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There are no U-46 related news stories.

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Believe Project: \$100 to help spread holiday joy to U-46 student



Daily Herald report

Today's recipient of a \$100 bill through our Believe Project is Laura Ehrhardt of Bartlett. Here is her story ...

"Working as a registered nurse in Elgin Area School District U-46 for nine years can be very challenging, but also rewarding in many ways. For example, many teachers and support staff members use their personal money to provide students with extra clothing and/or snacks.

"During the holidays, younger children from ages 5 to 11 have very different needs and wants. Some are as simple as a new pair of laces for their worn-out shoes, or a new scarf to wrap around their neck during these cold-weather days.

"If chosen as a recipient, I would like to personalize a few special tokens/gifts for one of the children in our school. I believe this would brighten their holiday and spread the joy of giving to others in need."

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Elgin, U-46 seeking 'Sidewalk Heroes' to keep paths clear over winter

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Elgin Area School District U-46 and the city of Elgin are seeking a few good men and women to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice this winter.

The city and school district jointly launched the Sidewalk Heroes campaign promoting shoveling to help neighbors, schoolchildren, elderly residents, those with physical disabilities, mail carriers and meter readers.

Elgin Councilman John Steffen said concerns from residents who rely on sidewalks for getting around town prompted the initiative, whose goal is "to positively reinforce the need to clear snow from sidewalks, fire hydrants and other access points."

The city does not have an ordinance requiring property owners to shovel partly because some residents might not be physically able to do so. That's why officials are asking for cooperation and collaboration among neighbors.

"The last couple of winters we have been blessed with some beautiful white snow, but for a school day the snow could actually be quite tricky for a lot of our youngest citizens here in Elgin," Washington Elementary Principal Lori Brandes told the city council. "What we've noticed over time is that snow removal has not been on the top of the list in our neighborhoods over the last few years. In a lot of cases, our students then end up staying home because kids can't get to school safely and they are having to walk in the streets to get to school."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said he hopes the initiative inspires residents of the 10 other communities served by the district to also be neighborhood leaders in keeping their sidewalks clear.

"Living in the Midwest in the winter can be challenging for all, but especially for those who need to spend time outdoors after snow falls and ice forms, including our students who walk to and from school, or to and from a bus stop," Sanders said. "We appreciate all our community members who keep their sidewalks clear, and we're hoping to inspire them to look for neighbors and areas that could use some extra help."

To help elderly residents who need assistance clearing sidewalks, call Seniors Services Associates of Elgin at (847) 741-0404.

Residents can call 311 to get a yard sign promoting the campaign to place on their property near the sidewalk.

"Elgin has always been a community that cares for one another, and becoming a Sidewalk Hero is one more way residents can go above and beyond for their neighborhood," Mayor David Kaptain said. "Whether you are able to just shovel the extra stretch of sidewalk in front of your next door neighbor's house or if you have a snowblower to hit the entire block, your efforts will make a difference."



The city of Elgin and Elgin Area School District U-46 are looking for Sidewalk Heroes who can help clear snow and ice from their neighborhood sidewalks this winter.

SPORTS

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Crystal Lake South scores first 19 in win over Bartlett

By: Alex Kantecki

Crystal Lake South found itself in attack mode from the opening tip against Bartlett on Monday.

Senior Damir Glamoc drove the baseline and threw down a two-handed dunk as the Gators scored the first 19 points.

"We shared the ball well and attacked," senior Tyler Miller said. "Normally, we stand on the perimeter and shoot more 3s. Today, we found some different ways to really drive the ball and get to the rack."

The Gators' torrid start carried them to a 55-48 win in the second round of pool play of Jacobs' Hinkle Holiday Classic. The Gators (6-6, 2-0 Pool IV) shot 66.7% (8 of 12) from the field in the first quarter. Bartlett's first points came on a 3-pointer from Liam Gallagher with 1:47 left in the first.

Monday's early start time didn't seem to affect the Gators.

"We had a lot of energy on offense, and defensively, we were locked in," Gators coach Matt LePage said. "We talked about it being a 9 a.m. game. Weird stuff can happen in these games. It's never really easy playing with that big of a lead."

Junior Brock Jewson tossed in seven of his 13 points in the first eight minutes, sinking all three of his shots. The 6-foot-1 guard also grabbed eight rebounds in the win.

"I always hate the 9 a.m. games, but I think we did a good job playing with fire," Jewson said. "We kind of started slow in the Chicago Prosser game, so we just wanted to come out with more energy."

As well as South started, Bartlett (3-9, 0-2) found a way back despite a 21-3 deficit after the first quarter. The Hawks shot 46.7% (7 of 15) in the second and cut South's lead to single digits, 27-18, on a 3 by George Betevis with 2:38 remaining in the half.

Bartlett's Hayden Angell had consecutive two-point buckets to cut the lead to 27-22 with 1:20 left, but South's Isaiah Kirkeeng finished a three-point play in the final seconds of the half to end a 12-0 run by Bartlett.

The Gators held Bartlett to only five points in the third. Miller had a tip-in off a Glamoc miss. Tommy Wolek scored his only points off the bench with a put back to give the Gators a 43-27 lead entering the fourth.

Glamoc and Miller led the Gators with 14 points each, and Haskin had seven points and 10 rebounds.

Angell collected a game-high 15 points for Bartlett. Lewis added 10 points and two 3s, and Conrad Luczynski, a 6-foot-10 sophomore, tossed in seven points and six rebounds.

Bartlett cut South's lead to single digits again, 51-45, with 1:15 left in the fourth on back-to-back baskets by Nick Bucaro but did not get any closer. South sank 7 of 11 free throws in the fourth to seal the win.

"In the second quarter, we got out and pressured them," Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "We tried to get our blood running with some pressure defense. I thought that led us to a lot of open looks and got us into rhythm.

"Once we got it down to single digits at the half, we let them grow it back up in the third. We were taking some poor shots and playing poor defense against their good shooters. They did a great job crashing the glass on us."

Libertyville dumps Elgin at Wheeling Hardwood Classic

By: Patricia Babcock McGraw



Libertyville's Will Moore, center, takes a shot over Elgin's Xavier Bonds (11) and Darrell Thornton (23) during Monday's boys basketball game in Wheeling.



Libertyville's Marc Michelotti, left, escapes the defensive pressure of Elgin's Xavier Bonds (11) during Monday's boys basketball game in Wheeling.



Libertyville's Chase Bonder (25) eyes the basket under pressure from Elgin's Giovoni Griffin (30) and DionT Rodgers (4) during Monday's boys basketball game in Wheeling.



Elgin's Giovoni Griffin (30) pulls in a rebound during Monday's boys basketball game against Libertyville in Wheeling.



Elgin's Xavier Bonds (11) takes a shot over Libertyville's Patrick Graham during Monday's boys basketball game in Wheeling.

It seems only a matter of time.

Sophomore forward Chase Bonder wants to be in Libertyville's starting lineup, and he keeps making a strong case for it.

But he also knows that it's important for him to learn from the older guys right now, too.

"I'm trying to earn my way up there," Bonder said. "I'm trying to get as many minutes as I can. I feel like I'm working my butt off."

The 6-foot-5 Bonder worked the boards and worked for position in the paint Monday in the Wildcats' 67-43 win over Elgin in the first game of the Wheeling Hardwood Classic and it paid off to the tune of a game-high 17 points, including a 3-pointer. He also pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds and hustled for several late offensive rebounds to keep possessions alive as Libertyville tried to put the win on ice.

Bonder is coming off another double-figure scoring performance.

"Chase Bonder today came in off the bench and lifted us when we needed it the most," Libertyville coach Brian Zyrkowski said of Bonder, who started on the sophomore team last year as a freshman.

"We love Chase, his offensive rebounding, his shots. He's just getting better and better. He's a great kid on and off the floor and has a strong work ethic. His vision for himself is high. He wants even more and fights for everything. He's one of the most aggressive kids we've ever moved up and he's not nervous when he plays. He just plays."

Libertyville got a big first-half from Blake Ellingson, who scored all 9 of his points over the first two quarters to help give the Wildcats a 36-24 lead at halftime.

Bonder had 10 points in the first half, including 8 in the second quarter.

Elgin could not get closer than 13 points in the second half.

"It's hard to execute against a good team like this," Elgin senior guard Xavier Bonds said. "It's not that we weren't running our plays right, it was just one pass here, or we weren't moving the ball enough or staying focused."

Bonds topped Elgin with 15 points. He was the only Maroon in double-figures with 15 points. Emmanuel Hernandez added 8 points and Darien Jackson and Jeffery Lomax each chipped in with 6 points apiece.

"I'm trying to be a leader on the team," Bonds said. "I'm hoping we can get to the point where everyone can follow my lead and play off my energy."

Libertyville boasted two other players in double-figures besides Bondar.

Patrick Graham and Will Moore each finished with 13 points apiece.

"What's different about this team is there's not one guy you can try to take away," Zyrkowski said. "Everyone can score and we share the ball well. No one cares who scores or how many points or shots they have. If one guy is having an off night, someone else picks it up. This is a fun group to coach because every day in practice they bring a great attitude."