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Third annual Open Elgin to showcase city's architecture and history

Submitted by: Elgin Area School District U-46



The U-46 Planetarium and Observatory, built by the Elgin National Watch Co. in 1910 and on the National Register of Historic Places, will be one of the nearly 30 sites featured during "Open Elgin" on Saturday, April 27.

Elgin Area School District U-46 will participate in the third annual Open Elgin event Saturday, April 27, by showcasing two of its buildings. The school district sites will be among nearly 30 special spaces and places available for free tours during Open Elgin, a citywide event celebrating the architecture and history of "The City in the Suburbs."

Channing Memorial Elementary School will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. It celebrated its 50th birthday in November 2018, but is marking the 2018-19 school year as its 50th year of serving students. Located at 63 S. Channing St. in Elgin, the school was built on the northwest corner of a former cemetery.

Channing is known for how it blends both functionally and aesthetically with its wooded hillside location. Because of the sloping site, each of its three levels has its own ground entrance for easy access. Students will lead the tours of the school on Saturday and there will be a presentation in the multipurpose room, plus a craft activity for children.

Also open for tours from 1 to 3 p.m. will be the U-46 Planetarium and Observatory. The Observatory was built and opened by the Elgin National Watch Company in 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A number of U-46 students will be serving as volunteers on Saturday, including about 30 members of the Larkin High School baseball team.

"Open Elgin is a unique event, and U-46 is pleased to be able to showcase some of our rich history by participating again this year," said CEO Tony Sanders.

The Elgin Area Chamber and the Enhancing Elgin Committee of the Elgin Development Group have organized Open Elgin for the past three years.

Among the other churches, museums, and historic buildings that will be open for self-guided tours on Saturday are the Congregation Kneseth Israel, the third site of the Elgin synagogue; the Professional Building, Elgin's oldest skyscraper; the 1846 Nancy Kimball Cobblestone House; and the Elgin Fire Barn Museum, built in 1903.

The complete list of nearly 30 spaces and places on the tour, along with individual building tour times, is available at www.OpenElgin.com.

The Enhancing Elgin Committee developed the inaugural Open Elgin event. The committee consists of representatives the City of Elgin, School District U-46, Judson University, Elgin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Elgin History Museum, and Gail Borden Public Library District.

Elgin will host international celebrations May 4-5

By: Elena Ferrarin



Elgin will host Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations and iFest, or international festival, on May 4, as well as Cinco de Mayo celebrations on May 5. Pictured here is one of the groups that performed at last year's Cinco de Mayo.

The weekend of May 4 and 5 in Elgin promises to be vibrant and fun-filled with a widespread celebration of culture, art, music, dance and food from around the world.

- The Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., will start the weekend with its [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration](#) featuring food, crafts, music and dance 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 4. This year's festival highlights "healthy living for mind, body, and community." Keynote speaker Sufia Azmet, executive director of the Council

of Islamic Schools in North America, will give a talk titled "Harnessing the Power of Diversity to Grow Communities."

- This year's [iFest, or international festival](#), has a "different energy, different concept and different vision," said Alan Thavisouk, who led a committee's efforts to organize the city's seventh annual event. It will take place from 1:30 to 6 p.m. May 4 at the Edward Schock Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, and nearby locations.

"The scope is really focusing on building the unity within our community, and showcasing the ethnic and diverse talent and food of our community -- and celebrating that," Thavisouk said.

Mostly local vendors will participate in the "Taste of Elgin" ethnic food fair -- the first one for iFest -- on North Grove Avenue between Kimball Street and Symphony Way.

Inside the Schock Centre, there will be arts and exhibits from across the world and an "ethnic world market" selling arts and crafts. A photo booth will allow families to take photos with famous international sites as a backdrop.

There will be children's activities in the center's parking lot, and a petting zoo and camel rides on the grassy area north of the building.

There will be live entertainment in the city parking lot west of North Grove Avenue, south of Kimball Street. Performances will include: Bollywood, Irish, Lao and Ukrainian dance; soul, Motown and reggae music; Mexican mariachi and an Elvis Presley impersonator.

- [Cinco de Mayo celebrations](#) will be from 1 to 5 p.m. May 5 with musical acts, local vendors, artists and food trucks along Spring Street and DuPage Court. The event is organized by the Downtown Neighborhood Association of Elgin.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican victory against the French in the Battle of Puebla of 1862. The opening ceremony will feature the Mexican national anthem and a brief historical presentation by former federal Judge Manuel Barbosa of Elgin.

There will be piñata making, Cinco De Mayo trivia, traditional "grito" (or "yell" in Spanish) contests and even a jalapeño-eating contest hosted by Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin. Participating groups include Elgin Hispanic Network and Centro De Información.

Entertainment will include 4 Strings Attached Academy, Alegria Mexicana and Mariachi Joya Dorada de U-46.

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goodhousekeeping – Elgin High School



This is Nathan. 🙌 Nathan graduated from Elgin High School in Illinois in 1946 – but not before he met the love of his life, Marilyn. 😊 After Nathan asked if he could carry Marilyn's books and walk her home from school one day, the rest was history: The couple was married for 67 years and welcomed nine children, 27 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren together. 🙏 Unfortunately, Marilyn died last year, but her spirit lives on with Nathan: When their high school hosted a 150-year anniversary party earlier this month, he brought a photo of Marilyn and took it along with him as he visited his old locker. Yep, our hearts have officially burst. 😭❤️ (📷: School District U-46)

SPORTS

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Baseball: Anderson fans 19, shuts out Elgin
By: Jerry Fitzpatrick



Larkin's Max Anderson celebrates his victory over Elgin at Trout Park in Elgin Wednesday.



Larkin's Jeremy Gould scores during the bottom of the sixth inning of a doubleheader against Elgin at Trout Park in Elgin Wednesday.



Elgin's Edgar Fernandez slides safely into third base as Larkin's Zach Hubbard waits to glove the ball during the first game of a doubleheader at Trout Park in Elgin Wednesday.



Elgin's Jon Palmer delivers a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader against Larkin at Trout Park in Elgin Wednesday.



Larkin's Max Anderson delivers a pitch during the top of the seventh inning during the first game of a doubleheader against Elgin at Trout Park in Elgin Wednesday.

Larkin pitcher Max Anderson etched his name in the IHSA record books in an 8-0 victory over Elgin at Trout Park Wednesday.

The left-hander used a well-located fastball and an array of breaking pitches to strike out 19 in a 2-hit victory that clinched the crosstown series for the Royals.

The senior struck out the first 12 batters of the game, the first two of which occurred Monday before lightning caused a first-inning suspension until Wednesday.

Anderson's 12 consecutive strikeouts put him in a three-way tie for seventh most in state history, according to published records on the IHSA website.

Multiple former Larkin players and coaches contacted Wednesday believed the 19-strikeout performance to be a school record, but all-time program records are not available.

Anderson said he realized he had fanned 12 consecutively as the fifth inning was about to start.

"I thought, 'Well, now you've got to make something of this.' I just kept doing what I was doing. The whole game I felt loose. The fastball was working. I was hitting corners. The curveball was there, hitting the outside corner, going in off the hands."

Anderson issued 4 walks and kept the winless Maroons guessing.

"He did a heck of a job mixing up all pitches and all locations and kept our hitters on their toes," Elgin first-year coach Cody Beck said. "He just had it. Our hitters were doing what they normally do but just missing. Tip your cap to him."

Anderson pumped his fist after the final out, a strikeout, of course.

"That's just Max being Max," Larkin first-year coach Niko Morado said. "Big game, he stepped up and was ready to go for it. It was something he really wanted. He was just locked in and pounding the zone."

Anderson (2 RBI), Tayshon Erdman, Sebastian Nava and Thomas Woodruff each delivered 2 hits in a 10-hit attack. Woodruff tripled and drove in 2 runs.

Larkin (4-16, 4-11) won the second game of the twilight doubleheader 10-0 in six innings to sweep the 3-game Upstate Eight Conference series.

Winning pitcher Zach Hubbard held Elgin (0-18, 0-15) to a lone hit, did not issue a walk and struck out 3 in 6 innings.

Anderson had 3 hits and drove in 4 runs. Nava contributed 3 RBI. Erdman went 2-for-4 with a double and scored twice.

"I always stay loose up there and try to hit my pitches," Erdman said.

Beck addressed the Maroons for 20 minutes after the sweep.

"Right now it's just getting them to drive themselves and push themselves, readjust the mental focus because right now they're kind of lost," the Elgin coach said. "So they just have to start from square one again. They are a physically talented team, but right now they're in their head."