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Suburban students walk out of school to demand stricter gun control

BY ERIC PETERSON

Thousands of suburban high school students joined their peers across the country Wednesday in a national walkout to demand stricter gun control after the killing of 17 students last week at a Florida high school.

An estimated 1,200 Schaumburg High School students, many carrying signs and chanting messages in support of tighter gun measures, paraded in front of the school then rallied on its front steps. The event ended with 17 minutes of silence in honor of the 17 students slain at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Similar protests were held at Elk Grove, Hoffman Estates, Wheaton North, Neuqua Valley and Batavia high schools, among others.

Schaumburg High senior Jenna Whalen was among five students who organized her classmates' walkout.

"For me, it was the realization that angry was too tame a word for how I am feeling today," she said. "Students here are so powerful, and we know the power of our words."

She and fellow organizers Mina Mazeikis, Ryan Sorge, Aidan Wysocki and Zahra Kahn met Wednesday morning with Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211 officials to set parameters for the protest. As part of the negotiations, students agreed they would return to classes after one period.

Wysocki said administrators' support -- which extended to not marking any student truant during the noon class period -- probably erased the concerns of students who wanted to take part but were worried about getting into trouble.

The protest falls on the one-week anniversary of the school shooting in Florida. Similar walkouts are planned for the one-month anniversary on March 14 as well as the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting on April 20.

Among the students' requests are stricter background checks and a longer waiting period for gun purchases.

Whalen said it shouldn't be unreasonable to keep a military-grade assault rifle out of the hands of a 19-year-old, or that all sales be properly monitored and recorded.

Wysocki noted that many of the weapons used in school shootings have been legally acquired under current laws.

A small group of adults stood outside the school Wednesday to support the students.

"We need modification of laws and mental health issues," Sandy Reeves said.

Renee Feldman, who has a child attending Schaumburg High, said she wishes such walkouts could have started making an impact 30 years ago when one of the nation's first school shootings occurred in Winnetka.

Elsewhere in District 211, Hoffman Estates and Conant high schools in Hoffman Estates each saw about 150 students walk out, while about 75 at Fremd High School in Palatine took part in the protest, officials said.

Three schools in nearby Northwest Suburban High School District 214 participated in the walkout. Elk Grove High School saw about 400 to 500 students take part; Buffalo Grove High School had 75 to 100; and Wheeling High School had 50 to 60, officials said.

Students at four schools in Wheaton Warrenville Unit District 200 -- Wheaton North High School, Wheaton-Warrenville South High School, Hubble Middle School and Monroe Middle School -- walked out of class Wednesday for less than 20 minutes, spokeswoman Erica Loiacono said.

The demonstration was "a peaceful walkout to support the Florida community impacted by the recent shooting," Loiacono said, and students did not specify if they were rallying in support of any specific gun control regulations.

The number of students who participated was "not significant," and students were not penalized for the time they spent outside of class.

"We chose to support our students," Loiacono said. "We do think it's very important that our students have a voice when they want to be heard."

In Naperville, about 100 students walked out about noon Wednesday from their lunch period at Neuqua Valley High School in Indian Prairie Unit District 204, where they spent roughly 17 minutes sitting beside the school's flagpole, Principal Bob McBride said.

The walkout went "without incident" as staff members observed to make sure no students left campus and everyone remained safe. McBride said he encouraged students to be "thoughtful and respectful" in their actions and to consider observing national days of protest instead of creating their own activism "ad hoc."

At Naperville Central High School, senior Ben Russell organized a walkout with four others. He said he felt a walkout to protest gun violence was needed, and because he hadn't heard of anything being planned he and his team put one together.

Several hundred students walked out for about 20 minutes at Batavia High School, officials there reported. And in St. Charles, students walked out at North and East high schools. The walkouts lasted 17 minutes, according to district spokeswoman Carol Smith.

At **Streamwood High School**, about 500 students walked out for 40 minutes, officials said, and about 200 walked out from **Bartlett High**.

• Staff writers Marie Wilson, Susan Sarkauskas, Madhu Krishnamurthy and Daily Herald wire services contributed to this story.

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U-46 questioned about bid process by vendor

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on a \$1.5 million proposal at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, but questions were raised by one of the bidders on the district's selection process. The proposal was presented on Monday, Feb. 5.

The proposal, a three-year contract, is for providing the district both internet and wide area network (WAN) services and Comcast was the winning bidder.

However, a representative from WOW Business addressed the board questioning why it wasn't awarded the contract for internet services. WOW, which only bid on the internet portion of the Request for Proposal (RFP), came in with the lowest bid of \$133,020 compared to \$151,200 from Comcast.

The WOW representative, asked for "clarification, if possible, on evaluation criteria" and "what we're asking is if no action can be taken... for the internet until there's clarification."

Comcast ultimately won the bid with 83.7 points awarded among all categories compared to 82.7 for WOW. Under the price category, a maximum of 30 points could be given to a bidder and WOW received 26.7 points in that category (Comcast received 24.3), and WOW questioned why it wouldn't have received the maximum 30 points, which would have given them the winning bid, since it came in with

the lowest price.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked for the district's rationale on how it scored the bidders and Laura Macias, information services director, said "we looked at it holistically" with six categories with weighted scoring. The six categories include price, technical functionality, completeness and accuracy of proposal, references and experience, service and support and price of ineligible goods and services.

"When we took a look at it in terms of the whole service and experience, that's where Comcast came on top of it," Macias said.

Board member Sue Kerr asked about the two scoring sheets which Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said "there are two different services," internet and WAN, but he did not say there was a need for both services to be provided by the same provider.

Ward asked if the proposal document was publicly available for WOW to review which Phelps said it was and "also during bid openings, we also tell the vendors at the meeting when we open that they can request Freedom of Information Act for any documents."

The rationale for the need for the WAN service from the proposal states: "WAN allows our schools to connect to our main data center... and to the internet. Without these connections schools are not able to connect to our internal servers, the internet or the phone system."

The proposal stated that "increased student usage and online testing" creates a greater need for internet service capacity. It also states this contract will provide \$12,350 in saving per month compared to district's current contract for \$444,602 in savings over three years.

If approved, the expense will come from the education fund but the district will seek e-rate funding where the federal government will reimburse 80 percent of the expense. That would mean U-46 would pay \$306,864 while the nation's taxpayers would pick up \$1.2 million of the bill.

Proposals set for vote at U-46 board meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on three proposals totaling over \$500,000 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Feb. 26. The items were presented on Feb. 5.

One proposal costing \$245,239 with CDW Government, which will come out of the education fund if approved, would provide more WiFi coverage to elementary schools.

The proposal states: "When originally deployed, one access point (AP) in every other classroom supplied enough coverage to support the learning environment. Since that time the number of devices has greatly increased as well as the need for reliable online testing. Our existing infrastructure can no longer support the high density without increasing to one AP per classroom. This purchase will provide wireless access points for 42 elementary schools."

U-46 plans to use the e-rate program which picks up 80 percent of the bill.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked for an explanation of e-rate funding to which Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said the district pays the total cost up front and "we get a rebate back from the government."

Phelps said the 80 percent that will be refunded to the district is paid for by the nation's taxpayers and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders asked: "Doesn't it come from the tax portion of like your internet bills, your cell phone bills and so forth?"

"I'm not sure if it's 100 percent that, but there is a portion that does come from that," Phelps said.

Another proposal is with Dell Marketing (\$133,562 for 395 chromebooks) and Heartland Business Systems (\$93,160 for 170 HP probook 11 G2), and the proposal would be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Title I funding.

For the chromebooks, Dell came in with the highest among four bids which Laura Macias, information services director, said that Dell provided an "educational edition" chromebook with stronger rubber.

Sanders said "so it's better for kids... [and] can take rougher classroom use" which Macias concurred and said: "The total cost of ownership for the new type of equipment is well worth it, especially for the quality and functionality that we're also getting."

The items will go to 15 different schools with different amounts to each. Board member Sue Kerr asked about how it was determined how many chromebooks and HP probooks would go to each of the 15 schools and Macias said "we provided a list of different type of equipment to select from" and the schools selected the items.

Ward asked why the need for chromebooks over standard laptops to which Macias responded the district would need to go to a different software with laptops which would require additional training for staff.

The final proposal is with Tyler Technologies, Inc. costing \$79,195, to come from the education fund, for an annual license renewal for MUNIS software. That software has been used by the district since 2013 according to the proposal.

Village Board approves three new police vehicles

By Kristin Carreno

At its meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15 the Village Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of three police vehicles at a total cost of \$78,571. The vehicles included a 2018 Ford Interceptor sedan and two 2018 Ford Utility Police Interceptors which are essentially Ford Explorers, according to Chief of Police Edward Valente.

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative solicited bids for municipal police vehicles, according to Valente. Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois was the lowest bidder. The bids were \$27,323 for each Ford Utility Police Interceptor and \$23,925 for the sedan. Purchasing through this process results in a significant

cost savings to the village.

According to Valente, current front-line vehicles are close to the end of their useful life cycle. The new vehicles will replace them.

"They will ensure the dependability of our fleet," said Valente.

Valente said, in response to a question from Trustee William Harper, that the old vehicles would be sold at auction.

Since the department currently has Chevrolets. Trustee James Cecille asked if they were getting a better deal with Ford.

"Chevy terminated the squad car line proposal so the choice came down to Ford or Chrysler," Valente replied. "The Fords were a better fit for our use."



Grand old landmark

The local landmark Hoosier Grove Museum decorated for Christmas. The building has a long history as a fixture in the village. For story and more photos, see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Sabres girls hoops almost pull off upset of McHenry

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team gave top-seed McHenry a scare, but the No. 9 Sabres' upset bid fell just short in a 56-53 loss in the Prairie Ridge Regional semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Sabres came out strong building a seven-point lead late in the first half but fell behind by two at halftime.

Rebecca Roncone had a career-high 18 points, including three three-pointers, and added eight rebounds to lead the effort. Her back-to-back treys late in the fourth quarter helped trim a nine-point deficit to the final 56-53 score, and the Sabres had a last second chance to tie but Andrea Bracy's (eight points, seven rebounds) shot rimmed out at the buzzer.

"We played a 22-2 team to three points," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "We were not a normal No. 9 seed. We were playing our best basketball late. Coaches just looked at our record when seeding."

Rosner added: "We finally got all starters healthy and were a very tough team down the stretch. They played their tails off and just missed a huge upset."

Maddi Exline (four rebounds, four assists, three steals) and Mandy Mien (five assists, three steals) both had 11 points, and Monica Brown contributed five points.

The Sabres went to the free-throw line for only five attempts but have averaged 18 attempts per game

through the season. There were a few questionable no-calls late in the game.

Streamwood hit eight treys in the game, a season high for the team, and did the same against No. 8 Crystal Lake South in the quarterfinals when the Sabres earned a 40-21 victory on Monday, Feb. 12. Bracy (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Exline (13 points) each hit three treys and Roncone (seven points) two while Mien added six points and five assists.

Crystal Lake South was held to single digits each quarter, including two-point frames in the second and third, as Streamwood built a 26-11 halftime lead and 34-13 after three quarters.

Bracy, Brown, Exline and Roncone all graduate from the Sabres.

"These seniors will be a very difficult group for me to see go," Rosner said. "Maddi Exline is basically a four-year starter, the other three all three-year starters. This has never happened in all of my years. I had to throw them in as sophomores, they took their lumps but kept working to get better. I love and respect them so much. Angie Oates, my assistant, and I are really sad to see them leave us."

Streamwood ends the season 8-20 overall. The Sabres four seniors were all a part of a regional title winning team last year.

"I am so happy they got to win a regional in their career," Rosner said. "They will be hard to replace, but they are a great example for the younger players to follow."

Pet of the Week



The spunky Cassie

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Friends of Bartlett Library to host three-day book sale

Calling all bargain hunters, book lovers, movie buffs and music fans. The Friends of the Bartlett Library are having a book sale.

The sale will run on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 4 from 12 to 5: p.m.

A canvas bag will be available to fill with gently used books for only \$5, and DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, audiobooks, games, puzzles and cassettes are available at additional cost.

This book sale is in addition to their perpetual book sale, which is located in the lobby of the library and has many books, DVDs and other various items for sale all year long, which is always open for patrons to peruse and purchase items.

Through funds gathered from book sales and generous donors, the Friends

of the Bartlett Library support the library in its mission to provide quality services and programs to the community.

Since their inception in 1983, they have donated over \$130,000 to the library. The dues, along with all the money raised throughout the year, go directly to benefit the library. The Friends have contributed funds for programs, Hot Reads, computers, furniture and equipment, online homework help and much more. In addition, every child that receives a new library card also receives a new book donated by the Friends.

The library would not be able to offer the richness of programs and materials to the community without their support.

For more information on the Friends of the Bartlett Library, visit <http://www.bartlettlibrary.org/involved/friends.shtml>.



The ‘Friends Book Nook’ is found in the right corner of the lobby when walking through the front doors. *(Courtesy photo)*

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Hawks rally falls short in 65-62 regional loss



Kayla Hare eyeing the Bulldogs basket for the Hawks while the Batavia defense collapsed around her that included Ava Sergio, left, and Jenna Laughlin.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team fought back but couldn't overcome a nine-point halftime deficit as the No. 9 Hawks fell 65-62 against No. 8 Batavia in the Schaumburg Regional semifinal on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Conant (due to a floor surface issue at Schaumburg).

The Hawks trailed 36-27 at halftime, and by as

much as 11 in the third quarter, but rallied within one point in the final minute as senior Kayla Hare (five steals), who hit three three-pointers in the game, scored 14 of her team-high 20 points in the second half.

Hare hit a buzzer beating trey at the end of the third quarter to pull to 48-42, and Bartlett rallied to within two points five times in the fourth quarter and with 19.2 seconds left to play junior Savannah Standefer (four points) had a steal and hit a layup to pull to 63-62.

With 16.5 seconds left, Batavia hit a pair of free throws for the final margin and the Hawks were unable to get a game-tying three attempt off as a two-point shot at the buzzer missed. Although a loss, the three-point loss was an improvement from a 15-point loss to Batavia in Bartlett's season opening Thanksgiving tournament.

"They've had a never say die attitude all season," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "They knew a nine-point deficit wasn't insurmountable."

Hunt, who wraps up his first season as head coach of the Hawks, added: "It was probably one of the best 8-9 games you'll see across the state. Our goal was to be playing our best at this time of the season and we were, and I can't ask for anything more."

Senior Danielle Kleeman had 16 points and nine rebounds, and freshman Lexie

Sinclair added 15 points. Freshman Justina Hernandez scored four points.

Along with Hare and Kleeman, the Hawks will lose seniors Miranda Hedeon, Meghan Colley, Jennifer Carbery and Amber Pagan. More than half of Bartlett's roster was made up of juniors and underclassmen.

"These seniors are a special group in my heart," Hunt said. "They were the first group I had a chance to work with as an assistant coach."

Hunt added: "We definitely have some pieces to build with no doubt, but it won't be easy to replace this group of seniors."

Bartlett ends the season 19-11 overall.



Bartlett's Lexie Sinclair dribbling across the court while pursued by Batavia's Jenna Laughlin.

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Police Reports

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★ At 2:19 a.m., Daniel Vargas, 27, Aurora, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear, theft of labor, no driver’s license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage and expired license plate sticker. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 6:40 p.m., William R. Ankenbauer, 68, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 11:06 p.m., V LB Cross, 34, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and driving while license suspended. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 11:57 p.m., Herbert A. Das, 31, St. Charles, was arrested and charged with speeding, driving too fast for conditions, DUI and failure to notify Secretary of State of change of residence/ address/legal name. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, Feb. 10

★ At 4:07 a.m., Martin D. Sosa, 28, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with obstructing identification and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear, DUI, no insurance, speeding, driving while license suspended and assault. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 3:55 a.m., Efrain Ramirez, 21, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of cannabis, possession of drug equipment and lane violation. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Feb. 11

★ At 2:21 a.m., Saradara S. Saini, 56, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with DUI, She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Monday, Feb. 12

★ At 2:25 p.m., Juan M. Godinez, 27, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:10 p.m., Wayne Paul Jones, 56, Glen Ellyn, was arrested and charged with no insurance, speeding, driving while license revoked and possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

★ At 6:33 p.m., Adam E. Baran, 23, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, Feb. 7

★ At 5:17 a.m., police responded to Haumiller Engineering, 370 Joseph Drive, for a report of an activated

alarm.

★ At 6:10 a.m., police responded to LaFarge Fox River Stone, 1310 Illinois Route 31, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 7:06 a.m., police responded to LaFarge Fox River Stone, 1310 Illinois Route 31, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 1:59 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Oak for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 4:26 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 5:01 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of East State for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 5:47 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Waterford for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 8:47 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 475 S. Collins, for a threats complaint.

★ At 10:35 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 475 S. Collins, for a threats complaint.

Thursday, Feb. 8

★ At 6:07 a.m., police responded to Anas Hair Salon, 194 N. LaFox, for a report of an open door or window.

★ At 6:12 a.m., police responded to Matrix Design, 1627 Louise Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 1:55 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Wilson for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 3:14 p.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 475 S. Collins, for a fraud complaint.

★ At 5:27 p.m., police responded to Speedway, 1775 N. LaFox, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 5:44 p.m., police responded to Kohl’s, 350 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 6:07 p.m., police responded to Outback Steakhouse, 365 Randall Road, for a commercial fire alarm.

★ At 9:32 p.m. police responded to Epic Air Trampoline, 1675 N. Lancaster Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 10:03 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Woodridge for a threats complaint.

★ At 10:55 p.m., police responded to Haumiller Engineering, 370 Joseph Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

Friday, Feb. 9

★ At midnight, police responded to Haumiller Engineering, 370 Joseph Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 1:01 a.m., police responded to Winners Pub, 50 S. McLean Blvd., for a report of a fight.

★ At 4:35 p.m. police responded to Premise Record Alert, 475 S. Collins,

for a child custody dispute.

★ At 5:30 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of West Spring for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 9:35 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of South Blackhawk for a report of an intoxicated subject.

Saturday, Feb. 10

★ At 2:59 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 7:51 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Middle for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 8:50 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Oxford for a report of a motor vehicle theft.

★ At noon, police responded to the 300 block of Woodridge for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 12:16 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Manchester for a report of a drug law violation.

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★ At 7:36 p.m., police responded to the Village Squire Restaurant, 480 Randall Road, for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 11

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Police Reports

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★ At 1:35 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Woodridge for a report of a drug law violation.
★ At 3:17 p.m., police responded to the McDonalds, 100 N. McLean Blvd.,

for a DUI report.
★ At 9:27 p.m., police responded to the Circle K, 355 Randall Road, for a harassment complaint.
★ At 11:12 p.m., police responded to Chilis, 620 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

Hawks boys hoops edged by Lions, defeat Tomcats

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett boys basketball team rallied after a slow start but came up just short in a 50-49 nonconference loss against St. Viator, a 20-5 team entering the game, on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at St. Viator.
The Hawks faced an uphill battle from the outset falling behind 12-2 at the start and facing a 14-point deficit entering the fourth, but they rallied with a 26-point final period which included a late chance to tie the game.
“We didn’t come out with much confidence and emotion to start the game, but we finished well,” said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. “To come that close to beating St. Viator on their floor will build confidence in our players.”
Bartlett, which was led by 11 points each from Ben Fisher and Tomas Vikonis, trailed 16-7 after one quarter and 28-16 at halftime. The Hawks deficit was 37-23 at the end of the third.
Vikonis, who hit three three-pointers in the game, and Byron Price, who hit two treys, both scored eight points in the final period to lead a rally that pulled the Hawks to 50-47 in the final

15 seconds.
Ben Tompson would have a game-tying three attempt that was blocked out of bounds, and on the inbound with three seconds left Garrett Jurina hit a basket but not from behind the arc.
“We got the two points, but we needed three,” Wolfsmith said.
Wolfsmith added: “We set up a few options on the play in our timeout. Our in-bounder saw Garrett Jurina cutting to the basket and passed the ball to him. I’ll have to look at the film to see what happened. Maybe he thought Garrett was going to kick the ball out to the arc.”
Austin Gates finished with six points.
The Hawks bounced back by rallying from a nine-point halftime deficit for a 56-51 victory over East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Feb. 16 in Aurora.
Bartlett is now 14-11 overall, 7-2 in the UEC Valley Division, heading into the final week of the regular season as it prepares for the Bartlett Regional. The No. 12 Hawks will open the post-season against No. 22 Glenbard North.

Monday, Feb. 12
★ At 1:08 a.m., police responded to Penny’s Place, 240 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
★ At 1:11 a.m., police responded to the Village Pedaler, 1954 Gyor Ave., for a report of an activated alarm.
★ At 12:49 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Schneider and Sundown for a report of a disabled vehicle.
★ At 1:18 p.m., police responded to Epic Air Trampoline, 1675 N. Lancaster, for a report of theft.
★ At 2:09 p.m., police responded to Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond, for an assault report.
★ At 7:25 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of South Pembroke for a threats complaint.
Tuesday, Feb. 13
★ At 1:05 a.m., police responded to the B and R Accounting Group, 1315 N. LaFox, for a report of an activated alarm.
★ At 10:22 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Deer Pointe for a fraud complaint.
★ At 11:39 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Patrick for a fraud complaint.
★ At 11:54 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of East State and Woodbury for a report of a roadway obstruction.
★ At 4:28 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Bunker Hill for a fraud complaint.
STREAMWOOD
Saturday, Feb. 10
★ At 9:17 p.m., Humberto A. Ayala-Avalos, 18, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license

suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.
Sunday, Feb. 11
★ At 1:30 a.m., an agent for Thornton’s Gas Station, 2 North Barrington Road, reported that an unknown offender pumped \$17 worth of gasoline and left without paying.
★ At 3:30 p.m., Sasha L. Clemons, 21, Chicago, was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon. She was held awaiting bond.
Thursday, Feb. 15
★ At 11:30 a.m., Carlos R. Salcedo, 20, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was transported to bond call.

WAYNE

Thursday, Feb. 8
★ At 7:20 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Country Club and Dunham for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. Shortly after the officer arrived, the owner arrived accompanied by a tow truck to remove the vehicle.
Friday, Feb. 9
★ At 12:40 p.m., in the vicinity of Country Club and Nelson, an officer observed a vehicle in the ditch. A tow was summoned to extricate it.
★ At 4:26 p.m., in the 6N block of Dunham, an officer observed a disabled vehicle. A tow was summoned.
Saturday, Feb. 10
★ At 10:28 a.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Munger roads, an officer observed a disabled vehicle being pushed off the roadway. A tow was summoned to remove it.
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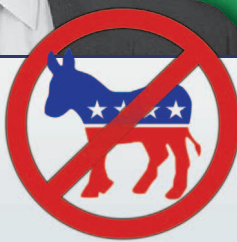
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New fire safety program to be available via local departments

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) recently launched Be Alarmed! – a joint smoke alarm installation program that provides smoke alarms to Illinoisans through local fire departments. The OSFM will distribute smoke alarms with 10-year sealed batteries and fire safety educational materials to participating fire departments, at no-cost to residents. The OSFM requires participating fire departments to personally install each smoke alarm, educate the community on fire prevention and safety, and provide installation survey data to the IFSA.

"Working smoke alarms provide crucial advance warning and can potentially save lives," said State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "The 'Be Alarmed!' program will help ensure that Illinoisans have the tools and know-how to prevent and escape a fire should one occur. We encourage everyone to be alarmed in the new year and make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms."

"Six out of ten residential fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms," said Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Executive Director, Philip Zaleski. "The Illinois

Fire Safety Alliance is excited to have developed this program in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal's Office to provide smoke alarms to Illinois residents and help reduce the number of fire related injuries and deaths across the state."

Be Alarmed! is a fire safety educational program developed to educate Illinoisans and to ensure that properly installed and working smoke alarms are in homes across Illinois.

The program seeks to:

1. Educate Illinois residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods;
2. Reduce the number of fire-related injuries in Illinois;
3. Reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Illinois; and
4. Identify the reason for non-working smoke alarms in Illinois homes.

All fire alarms and educational materials will be provided at no-cost to eligible fire departments from OSFM and IFSA with additional assistance from corporate partners including Kidde and Menards.

Interested fire departments should go to www.IFSA.org/programs/alarms for eligibility requirements and the request form.

Monthly naturalist hikes hosted by Kane Forest Preserve Dist.

Get a daily 10,000 steps in, during guided hikes with Forest Preserve District of Kane County naturalists. Each month, there will be an invigorating two-hour hike at a forest preserve. Trek with a Naturalist programs are designed for those who like active hiking. The hikes will be led by a naturalist, who will interpret the ecology of the preserve along the way. Join us at one or all three hikes:

- The first will take place on Thursday, March 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve, 5N753 Illinois Route 31, St. Charles.

- The second hike will be on Thursday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve (East), 10N630 Nesler Road, Elgin.
- The third hike will take place on Thursday, May 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve, 41W600 Hughes Road, Elburn.

These free programs are for ages 18 and above. Advance registration is required. Call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com to register. For more information, visit www.kaneforest.com, on social media by searching @forestpreserve.

Sundaes and kickball highlight KFN event

On Friday, Feb. 16, Parks & Recreation hosted Klub Friday Night (KFN) at Fox Meadow Elementary School with the theme Kickball and Sundaes. The sundaes were from Dairy Queen, and participants made up their own unique rules for several games of kickball throughout the evening.

The next KFN will be March 16. Attendees are invited to wear green for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration!



Ethan Polkinghorn shot hoops in the gym. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Ryan Griffin chased Lilly Berberet on the basketball court.



Vance Thoma, Carter Meyers and Eva Wasik let loose on the dance floor.



Joshua Hendershot dribbled the ball away from other players.



Savannah Cursio making an ice cream sundae.

Lull dooms North Stars in girls hoops regional loss

By Seth Hancock

The North girls basketball team couldn't overcome a second quarter lull as the No. 10 North Stars fell 45-37 against No. 7 York in the Wheaton Warrenville South Regional semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

After building a three-point lead after one quarter, North was held to just four points in the second as York took a 30-17 lead into halftime which it wouldn't relinquish. The North Stars wouldn't allow their deficit to get any worse but was unable to pull closer than six the rest of the game.

"We went awful cold and they took advantage of it," said North coach Mike Tomczak. "We were fighting uphill the rest of the way."

Tomczak added: "The second quarter, that was the difference."

Anna Tate, a junior, led North with a double-double as she scored 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

"Continued game experience will allow Annie to grow," Tomczak said. "She's been terrific for us, very physical."

Senior Anna Davern added eight points and senior Megan Gunnink and sophomore Leilauni Chanthaboury each had six, Gunnink's coming off a pair of threes.

North ends the season 15-13 and will also lose seniors Emma Helsel and Caroline Shafar.

"These seniors were here last year in my first season, and they've helped me a lot," Tomczak said. "They're a special group of players, and we'll miss them next year."

Forest Preserve District sets next three walks in program

Seniors, come along on a leisurely guided walk through natural areas in the Kane County forest preserves.

Each month, Forest Preserve District naturalists lead a hike as part of our Senior Stroll program series.

Along the walk, attendees learn about the natural and cultural history of the area. Senior Stroll programs last about an hour, with social time and refreshments following the walk. These nature programs are free. Registration is not required.

The spring Senior Stroll series will start on Thursday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. This stroll will be held

at Bliss Woods Forest Preserve, located at 5S660 Bliss Road, Sugar Grove.

The following Senior Stroll moves to Les Arends Forest Preserve, located at 2S731 Lincoln Way, Illinois Route 31, Batavia. This program is on Thursday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The May Senior Stroll program will take place at Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls, located at 40W095 Freeman Road in Gilberts. This program is on Thursday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information call 630-444-3190 or visit www.kaneforest.com.

Tidbits

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The South Elgin Food Pantry at 400 W. Spring St. will be open two evenings a month, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in addition to its morning hours, 9:30 to noon the same first and third Wednesdays. Visitors to the food pantry only need to show proof of residence in South Elgin or the Valley View area of St. Charles to obtain food. Clients may now enter through the double doors facing the parking lot, making entry to the food pantry handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. For further information, visit cumcsouthelgin.com, email cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net, or call 847-931-0563.

Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry is now open on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two pre-packaged bags of food every four weeks. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit our website at www.HosannaChurch.com/ Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles.

Low impact/sculpt aerobics exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles Tuesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free and open to all.

Zumba class at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, Tuesdays 5 to 5:45 p.m. for fun and great exercise! Free, open to all in the community. No registration needed, walk-ins welcome.

The St. Charles Singles Club activities are planned, and singles 40-plus are invited to participate in the fun. There are many opportunities to meet friends for meals, to try new cuisines, to dance, bowl, play cards, volunteer and more. You can find a full listing of activities on the website: www.stcharlessinglesclub.com/. Visit www.stcharlessinglesclub.com or call 630-665-0763 for more information.

The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter's wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org.

The Examiner Asked

On Friday, Feb. 16, students at
Clinton Elementary School

Which do you like more summer or winter, and why?



Mackenna Willig: "I like summer better because it's warm and you don't have to bundle up."



FaithAnn Salerno: "Summer because it's my birthday and that's fun."



Annabelle Sproveri: "Well, even though I like winter because it's my birthday (in January), I like summer best because I can be more active outdoors and you don't have to worry about getting frostbite."



Katrina Leith: "I like summer best because my birthday is in June, and we can go swimming. And there's no school!"



Manav Sharma: "Summer, because it's warm, and the Fourth of July, and I get to spend more time with my family."



Joey Ruffalo: "Summer, for sure, because it's my birthday, and that's one of my favorite days of the year!"



Benjamin Estrada: "I like winter because I can go sledding a lot."



Kaelyan Hages: "Summer, because there's no school, and I get to go swimming and my two best friends' birthdays are in summer."



Kiera King: "I like summer most because I can play outside with my friends. It's a lot more fun than playing inside in the cold."

(By Juli Schatz)

North wins pair, hands Larkin only UEC loss



North's Cade Callaghan battling on the floor with the Royals' Pierre Black for possession of the basketball.



Zach Ludwig attempting to bank in two points for the North Stars over Larkin's Jalen Shaw.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

Coming off a tough 44-31 loss to Benet Academy, its third straight, the North boys basketball team bounced back with two big Upstate Eight Conference River Division wins.

North coach Tom Poulin called the Benet game "probably our poorest performance" of the season, but the North Stars erased that with a 61-51 victory over rival Geneva on Monday, Feb. 12 at Geneva.

"It was a tough skid for us but we know what we're capable of," said North senior Zachary Ludwig, who scored a game-high 22 points, said of the three-game losing streak. "I think we'll be fine."

Ludwig was instrumental in helping North grab control early and maintain control nearly the entire game.

The North Stars jumped to a quick 15-2 lead and were ahead 20-10 at the end of the first quarter as Ludwig scored 10 points in the frame. Geneva

would rally for a brief one-point lead in the second, but North would take a 29-23 lead into halftime which it wouldn't relinquish.

"I knew I had to set the tone offensively and get us going," Ludwig said. "Everyone else made it easier for me."

Cade Callaghan (three steals) and Kyle King (seven rebounds, five assists) each scored 12 points, and Tyler Nubin added six points and four blocks.

"It's never simple or easy to beat Geneva," Poulin said. "It was getting back to playing team basketball on both ends. I was proud of our guys getting back to playing winning basketball."

North then defeated Larkin 71-57 handing the already clinched conference champs its only UEC River Division loss on Friday, Feb. 16 at Larkin.

The North Stars led for good after a 16-9 first quarter but led just 46-40 when they put the game away

in the fourth. Ludwig (17 points, seven rebounds), King (14 points), Brendan Dal Degan (11 points), Luke Scheffers (eight points), Callaghan (seven points), Nubin (six points, five rebounds) and Erik Larson (five points) led the effort.

Both wins avenged one-point losses for the North Stars earlier this season, 53-52 against Geneva and 51-50 to Larkin. North is now 8-3 in the UEC River Division, all three losses by a combined five points.

"They are tired of playing really well and getting beat at the end," Poulin said. "We're five points away from being undefeated in conference. We're as good as anybody."


North, now 15-10 overall, will host regional play which it will prepare for in the final week of the regular season. The No. 4 North Stars open the postseason against No. 5 South Elgin, who North beat 60-47 earlier this season.

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St. Charles North squeaks past Streamwood

BY KEVIN MCGAVIN

Zach Ludwig was incredulous.

"I don't know how we won that game," Ludwig said.

In the final Upstate Eight River boys basketball game between Streamwood and St. Charles North Wednesday night, it appeared almost certain the Sabres would snap their season-long losing streak in the league.

But the Sabres' 6-point lead with less than half a minute to play was history moments later.

"It's a funny game," St. Charles North coach Tom Poulin said of the sport after the North Stars' most improbable 73-71 victory.

There was no shortage of heroes for the North Stars in St. Charles.

Kyle King had a game-changing steal along the North Stars' baseline.

Tyler Nubin had the rebound of the game for the Stars off a King misfire at the free-throw line with less than 20 seconds to play.

In the first of two memories to cherish, Ludwig, who finished with a team-high 21 points for the North Stars, hit a baseline jumper off the Nubin extension to tie the game at 71-71 with 17 seconds remaining.

Keenon Cole had been phenomenal the entire game for the Sabres with a game-high 32 points, but the junior took an ill-advised jump shot in an attempt to retake the lead for Streamwood.

Ludwig saw his chance.

"We had numbers (on the subsequent fast break)," St. Charles North guard Brendan Dal Degan said. "They had like only two guys back."

Ludwig dribbled to the North Stars' free-throw line and fed Dal Degan, his backcourt mate, for a layup with a second to go.

"We hit some timely shots," said Dal Degan, who halved the Sabres' 71-65 lead with a 3-pointer with 27 seconds to play.

The North Stars ended their regular season with a 17-10 overall mark and second-place 9-3 division record.

Streamwood enters Class 4A postseason play next week with a 11-18 record after finishing 0-12 in the River.

It was a crushing loss for the Sabres, who led 68-61 late after consecutive field goals by Brandon Marton, Nikola Sinik and Zack Marquez.

But Streamwood was undermined by a series of mental mistakes in the waning moments.

"Some bad choices at the end cost us the game," said Cole.

The Sabres had completely reversed the early tide of the game -- St. Charles North scored 17 of the first 22 points of the first quarter -- with back-to-back 20-point periods in the middle two quarters.

"We ran our offense, made good decisions and hit big shots," Cole said.

Sinik complemented Cole brilliantly with five 3-pointers and 21 total points.

"We don't have an answer for (Cole)," Poulin said. "(He is) as good as anybody in the conference."

Dal Degan and King finished with 15 and 13 points, respectively, for St. Charles North.

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Larkin outlasts Batavia in triple OT

BY SCOTT MILLER

It was déjà vu at Larkin High School on Wednesday night.

For the second time in a two week span the Royals' boys basketball team pulled out a last-second win over Batavia in Upstate Eight River Division action, this time in triple overtime 67-65 on senior night in the regular season finale.

Senior Anthony Lynch, who had a team-high 21 points, scored on a driving layup with 5.2 seconds left in the third overtime period for the go-ahead basket. Batavia's final shot at the buzzer rimmed out.

"We just kept battling," Lynch said. "I felt like I had given up a couple chances to take it to the basket earlier, so when the lane opened up that last time I had to take care of business. There's no better feeling than winning on senior night. This gives us some momentum and now we have to get ready for the playoffs."

Fellow senior guard Kindrel Morris also came up big for the Royals. Morris scored 16 points with 10 of those coming in overtime, including 6 free throws in the third overtime. Morris also had 4 steals in the overtimes. Lynch and Morris took over after center Jalen Shaw fouled out at the end of the first overtime.

"That's exactly what you need your two senior guards to do in that situation," Larkin coach Deryn Carter said. "They really stepped up with Jalen out and made some big plays. The other thing that really made the difference was our defense. We played at a top level and that's what really allowed us to win."

Shaw finished with 19 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 blocks,

It was a much needed win heading into the postseason for the Royals (19-8, 11-1) after they had dropped their last 2 games.

"I'm proud of the way they fought," Carter said. "We fought through some adversity after Jalen fouled out and we battled a really tough team. It was a good job and a big win."

It looked like the Royals would avoid the theatrics this time around when they took their biggest lead of the game 45-37 with 2:17 left to play in regulation. However, the Bulldogs rallied back with a pair of 3-pointers from Jayden Johnson and a layup from Eric Peterson with 45 seconds left to tie the game at 45-45. Both teams came up empty on their final two possessions of regulation to force overtime,

The Bulldogs (21-8, 7-5) rallied back in the first two overtime periods after falling behind. Kyle Lefevre hit 3 free throws with less than a second left in the first overtime to tie the score at 55-55. LeFevre again tied the game in the second overtime 59-59 on a pull up jumper in the lane with 50 seconds left.

Johnson finished with 23 points to lead Batavia in scoring. Lefevre had 15 points.

Before the game there was a moment of silence for longtime Elgin Area School District U46 administrator and Elgin super fan Dave Covey, who passed away on Sunday.

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West Aurora rolls past Bartlett

BY STEVE NICHOLS

Last week West Aurora's boys basketball team dunked its way to its second straight Upstate Eight Valley title. This week the Blackhawks were simply unmerciful in their quest to make their title unblemished, and their 69-40 win over Bartlett Wednesday certainly did the trick, giving West Aurora a 9-0 Valley record.

Led by Camron Donatlan's 21 points and 3 steals and Jared Crutcher's 12 points and 7 rebounds, West Aurora (20-4) ran, ran and ran its win streak to 12 and stayed undefeated in 2018, with its last loss coming on December 30 to Lockport at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament.

So without a loss since, an undefeated UEC Valley conference title and an unblemished 2018 to boot, is it safe to say the pressure's off?

"I don't know if the pressure's ever off," Blackhawks coach Brian Johnson said of his second-seeded team in the upcoming Class 4A Romeoville sectional. "When you take over a program that's historically known there's always pressure every year but it's nice that the kids have bought into what we're doing."

There was also a buy in to the sentiment of not having a letdown with the conference clinched last Friday. With Bartlett being a tough venue to play at, West Aurora stayed focused and mainly used a 12-0 run bridging the first and second quarters to blow it open while Bartlett (13-12, 6-3) was the complete opposite with 3 technical fouls.

"We came into the game with a lot of energy because my whole four years here at West I never got a victory here," Donatlan said. "This is my first victory here and we had to come out with a lot of energy. They play with their heart when they're at home, the atmosphere in here, their fans are real loud."

West Aurora led by 9 after one quarter, 18 at the half and by 25 after three. The Blackhawks shot 48 percent from the floor and had 3 players total double digits, including Ben Young (10 points), who drained two 3-pointers. After Donatlan drained a 3 with 1:20 left in the first quarter, Crutcher added a dunk to start the second quarter and later ended the run on a putback with 6:20 to go and it was 26-10 in a flash for the Blackhawks, a stretch that put Bartlett away for good. West Aurora was also 15 of 21 from the stripe and took good care of the ball, only committing 11 turnovers.

"Coach told us every time we play Bartlett they're going to get in our heads, they're going to play scrappy, they're going to play hard, they're going to make us work," Crutcher said. "We realized that right from the start and we came out good and they started getting chippy with us. They took themselves out of the game and we turned it on with our pressure."

Bartlett survived the first wave the Blackhawks brought forth in the first quarter but turned the ball over 8 times in the second quarter and finished with 18 total. West Aurora's pressure also gave the Hawks a 36.1 percent clip from the field. Ben Thompson led Bartlett with 10 points while Tomas Vikonis had 7 points.

"It is what it is," Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "If you don't play well good teams are going to beat you. They came with energy and we didn't come out with any. By the time we decided to come out with energy the game was over."

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Big 2nd half carries Storm past W. Chicago

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

After a lackluster first half, South Elgin exploded in the second half.

The Storm put up 49 points after intermission to turn a halftime deficit into a 74-56 triumph against West Chicago in an Upstate Eight Valley boys basketball matchup Wednesday in South Elgin.

South Elgin didn't necessarily do anything different in the second half, but the Storm did it better, outscoring the Wildcats 29-18 in the third quarter and maintaining a double-digit lead for most of the final period.

"We started executing some of the stuff against the zone, and I think it took them a whole half to kind of figure it out," said Storm coach Brett Johnson. "We did the right things in the first half, but we didn't make our shots. And we took quick shots rather than great shots. In the second half, we passed up a good shot to get a great shot. And we also penetrated a lot better in the second half."

Drake Montgomery was a force driving the lane and either kicking it out or taking it in himself. He scored 16 of his game-high 23 points in the second half.

Vincent Miskiewicz was a force just about everywhere else, with 17 points and 18 rebounds. He added a couple of assists and a couple of blocks.

Noah Rohr scored 15 for South Elgin (16-11, 5-5), all on 3-pointers.

The Wildcats' 10-0 run late in the first half put them up 29-20. But the Storm closed the half with a conventional 3-point play by Miskiewicz and a coast-to-coast drive for a layup by Montgomery. South Elgin then scored the first 9 points of the second half to go ahead for good.

"Going into the locker room we knew we had to step up the intensity," said Montgomery. "We came out and just tried to push the ball and pick up our defense. We're a transition team, so coming out in the second half we knew we had to just look for the open guys and push the ball up the court."

With the Wildcats starting 3 players under 6 feet tall and no one taller than 6-foot-4, the 6-6 Miskiewicz was tough to defend. The Storm took full advantage of their size on the backboards as well, outrebounding the visitors 35-19.

Jason Gimre led West Chicago with 18 points, including five 3-pointers. Sam Ricci added 16 points.

"We played hard the whole game," said West Chicago coach Bill Recchia. "We just allowed them to do what they wanted to do. You can't allow teams to do what they want to do, and that's the simple explanation of what happened."

Raed Haroon added 8 points for West Chicago (9-15).