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Speak Out



Several Speak Out commenters voice support for U46 school board member Jeanette Ward, who criticized her daughter's assignment about religion. (Jon Langham/Courier-News 2016)

Supporting Ward: I may be in the minority about this issue, but that is OK. I agree 100 percent with U46 school board member Jeanette Ward, and if I were to see her, I would tell her to stay strong. There is no way Judaism, Christianity and Islam worships the same God. You should not teach that. Jesus is our Christian God; he is God. And Judaism, for the most part, does not accept him as the Messiah, although some do. Islam sure doesn't. Muslims believe Jesus was only a prophet and do not accept him as a God. If the pastors in Elgin want religion to be discussed in class, that is one thing, but to not accept the three religion's differences is troubling, to say the least.

Teaching blasphemy: For any teacher in U46 to teach our children that Christianity, Judaism and Islam worship the same God is blasphemy. Do Jews and Muslims pray to Jesus, who is our God? This is finally coming to Elgin. Parents, when your kids are made to kneel and pray to Allah like some areas of the U.S., will you finally get involved? Wake up.

No to religious diversity: The city of Elgin, the school board, the whole outfit there doesn't need more awareness of other cultures and faiths. This is America.

Controversy over three faiths: The controversy over the three major faiths worshipping the same God is the result of God, who said, "I am the one God, I never change." Changing biblical testament from Old, when he took direct action, to the New Testament, which offers eternal life along with free will for mankind on Earth. So far, the end result of all is fed-up atheists.

Editor's note

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SPORTS SECTION

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The Lynch pin

Senior delivers key win for Larkin over St. Charles North

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Left: Larkin's Anthony Lynch puts up the winning basket as St. Charles North's Erik Larson defends on Friday. Lynch finished with a career-high 30 points. Right: Larkin's Larenzo Coney grabs the rebound away from St. Charles North's Brendan Dal Degan on Friday. (James C. Svehla/Courier-News Photos)

Handling the ball down a point with six seconds left at St. Charles North on Friday, Larkin's Anthony Lynch had it all planned.

"I just wanted to get a quick bucket," Lynch said. "If they stopped me, I was going to pull up. If they didn't, I was going all the way."

The senior guard went all the way, laid it in and delivered the Royals a key 51-50 Upstate Eight River win. Lynch's game-winning basket gave him a career-high 30 points.

Larkin coach Deryn Carter had a feeling Lynch was going to make an impact.

"At shoot-around today, the coaches were sitting on the sideline while they were shooting free throws, and I said, 'Anthony is going to have to have a special night,'" Carter said. "He had a special night. He looked like what he is — one of the best players in the state."

Larkin (9-4, 5-0) needed all of Lynch's heroics. The Royals scored only three points in the second quarter, trailing 20-16 at the break. The North Stars (9-6, 3-1) led by as many as 12 in the third quarter and by nine early in the fourth.

"I think for 28 minutes, we were the better basketball team," North coach Tom Poulin said. "For whatever reason, that four-minute stretch (in the fourth quarter) we got unorganized and really didn't compete. I think we got sped up and made some poor decisions."

Larkin closed the game on a 19-9 run. Lynch scored nine of those points.

"He had a head of steam," St. Charles North senior Kyle King said of the final basket. "Our coach always talks about loading up the side the ball is coming down. Of course, that's the one play we didn't. He just drove all the way down. I should have stepped in. It was tough."

North had a chance to win despite being without two key players, starting forward Cade Callaghan (concussion) and junior Tyler Nubin, who is attending the national football combine at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in Texas.

King and Erik Larson each scored 17 to lead the North Stars.

“I thought our kids competed without Cade and Nubin,” Poulin said. “I just felt like the guys who were dressed did enough to win. They put their hearts into it. I’m proud of them.”

North welcomes Arizona powerhouse Rancho Solano (14-3) on Monday.

Larkin senior Jalen Shaw grabbed 10 rebounds. Carter also lauded senior Kindrel Morris’ on-ball defense.

“Other guys trickled in (and contributed). That’s what you have to do to beat a good team,” Carter said.

“But your big players have to play big, and that’s what they did. That’s a huge win.”

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