

Press Clippings 02/15/20 to 02/18/20

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Elgin Kiwanis, Salvation Army distribute coats to U-46 students

Submitted by: David Davin



Elgin Kiwanis members show off the new coats being delivered to Elgin Area School District U-46 via its "Coat Closet" program.

This year, The Salvation Army Elgin Corps and the Community Crisis Center distributed coats to schools in Elgin Area School District U-46 via its "Coat Closet" program.

One of those schools was Harriet Gifford Elementary School in Elgin and this particular coat closet was sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Elgin.

Club members recently had a chance to visit the school and see the coat closet.

Thanks to everyone who supports the Elgin Kiwanis. This is one of the many ways the club is helping local youth.

Learn more at www.elgin.kiwanisone.org.

Anyone interested in joining the Kiwanis Club of Elgin is invited to attend a weekly lunch meeting, held at noon each Tuesday at The Grumpy Goat Tavern, 875 Sports Way, Elgin, at the Highlands golf course. For details, call Karen Maki at (847) 695-7589 or visit elgin.kiwanisone.org. On Feb. 25, the club will be awarding the annual nonprofit distributions. On March 3, find out why men in the community are gathering in Aussie-Style "sheds" around town.

The club has speakers from the local area and beyond to share information, organizations, happenings, and events. Newcomers and visitors are welcome.

Uruguayan teachers observe in U-46 classes with NIU, Fulbright program

Submitted by: NIU



This week, 24 Uruguayan teachers are observing classes in Elgin Area School District U-46, arranged by a NIU College of Education, Fulbright program.

Two dozen teachers from Uruguay are observing in Elgin Area School District U-46 classrooms through Friday, Feb. 21, as they receive a comprehensive introduction to American culture, history and educational system.

Hosted by the Northern Illinois University College of Education, Elgin U-46 and DeKalb Community Unit School District 428, the visitors are job-shadowing Spanish-speaking teachers to gain access to "best practices" in U.S. bilingual programs as they see a variety of instructional methods and approaches in their respective content areas.

While in the schools, the Uruguayan scholars also will deliver presentations on the culture and educational system of their homeland to the local teachers.

Their visit to the United States also includes two days of professional development on the NIU campus in DeKalb on topics such as differentiated instruction for students with learning disabilities, children's books, socioemotional learning, U.S. language policy and urban graffiti.

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Situation that brought police to Elgin's College Green subdivision resolved, police say

By: Erin Hegarty

A situation that brought a large number of police to Lancaster Circle in Elgin's College Green subdivision has been resolved, Elgin police said.

"The situation has been resolved and we are clearing from the area," an update posted at 4:03 p.m. Monday on the Elgin Police Department's Facebook page said.

No other details were provided.

Police had posted a message about two hours prior that read: "There is a large police presence in the area of Lancaster Cr. in College Green. We are asking that people avoid

the area. We appreciate your cooperation and will update this post as information becomes available”

A large white mobile command center vehicle was parked in the neighborhood along with several squad cars as officials responded.

“The situation is a person in distress,” police spokeswoman Kristie Hilton said. “There is no immediate danger to the public.”

A neighbor who asked to be identified only as Iris spoke to The Courier-News by phone. She said she was told to stay inside her home after she saw a police officer walking down the street with a shield and asked what was happening.

Police vehicles were in and out of the neighborhood, with as many as 10 of them on the street at a time, the woman said. Some people were removed from one of the homes down the street, and a garage door had been opened, she said.

“We’re surprised. This is a great community,” the woman said, adding that had it been a school day, a bus would be dropping kids off close to the house.

Students in **School District U-46** had the day off for Presidents Day.

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There are no U-46 related news stories.

---WBBM NewsRadio---02/15/2020

District U-46 Superintendent Stresses The Dangers Of Vaping On Facebook

By: Bernie Tafoya



CHICAGO (WBBM NEWSRADIO) -- The head of Illinois’ second largest school district stressed the dangers of vaping this week on his Facebook page by playing a little, “Can you spot the vaping device?”

Elgin District U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders posted a picture of four USB flash drives, a vaping device and a vaping charger and he asked parents to try to pick which was used for vaping.

“I was in a professional development session on the epidemic of vaping,” when he was handed a display case with the six items in it.

“You really can’t tell a difference between a regular USB drive and a vaping device,” Sanders said.

In fact, Sanders had confused which was which, too. A parent pointed out to him that the device he thought was used for vaping was a flash drive while the vaping device was one of the other options in the display.

“The point is, as a parent, you need to be mindful of what your students are bringing home at night,” he said.

That’s why Sanders said parents should sit down and talk to their children about how harmful vaping can be.

And when it comes to students in District U-46, Sanders said, “in the era of Chromebooks, the need to have flash drives at school is pretty minimal anyway.”

Chromebook data is stored “in the cloud.” All 5th through 12th graders in the district have been assigned Chromebooks.

One parent responded to Sanders’ post saying that when she grew up, “a pack of cigarettes looked like cigarettes.” She went on to say her child could leave a vaping device next to the computer and she would be none the wiser.

As serious as the vaping issue is one young person joked to Sanders in the post that his mom found his HDMI TV/computer cable and yelled at him for “vaping.” He closed saying by say, “Thanks, Tony.”

---The Chicago Tribune---02/15/2020

Applicants sought for U-46 Superintendent’s Scholarship

U-46 high school seniors who will be first-generation college students can apply for a School District U-46’s Superintendent’s Scholarship.

Applications for the \$1,000 scholarships are due at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29. To be eligible, students must have a 2.5 or higher grade point average and have parents who did not graduate from a trade school, community college or four-year institution.

Applicants need to write an essay about why they deserve the scholarship, submit a recommendation from an adult who can speak on their qualifications and provide a copy of their FAFSA application, if applicable.

U-46 has awarded scholarships to more than 220 students since the program began.

For more information, go to www.u-46.org.

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U-4 Board of Education to honor engine teardown team of South Elgin High School

By:Adyson Sipes



Hot Rodders of Tomorrow, the engine teardown team of the South Elgin High School, finished tenth at a national level competition. The U-4 Board of Education will honor the team for its achievement. Jegs Performance Auto Parts sponsored the team in the competition. Steve Schertz, the automotive teacher at the South Elgin High School, led the team.

LeeAnne Driscoll, a South Elgin 2016 alum, was the coach of the team. Senior Andrew Clark, senior Casey Gebala, senior Dan Godinez, senior Jared Pena, junior Hayden Shaw, and junior Omar Quiroz were the members of the team. Schertz said that there were about 300 teams when the competition was started in May 2019.

The South Elgin High School team achieved an average engine teardown time of 26 minutes in November at the SEMA trade event in Las Vegas. This achievement advanced the team to compete on the national level. The team moved forward to perform at the Performance Racing Industry trade show in Indianapolis in December. Schertz said, "It was due to the team's sacrifices that they earned this position."

The team members gave up their time to work, time to hang out, and time with friends. A lot of practicing is required for the engine teardown exercise and teamwork is required to achieve this. Schertz said, "There is lots of communication, lots of trusting each other." Casey Gebala said that she was looking for a career in the automotive industry. She added that she loved the challenge.

Gebala said that she wanted to appreciate the companionship and support she had found during the season. She said, "We all pushed each other to do better than what we expected." The students will be awarded the Accent on Achievement certificates at 7:00 pm on Monday. The certificates will be given to them in room number 140 of the Educational Services Center. The meetings of the Board of Education of U-46 are streamed live on YouTube. The public is always allowed to attend these meetings.

SPORTS

---Daily Herald---02/18/2020

Larkin advances with fourth win over Elgin

By: Allen Oshinski



Elgin's Margie Troyke, left, guards Larkin's Ashley Miller in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Elgin's Tenacious Cadney, left, moves past Larkin's Kathy Garcia in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Elgin's Tatiana Rodriguez passes out of Larkin traffic in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Elgin's Giana Kilbert drives against Larkin Monday.



Elgin's Tenacious Cadney, right, and Larkin's Brianna Young reach for a loose ball in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



From left, Larkin's Kathy Garcia and Ashley Miller battle Elgin's Margie Troyke in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Larkin's Aaliyah Dixon works under the net against Elgin in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Elgin's Margie Troyke, left, guards Larkin's Ashley Miller in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Larkin's Kathy Garcia shoots against Elgin in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.



Larkin's Kathy Garcia fights through Elgin traffic in Class 4A regional girls basketball action at Streamwood High School Monday night.

Beating a crosstown rival is good. Doing so in a regional game is even more special.

Larkin's girls basketball team did that by beating Elgin, 59-31, Monday in the Class 4A Streamwood regional.

The Royals advance to face Barrington Tuesday night, hoping to avenge last year's 3-point loss in regional play.

Ashley Miller led the Royals' balanced attack with 11 points while pulling down 9 rebounds. Aaliyah Dixon and Janelle Clements added 10 apiece. Baylei Johnson had 14 rebounds and 8 points, while Brianna Young and Kathy Garcia scored 7 points apiece for the Royals (11-20) who won the rebounding battle 51-20.

After falling behind 24-9 in the second quarter, the Maroons came up with a defensive surge fueled by their full-court pressure, but couldn't take advantage at the offensive end. They cut the deficit to 28-17, but Dixon banked in an off-balance shot to close the first-half scoring, and the Royals opened the second half with a 15-4 run to take control.

Young scored all of her points during that third-quarter surge and Johnson had 6 points in the period.

After committing 15 first-half turnovers and missing some layups and free throws, the Royals wanted to come out better in the second half, hoping it would carry over.

"It's just the fact that we want the momentum going into tomorrow," said Miller. "We know that we need to clean it up in order to get our rhythm down."

The Royals beat their rivals for the fourth time in the season.

"It's nice when we have the length we do against a lot of teams," said Larkin coach Steve Knapp. "Elgin doesn't have much height and we kind of used it to our advantage tonight on second-chance and third-chance opportunities. Just moving the ball downcourt a little bit was nice."

Giana Kilbert scored 20 points and Takara Campbell added 9 off the bench, but no one else could find the range for Elgin (4-27).

The Maroons ended a season that saw them play "with a lot more intensity this year," according to coach Dr. Nick Bumbales. "Gianna Kilbert had probably one of the best seasons one of our players has had in the past 10 years. She averaged 17 points a game the second half of the conference. She was an all-conference player and she represented us well."

Both teams struggled from the free-throw line, with the Royals converting just 5 of 13 attempts while Elgin made just 3 of 11.

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Streamwood's 3-point shooting sinks Fenton

By Allen Oshinski

It's no secret that Streamwood's boys basketball team likes to shoot 3-pointers. When the Sabres make them like they did Friday night, they're tough to stop.

The Sabres made 14 from long-range as they defeated Fenton, 65-53, in Upstate Eight action in Streamwood.

Zach Marquez led the way with five 3s and 21 points while dishing out 6 assists.

Lorenzo Coney had 15 points and 5 rebounds, and Kyle Maybrun and Jakobe Strong chipped in 10 apiece for the Sabres (14-11, 9-6).

Diamon King had 13 points and 9 rebounds for Fenton (17-11, 8-7). Six other players scored either 6 or 5 points for the Bison.

The teams traded leads before Streamwood went ahead to stay with an 8-0 run late in the first half. The spurt consisted of 3-pointers by Strong and Darrel Luce and a putback of a missed 3-pointer by Strong.

The Sabres really got hot after the break, making four 3s while opening a 44-29 lead. Fenton clawed back, getting within 44-39 on a putback by Andre Reed, but could get no closer.

Streamwood stretched the lead again, this time with 1-pointers. The Sabres made 9 free throws in the fourth quarter, led by Strong, who went 5-for-6 from the line.

The Sabres started a bit slow from behind the arc, missing some open looks early, but once a couple started to fall, it became contagious.

"It didn't matter," said Marquez. "I was getting my shots wide open and my teammates were getting me the ball."

"They love shooting them," said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. "We give everybody the opportunity to shoot them if they're open."

"We started off kind of sluggish. We played pretty well defensively, and then in the third quarter we started finishing some stuff. Our defense kind of propelled us offensively."

Fenton led 12-6 early and took its last lead at 22-20 on a bucket by King before Strong's 3-pointer put Streamwood ahead for good.

Fenton coach Chaz Taft lamented the Sabres' prowess on the offensive glass.

"We just gave up too many offensive rebounds, second-chance points," he said. "We made a nice comeback in the third, but we can't give up 14 offensive rebounds."

Luce grabbed 6 rebounds for Streamwood and added 6 points on a pair of 3-pointers.

Elgin's rally from 20 down falls just short at Bartlett

By: Jared Birchfield

Bartlett honored graduating basketball, dance and cheer teams members on its senior night Friday.

But an Elgin junior came close to spoiling the event.

Sparked by Jeff Lomax's five baskets and two free throws in the final frame, Elgin rallied from a 20-point deficit and fell just short of pulling out a win. Bartlett held on for a 57-55 Upstate Eight Conference victory.

"It's something we have been hoping to do, the kids have been fighting hard. We have been telling them give us a chance in the fourth quarter," Elgin coach Todd Allen said. "Today we had that opportunity so it was good to see."

The fourth quarter started with the Hawks up, 49-29.

Maroon Adam Vogt's 3-point shot from the right corner opened the scoring in the fourth quarter and started a 12-0 Elgin run, six by Lomax. With 4:30 left to play, Bartlett's lead had been cut to 49-41.

Elgin (5-20, 1-12) continued to whittle the lead away. Vogt reduced Bartlett's margin to 56-53 with 14.3 seconds in the game when he canned two free throws.

With only 2.7 seconds left on the clock, Lomax made it a 57-55 game with a layup. The junior led all scorers with 18 points.

Time was down to 1.7 seconds when Dion Rodgers snared a rebound on a missed Bartlett free throw. His desperation half-court shot at the buzzer fell short.

"Our last couple of games we were pretty bad and we just kind got sick of that," Lomax said. "We just wanted to come out and have something to build on."

After scoring 49 points in the first three quarters, the Hawks only tallied eight in the final eight minutes. Bartlett (10-16, 7-8) had plenty of opportunities to add to its lead, going to the free-throw line 17 times in the final frame, but connected on only four of them.

"It was a fluke," Bartlett coach James Wolfsmith said. "We are normally a good free throwing team. We just had an off night."

"We hurried our offense in the fourth quarter. We were impatient and took the first available shot," said Wolfsmith. "But don't take away anything from Elgin, they battled."

"I think we just lost our composure," said Cam Kunzer, who led Bartlett in scoring with 16 points. "In the first half we were in the moment and then we started getting out of it."

In the first half, it was all Bartlett. The Hawks held the Maroons to single digit scoring in the first two quarters and led 31-16 at the half. Kunzer scored 12 of his points in the first 16 minutes. Teammate Ian Smith tallied seven of his 10 points in the first half.

Darien Jackson scored 11 for the Maroons.