

# Press Clippings - 2/24/2023

## – Chicago Tribune/Courier News – Ice storm takes down tree branches, power lines in Elgin-Carpentersville area, leaves thousands without electricity

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**By Gloria Casas and Mike Danahey - Elgin Courier-News**

The ice storm that moved through the Elgin-Carpentersville area Wednesday left downed electrical wires and tree branches in its wake and caused thousands of power outages, some of which won't be restored until Saturday.

Elgin Fire Chief Robb Cagann said ComEd reported 10,481 customers lost power, including homes, businesses and schools, and 48% remained without electricity as of Thursday.

A post on the Elgin Police Department Facebook page said ComEd expects 80% of those who lost power should have it returned by Thursday night and all are expected to be back in service by Saturday evening.

The storm moved in in later afternoon, bringing in heavy freezing rain and ice that coated the area as temperatures hovered between above and below the 32-degree mark, according to the National Weather Service. The situation was exacerbated by winds of 30 to 35 mph, the weather service's website said.

Elgin resident Linda Poppen Knight, who lives on the west side, said she lost her power about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday when a telephone pole fell on electrical wires outside her home. The pole came within about eight feet of her kitchen, she said.

“(The pole’s) slowly sinking towards our house, but so far, so good,” she said.

Elgin firefighters responding to her 911 call told her and her husband, Steve, that while the wires were live, they should not walk on the grass in case any hit the ground, she said. The couple was able to use a generator to keep things running at their home, she said.

Elgin police received about 300 emergency calls but neither they nor the fire department dealt with any major storm incidents beyond the downed lines and branches and some road closures, officials said.

Carpentersville also took a hit in the storm, and the fire department's union urged residents via social media Thursday morning to be careful when venturing out.

"Your firefighters have responded to over 100 calls for service from this ice storm, and there are a significant amount of wires down on our east side, with over 1,200 residents without power," the union's Facebook post said. "Our dispatch center QuadCom 911 is doing an amazing job fielding all the calls for service so please be patient."

QuadCom lost phone service, then power during the storm.

"The generator failed, and while an emergency replacement was obtained, dispatchers were sent to Elgin's communication center to handle our calls," Carpentersville Police Chief Patrick Hoey said. "Power was restored two hours later at 11:35 p.m. At the peak, there were approximately 50 pending calls, primarily (about) trees and wires down. There were no serious incidents."

There were a total of 204 police and fire calls Wednesday afternoon and evening compared to 97 calls for the same period the day before, Hoey said.

The village of Carpentersville is offering branch pickup due to a large number of trees and branches downed by the storm. Residents are asked to provide a collection address by calling Mark Self at 224-293-1618 and to move all debris to the curb for pickup.

East Dundee had minimal issues, Police Chief James Kruger said, and West Dundee officials noted the same.

"We have a smattering of small branches and some limbs down near the riverbank," Kruger said. There were isolated power outages, he said.

However, lack of electricity did affect all schools in Burlington-based Central School District 301, which were closed Thursday. The district encompasses the west side of Elgin as well as parts of Campton Hills, St. Charles and Pingree Grove.

School District U46 also closed 10 schools due to outages: South Elgin High School, Canton and Kenyon Woods middle schools, and Clinton, Huff, Lords Park, Ridge Circle,

Sunnydale, and Willard elementary schools. All other U-46 buildings were open Thursday.

Westfield Elementary School in Algonquin and Golfview Elementary in Carpentersville also were closed. All other Community Unit School District 300 schools started classes two hours late.

The National Weather Service's forecast as of Thursday afternoon called for strong winds to usher in temperatures dropping into the teens overnight. There should be mostly cloudy skies Friday with a day high of 28 and low around 21 before temperatures climb back into upper 30s Saturday and near 50 Sunday and Monday.

Anyone in Elgin who needs shelter due to a power outage should check out a list of resources at the city of Elgin's website, [www.cityofelgin.org/2334/Cold-Weather-Reminders-and-Resources](http://www.cityofelgin.org/2334/Cold-Weather-Reminders-and-Resources).

Dundee Township Park District's Rakow Center at 665 Barrington Ave., Carpentersville, was to be open until 10 p.m. Thursday for anyone without heat or electricity.

The East Dundee Library at 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee; the Randall Oaks Recreation Center at 500 N. Randall Road, West Dundee; and the Spring Hill Mall in Carpentersville/West Dundee were open until 9 p.m. Thursday as well.

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## **– Fox 32 Chicago – Elgin schools closed Thursday due to power outage**

**Feb. 23, 2023**

**By FOX 32 Digital Staff**

ELGIN, Ill. - Ten schools in Elgin will be closed today due to a power outage caused by icy weather conditions.

School District U-46 announced that the following schools will be closed today on Feb. 23 as crews work to restore power:

- South Elgin High School
- Canton Middle School
- Kenyon Woods Middle School
- Clinton Elementary School
- Huff Elementary School
- Lords Park Elementary School
- Ridge Circle Elementary School
- Sunnydale Elementary School
- Willard Elementary School
- Illinois Park Early Learning Center

All other schools in the district will remain open today, according to officials.

"Due to weather conditions and icy roads, some of our buses serving the schools that are open may be delayed this morning. However, the safe arrival of all students is one of our priorities. We appreciate your patience and understanding," the school district said in a statement.

More than 90,000 ComEd customers remained without power Thursday morning after an icy storm knocked down trees and power lines throughout the Chicago area.

ComEd said it hoped to have power restored to 80% of affected customers by Thursday evening and the rest by Saturday evening.

For a full list of local school closures and delays in the Chicago area, [click here](#).

## – Elgin Courier-News –

### Hawk of a rescue

## Mangrola shows struggling Bartlett the way to go in semifinal win against Batavia



**Bartlett's Shubh Mangrola** goes to the basket as Batavia's Luke Alwin defends during the Class 4A Addison Trail Regional semifinals Wednesday. James C. Svehla/Beacon-News photos



**Bartlett's Kelton McEwen** (2) and Batavia's Charlie Whelpley (22) reach for a rebound.

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**By Paul Johnson for Beacon-News**

Shubh Mangrola only knows one way to play for **Bartlett**.

And that suits him just fine.

The senior guard has been the spark off the bench this season for the **Hawks**, and in games like Wednesday night against Batavia, that can turn out to be very important.

With **Bartlett** stuck in the mud offensively for 3 1/2 quarters, the boost provided by Mangrola was just what the team needed, particularly on the defensive end.

“My coach gives me the confidence to go out there and play my style, which is pressuring the guy,” Mangrola said. “I don’t care if I’m tired. I just have to play my game.”

With **Bartlett** trailing by six points midway through the fourth quarter, Mangrola’s intensity flipped the game around for a 57-49 win in the Class 4A Addison Trail Regional semifinals.

Turning defense into offense, Mangrola had two steals and scored six points during a decisive 16-1 burst as **Bartlett** (20-12) rallied for the victory.

“We fed off each other’s energy and went on a run,” Mangrola said. “We didn’t give up. If we lost, I knew it would be our last game, so I just had to give it my all on the court.

“I didn’t want to regret anything when I looked back. At least I could say I gave it my all.”

Kelton McEwen led all scorers with 18 points for Bartlett. Nathan Scearce added 15 points and Mangrola chipped in with 12 off the bench.

Jack Ambrose paced Batavia (16-15) with 14 points. Nate Nazos had 12.

**Bartlett**, which trailed the entire game up to that point, was down 39-33 before Ravi Banipal hit a layup and Mangrola followed with two layups, the second coming off a steal. That forced a 39-all tie with 4 minutes, 3 seconds left in the fourth.

McEwen then scored six points in under 30 seconds. Mangrola followed with two free throws after another steal to give the **Hawks** a 49-40 lead they never relinquished.

“We’ve been in this position before,” **Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith** said. “We just had to ramp up our intensity. I thought Shubh was phenomenal at doing that.

“One of the things we love about Shubh and the seniors — they get after it. They wanted to play one more day. Kelton and Nathan led the way offensively, but the whole thing was keyed by the way Shubh played.”

Wolfsmith recalled a game Mangrola played earlier this season against East Aurora in which he had a similar effect.

“We were kind of lazy and he went off,” Wolfsmith said. “It was like this — defend, get a steal, get a layup, get fouled and cause chaos.”

It’s just the way Mangrola likes it.

“That’s what I live for,” he said. “That just gets you going. That’s what basketball is — just feeding off that energy.

“Especially being a playoff game and playing like this, it’s almost a dream come true. Everyone dreams about that.”

The Bulldogs, meanwhile, were in control of the game for the first 28 minutes before **Bartlett’s** overpowering surge.

That’s not how Batavia coach Jim Nazos will remember this team, however. The Bulldogs started the season 4-11.

“This is a team that came miles this season,” Nazos said. “No way does a half or a quarter change what I think about this team.”

Now **Bartlett** gets a shot at the state’s top-ranked team, Benet, a 74-30 winner over Addison Trail in Wednesday’s other semifinal, in Friday’s regional championship game.

“We have our work cut out for us,” Wolfsmith said. “Our goal was to get to that game. We have.

“We’ve earned one more practice, one more game, and we’ll see what happens after that.”

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## LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Feb. 24, 2023

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CLASS 4A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

ADDISON TRAIL

**Bartlett** 57, Batavia 49

**Bartlett** (20-12): Kelton McEwen 18 points. Nathan Scearce 15 points.

Benet 73, Addison Trail 30

ST. CHARLES NORTH

Hampshire 61, **Larkin** 49

DeKalb 52, St. Charles North 46

STREAMWOOD

Dundee-Crown 64, **South Elgin** 58

St. Charles East 70, **Streamwood** 38

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CLASS 4A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

HAMPSHIRE

Rockford Guilford 59, **South Elgin** 38

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