announcement, Angelo rides the bus home with his students every day, makes home visits if a student becomes chronically absent, attends their sports games during the weekends and welcomes back his former students for classroom visits.

The Symetra Heroes in the Classroom award has honored over 570 teachers nationwide for educational excellence since its inception in 2006, and Symetra has contributed nearly \$950,000 for school books, equipment and programming. As a result of Angelo’s recognition, Harriet Gifford is now eligible for a larger a \$20,000 education grant through Symetra Heroes in the Classroom, according to the U46 release.

SPORTS SECTION

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Girls volleyball: Elgin comes from behind, beats Larkin

By Allen Oshinski



Elgin's Simona Simeonova, left, and Inga Suceska cheer a point during a win at Larkin on Thursday. *Patrick Kunzer | Staff Photographer*

It's Homecoming week at Larkin, and at least one Royals alumnus came back to celebrate.

Elgin's volleyball team, coached by Larkin grad Scott Stewart, downed the host Royals, 25-23, 25-17.

The Maroons took control with a 10-0 run late in the second set. After a missed serve gave Elgin a sideout, the Maroons ran off 9 more points with Kennedy Venable at the service line. The run featured a couple of aces and kills by Corinna Zapata and Stephanie Zapf.

Elgin led 22-15 at the end of the run and the Maroons took advantage of 3 Larkin hitting errors to close out the match.

Zapata had 3 of the Maroons' 8 kills for the match.

"It was not the way we normally have been playing, so it was nice to see that we could still get a win out of it," Stewart said. "We're going to want to finish these last 2 games strong. We weren't as aggressive as I would have liked to see us."

Elgin got back to .500 at 14-14 after beating the Royals for the third time this season.

"There were a couple of years when they were walloping me pretty good, so it's nice to be on the other side of it for awhile," said Stewart.

Larkin (1-29) led in both sets, but couldn't close it out.

"We've given up runs a lot this season," said Larkin coach Henry Graack. "That's our biggest issue is when the other team gains momentum, we're not very good at getting ourselves out of it. And a lot of it is making a lot of mental mistakes, which I thought we did. We let them off the hook quite a bit. When we had runs, we'd make a mental mistake or two and it starts to pile up. They'd start to play better, and then we can't get ourselves out of it."

Alexia Saldivar's 7 kills led Larkin while Olivia Warren added 4.

The first set was tied at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The Maroons went ahead with a 9-1 run, but the Royals responded with an 8-0 run of their own to go up 19-17.

Larkin led 22-19 when a tip by Emily Graves gave the Maroons a sideout. Elgin added 3 more points with Inga Suceska at the line and, after a trade of missed serves, an ace by Kielrra Turpin finished it off.

Larkin led most of the way in set 2 before Elgin's big run turned it around.

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Scouting Week 8 Fox Valley football games

By Jerry Fitzpatrick

Elgin (2-5, 2-5) at Larkin (3-4, 3-4)Game time: today at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Field

Last year: Larkin 18, Elgin 14

Last week: West Aurora 45, Elgin 0; Bartlett 29, Larkin 6

Outlook: The battle for the Town Jug trophy has gone down to the wire in recent history. Last year's Larkin victory wasn't decided until the final minute. Elgin won in overtime two years ago. The Royals hold a 34-21 series lead. They won 10 of 12 series games between 2002-2013, but the rivals split the last four meetings. Larkin still has an outside shot to make its first playoff appearance since 2006. The Royals must defeat Elgin then

upset Upstate Eight Conference leader Glenbard East (7-0) next week. Larkin acting coach Jason Aubry said the rivalry aspect of Friday's game is secondary. "It doesn't matter who we play, what their uniform color is or what it says on the uniform," he said. "Our next game is always our biggest game. I think the kids are going to come out ready." Elgin has been eliminated from playoff contention but still has goals to reach. A victory would give the Maroons a third victory in a season for the first time since the 2010 team made the playoffs. The Elgin would have a good chance to nab a fourth win next week against East Aurora (1-6). To defeat Larkin they have to contain all-Upstate Eight wide receiver/cornerback Jahari Stubbs. The senior enters with 50 receptions for 717 yards and 6 touchdowns. "Stubbs is an athlete," Elgin coach Anthony Mason said. "We'll have to keep our eyes on him, but we don't feel they outmatch us in any form or fashion. We just have to line up and play our game. It's not much different than any other week."

Next week: Elgin at East Aurora (1-6); Glenbard East (7-0) at Larkin

Bartlett (5-2, 5-2) at South Elgin (6-1, 6-1) Game time: Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Last year: South Elgin 37, Bartlett 15

Last week: Bartlett 29, Larkin 6; South Elgin 55, Glenbard South 7

Outlook: Two winning Upstate Eight Conference teams clash in a District U-46 rivalry game. Bartlett can seal its first trip to the playoffs since 2015 with a victory. South Elgin looks to improve its playoff seed and remain tied for second place with West Aurora. South Elgin has won five straight against the Hawks to take a 6-4 lead in a series that began in 2006. South Elgin's defense gave up 35 points against Glenbard East in the team's only loss on Sept. 22. Otherwise, the Storm have allowed only 2 touchdowns all season. First-year Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said the game could boil down to strength of conviction considering the teams each have a young nucleus and similar talent levels. The Hawks start seven sophomores. South Elgin plays only eight seniors regularly. "I think we match up well," Erlenbaugh said. "Whoever comes out with the most intensity, overcomes more adversity and wants it more will come out victorious. I want our guys to play with a controlled chaos. I want to see them flying around and being excited with each other when they're making plays but not interacting with the other team. Be in control of our actions and use that intensity in our favor." Bartlett all-UEC wide receiver Austin Gates has not played since he suffered an "upper-body" injury against Glenbard East in Week 2. Erlenbaugh said Gates is questionable to play against South Elgin. The Hawks attack offensively with senior running back Nick Deckard -- "He's just a little ball of muscle," South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic said -- and quarterback Jonah O'Brien. The South Elgin offense had been directed by dual quarterbacks Jakob Johnson and Azzavier Salinas until Johnson left the Glenbard East loss with an injury. He has not played in a game since but "is ready to roll," Teonic said Thursday. In two games as the full-time quarterback against Larkin and Glenbard South, Salinas completed 21 of 33 attempts for 355 yards and 5 touchdowns without an interception. He also carried 35 times for 239 yards and 5 touchdowns. "They have some

better size, but we have some good skill kids that are a little different from what they have," Teonic said. "It'll be interesting to see how it all shapes up."

Next week: Bartlett at Streamwood (1-6); South Elgin at West Aurora (6-1)

West Chicago (0-7, 0-7) at Streamwood (1-6, 1-6)Game time: today at 7:30 p.m.

Quick hit: Streamwood looks to break out a week after the offense was shut out by Upstate Eight Conference leader Glenbard East. This could be a high-scoring affair. West Chicago allows 44.3 points per game. Streamwood yields 38.6 ppg.