

## **Press Clippings for January 19-20, 2023**

### **Elgin News Digest: Longtime Elgin Public Museum volunteer to be remembered with ‘Tea’; registration underway for Rakow Regatta boat contest; participants sought for East Dundee’s St. Pat’s Day events**

**Jan. 19, 2023**

**By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News**

#### **Elgin woman appointed to Gail Borden library board**

Elgin resident Elisa Lara has been appointed to the Gail Borden Public Library District Board of Trustees to complete the four months remaining to the term of John Kokoris, who recently resigned.

Lara is a community outreach nurse for VNA Health Care and a member of the Elgin Hispanic Network, the City of Elgin Human Relations Commission and the Latino Treatment Center Board, a news release said. She has served on the Coalition of Safe and Healthy Elgin Board.

A graduate of **District U-46 schools**, she has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Northern Illinois University.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## **– Daily Herald –**

### **Elgin police searching for man who made inappropriate comments to middle school girls**

**Jan. 19, 2023**

**By Rick West**

Elgin police are investigating after a man reportedly made inappropriate comments to girls walking home from [Abbott Middle School](#).

A female student from the [Elgin school](#) told police Wednesday that a male Hispanic, who she described as being in his 20s with short hair and some facial hair, has been making inappropriate statements to female students walking home from school between 3:30 and 4 p.m.

Police have yet to determine if this happened only on Wednesday or on previous occasions.

Public information officer Sgt. Mike Martino said the incident is being investigated by the police department's Major Investigation Division.

"It's very loose information at this point, but obviously important enough that we wanted to get it out to the public," Martino said.

The suspect was observed following female students in his vehicle, which police believe is a silver or beige Ford Edge, in the 300-400 block of Standish Street.

Police have been in contact with the school, and Martino said the district notified parents of the incident. Elgin police will provide extra patrols in the area during dismissal.

Anyone with information that may assist in the investigation can call (847) 289-2600 or text a tip to 847411. Include "ELGINPD" at the beginning of the text along with the message and/or tip information.

You can also visit [cityofelgin.org/crimetip](http://cityofelgin.org/crimetip) for more crime tip options.

# – WGN Radio 720 –

## Your Hometown

### Your Hometown features Elgin, January 26

Jan. 19, 2023

By Sara Tieman

What do butter, watches, toasters and street sweepers have in common? The answer is Elgin, Illinois, the featured destination for WGN Radio's Your Hometown series. Tune-in January 26 to hear more about the people and places in Elgin.

Elgin is located about 35 miles northwest of Chicago along the Fox River in both Kane and Cook counties.

The Potawatomi were part of the first inhabitants of Elgin, but indigenous people were removed from the area by 1832. Early white settlers were of Scottish origin and in April 1835, New York settlers and brothers James Talcott and Hezekiah Gifford founded Elgin as a stop on the stagecoach route between Chicago and Galena, naming it after a Scottish hymn and a town of the same name in Scotland.

Elgin, once called the "butter capital of the world", was a major butter and dairy producer. In 1865, Gail Borden established the Elgin Milk Condensing Company and by 1881, his company heavily contributed to Elgin's reputation as a dairy center. Today, an historic marker stands near the site of Borden's plant (North Grove Avenue and Symphony Way) and the Gail Borden Public Library (270 N. Grove Avenue), established in 1892 by Borden's stepsons, is named in the dairyman's honor.

In 1871, the Elgin Butter Company began production using the surplus milk from Borden's factory. The Elgin Butter Company used a butter press, the Elgin Butter Cutter, to standardize the shape and size of butter in four equal parts. Today, butter sold on the East Coast is packaged as long and skinny sticks known as "Elgin" or "Elgin sticks", compared to the short and stubby butter sticks made on the West Coast.

A 35-acre site in Elgin was chosen as the location for Chicago's National Watch Company. Renamed the Elgin Watch Company, it was the largest producer of fine watches in the US and Elgin's largest employer from 1865 to 1968. The company built the Elgin National Watch Company Observatory in 1910 to use the stars to set the time for its watches and clocks. The observatory was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994 and today is part of the **Elgin School District U-46 Planetarium** (312 Watch Street).

In 1914, Elgin resident John Murphy invented the world's first machine that automatically picked up street debris and the Elgin Sweeper Company (1300 W. Bartlett Road) has been cleaning roadways with Murphy's sweepers ever since. In 1938, the McGraw Electric Company opened a plant in Elgin to manufacture Toastmaster, the popular automatic pop-up toaster

invented in 1921, as well as other product lines.

The Elgin Historic District, listed in 1983 on the National Register of Historic Places, encompasses part of the original town laid out in 1842 by James Gifford. Many homes in this district were owned by executives of the Elgin National Watch Company and in the Queen Anne style. The all-brick First Universalist Church (55 Villa Street), built in 1892 by those with ties to the watch factory, was designed to resemble a pocket watch enclosed in a case. The church was individually added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Elgin also has several Sears catalog homes dating from 1908 to 1940. Begun in 1982, the Gifford Park Association organizes an annual historic house tour for the public to view the interiors of homes within the district.

Notable buildings within the historic Elgin Downtown Commercial District include the 15-story Art Deco Elgin Tower Building (100 E. Chicago Street) built in 1929 and the Gothic Revival Elgin Professional Building (164 Division Street), completed in 1928 and the city's oldest skyscraper.

Founded in 1839, Elgin Academy is the oldest co-educational and non-denominational affiliated college prep school west of the Allegheny Mountains. "Old Main" (360 Park Street), built in 1856 in a Greek Revival design as part of the Elgin Academy campus, is home to the Elgin History Museum.

Gifted to the city of Elgin in 1893 by the Lord family, the 108-acre municipal Lords Park offers a plethora of amenities for Elgin residents, including the Elgin Public Museum, the oldest building in Illinois built as a museum and still operating as a museum, an historic Pavilion, Lords Park Aquatic Center, picnic shelters, nature trails, baseball fields, tennis courts, and the Lords Park Zoo, home to bison, elk and deer.

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## – Chicago Tribune –

### **Basketball scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County**

**Jan. 17, 2023**

**By From Staff Reports - Aurora Beacon-News**

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

### **BATAVIA MLK SHOWDOWN**

Geneva 61, Glenbrook South 53

Neuqua Valley 56, Amundsen 27

St. Charles North 52, Lake Zurich 30

St. Charles North (17-4): Alyssa Hughes 23 points. Reagan Sipla 17.

**South Elgin** 39, Wheaton Warrenville South 38 (OT)

**South Elgin** (9-13): Chloe Kmiec 16 points.

Glenbard North 40, Kaneland 39

Kaneland (9-11): Kendra Brown 18 points.

Lake Park 46, Yorkville 39

Yorkville (13-9): Brooke Spsychalski, Lainey Gussman 11 points.

Schaumburg 46, Hampshire 33

Hampshire (13-8): Lia Saunders 10 points.

Sycamore 51, Batavia 49

## **SATURDAY'S RESULTS**

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Barrington 65, Grant 55 (OT)

Brother Rice 61, Marmion 46

Christ the King 81, Yorkville Christian 68

Yorkville Christian (6-15): David Douglas Jr. 40 points.

Conant 47, Dundee-Crown 40

Elgin Academy 62, Rockford Christian Life 42

Hinckley-Big Rock 54, Pearl City 30

Hinckley-Big Rock (16-5): Martin Ledbetter 19 points, 9 rebounds. Ben Hintzsche 11 points, 4 assists.

Hinsdale Central 59, St. Charles North 41

Jacobs 47, St. Charles East 45

Lake Zurich 55, Palatine 50

Lake Zurich (11-7): Anton Strelnikov 14 points. Brendan Powers 13.

Larkin 58, Prairie Ridge 51

Libertyville 62, Stevenson 53

Libertyville (15-3, 4-1 North Suburban): Will Buchert 20 points. Aidyn Boone 18.

Stevenson (13-3, 5-1): David Sulnius, Aidan Bardic, Jack Dabbs, Christian Uremovich 11 points.

Oswego 53, Naperville North 51

Naperville North (11-9): Luke Williams 26 points.

Providence 48, Sandwich 27

West Aurora 74, Glenbard East 61

Vernon Hills 51, Cary-Grove 48

Vernon Hills (9-11): Milan Raval 21 points.

Yorkville 70, Kaneland 67

Yorkville (17-3, 7-2 Interstate Eight): LeBaron Lee 32 points.

Kaneland (17-4, 8-1): Johnny Spallasso 21 points. Gevon Grant 14. Troyer Carlson 13.

Grayslake Central 72, Northside 56

Grayslake Central (17-2): Estepp 13 points.

## **BOYS BOWLING SECTIONALS**

### **KANELAND**

Advancing local team: 4. **South Elgin** 5,894.

Top local individuals: 3. **Andrew Rossini, South Elgin**, 1,292; 7. **Michael Rossini, South Elgin**, 1,250.

Advancing local individuals: **Nick Weaver, Streamwood**, 1,213; Irhaan Iqbal, St. Charles North, 1,137; Dylan Bender, Dundee-Crown, 1,123; Joe Matuszak, Streamwood, 1,113.

## **WRESTLING**

### **MELICHAR TOURNAMENT**

Top local team: 6. **Streamwood** 77.

Local winner: 182: Max Dominguez, **Streamwood**.

## **FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Aurora Christian 67, Chicago Christian 43

Aurora Christian (14-5, 2-2 Metro Suburban Blue): Cam Morel 23 points. Victor Nyong 13.

Benet 72, Joliet Catholic 44

Byron 56, Genoa-Kingston 49

Crystal Lake South 51, Hampshire 43

Deerfield 46, Vernon Hills 37

Deerfield (12-4, 4-1 Central Suburban North): Miles Cohan 12 points. Drew Rodgers, Quinn Schimanski 10.

East Aurora 62, West Chicago 35

Fenton 64, Streamwood 27

Geneva 61, Belvidere North 47

Harvest Christian 60, Mooseheart 29

Hinckley-Big Rock 69, Earlville 45

Hinckley-Big Rock (15-5, 6-0 Little Ten): Martin Ledbetter 20 points, 15 rebounds. Ben Hintzsche 19 points, 6 rebounds.

Huntley 51, Dundee-Crown 50

Jacobs 64, Prairie Ridge 54

Kaneland 62, Sandwich 53

Kaneland (17-3, 8-0 Interstate Eight): Gevon Grant 21 points. Troyer Carlson 11. Brad Franck 10.

Larkin 67, Elgin 38

Maine West 59, Highland Park 58

Metea Valley 73, Naperville Central 49



Oswego 63, Plainfield South 47

Oswego East 72, Joliet West 59

Oswego East (17-4, 9-0 Southwest Prairie West): Mehki Lowery 18 points. Ryan Johnson 15. Bryce Shoto 12. Mason Blanco 10.

Ottawa 61, Plano 52

Plano (5-16, 1-7 Interstate Eight): Sam Sifuentes 13 points.

St. Edward 58, Westmont 34

Somonauk 69, Indian Creek 51

Somonauk (7-13, 4-2 Little Ten): Coleton Eade, Carson Bahrey 23 points.

Indian Creek (5-14, 1-5): Logan Schrader 12 points. Jeffrey Probst 10.

South Elgin 66, Bartlett 61

West Aurora 77, Joliet Central 45

West Aurora (13-7, 6-3 Southwest Prairie West): Terrence Smith 32 points.

Yorkville 56, Plainfield Central 39

Yorkville (16-3, 7-2 Southwest Prairie West): Jory Boley, Kaevian Johnson 12 points. LeBaron Lee, Jacob Homerding 10.

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Deerfield 72, Vernon Hills 51

Deerfield (16-4, 7-0 Central Suburban North): Nikki Kerstein 21 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds. Lexi Kerstein 18 points, 5 assists, 4 steals. Olivia Kerndt 14 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals.

Vernon Hills (12-9, 5-2): Grace Koepke 26 points.

Geneva 70, Lake Park 51

Geneva (16-2, 7-0 DuKane): Leah Palmer 19 points.

Grayslake Central 61, Wheeling 48

Hampshire 46, Crystal Lake South 32

Hampshire (13-7, 7-1 Fox Valley): Whitney Thompson 14 points.

Huntley 55, Dundee-Crown 26

Larkin 56, Elgin 50

Elgin (7-14): Alyssa Wysuph 17 points. Izzie Castro 13. Izzy Vidallo 11.

Libertyville 40, Stevenson 38

Libertyville (17-3, 7-1 North Suburban): Emily Fisher GW basket as time expired.

Stevenson (15-7, 5-3): Emory Klatt 22 points.

Maine West 32, Highland Park 30

Naperville North 55, Waubonsie Valley 39

Prairie Ridge 38, Jacobs 28

Rockford Christian 55, Genoa-Kingston 48

West Aurora 51, Joliet Central 28

#### ROUND LAKE MLK TOURNAMENT

Round Lake 56, Waukegan 40

Round Lake (10-10): Lilli Burton 24 points; surpassed 1,000 career points. Aniyah Moody 15 points.

*Compiled by Josh Krockey.*

To read the full article, click [here](#).

# – Daily Herald –

## Boys basketball: South Elgin rallies for comeback victory over Larkin

Jan. 19, 2013

By Craig Brueske

Trailing **Larkin** by 10 points early in the fourth quarter, **South Elgin's** basketball team never stopped believing.

That strong mindset paid off, as the **Storm** (13-8, 10-1) rallied for a 58-56 Upstate Eight Conference victory over the **Royals** (9-12, 6-5) Thursday night in **South Elgin**.

After a pair of free throws from junior guard Jakob Blakley (28 points) put **Larkin** ahead 56-52 with 1:25 remaining, **South Elgin senior guard Elias Cole Williams** connected on a 3-pointer from the corner to trim the deficit to 56-55 with 54 seconds left.

"We needed one big-time," said Cole Williams, who scored a game-high 29 points on 10 of 16 shooting from the field, including three 3-pointers. "I think it was 'Harv' (teammate Sean Harvey) who dished it out to me. It was a very, very big result."

An even bigger result occurred a few moments later.

**Larkin** missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and the **Storm** got the ball down low to Harvey (15 points, 11 rebounds), whose subsequent 3-point play put the home team ahead for the first time since the midway point of the opening quarter, 58-56, with 32 seconds remaining.

After the **Storm** missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 11.8 seconds left, the **Royals** had one last chance to tie or take the lead.

Harvey, however, had other ideas, as **South Elgin's** big man blocked Blakley's last-second 15-foot shot in the final seconds, preserving the come-from-behind win.

"I got a piece of it," said Harvey. "It was a little easier to prepare for that (Blakley's final shot), but he's a great player and anything can happen."

"Blakley is a heck of a player," said Storm coach Phil Church. "The fact that he's got a whole another year -- the guy can flat out score. But you know who is getting the ball at the end of the game, and I've got one thing that not a lot of guys have -- and that's 6-foot-7 (Harvey).

"At the end of the game, 6-7 is hard to shoot over."

Victor Sison and Jake Tiaokhiao each added 7 points for South Elgin, which remains atop the UEC standings with Fenton (10-1).

"We've been through this time and time again," Harvey said of his team's second-half rally. "Just our last game on Tuesday, we were down 7 at Glenbard South and came back and won (43-36), so we knew we were capable of coming back and winning this one."

"That's about as close as you can get to a regional (tournament) finish," said Church. "The last half of the game was about guys persevering through it."

Adrian York had 11 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds and a pair of steals, while Javion Stewart added 6 points and 6 rebounds for Larkin, which was outscored 22-12 in the final quarter.

"Being up 10 in the fourth, we've got to find a way to execute down the stretch and press the right buttons as a coaching staff to get that win," said Royals coach Deryn Carter.

"That's twice now in two weeks where I think we did enough things to lose instead of enough things to win. It's disappointing but we'll keep rowing and get better from it."

## – Chicago Tribune –

### On board: Baylei Johnson reaches milestone with 1,000 rebounds before Larkin wins Elgin City Classic. ‘It’s just crazy.’

Jan. 19, 2023

By Paul Johnson - Aurora Beacon-News



**Larkin's Baylei Johnson** (32) drives past **Elgin's Trinity Evans** (2) during an Elgin City Classic game on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

There are times that **Larkin's Baylei Johnson** has to pinch herself to see if the career accolades she has been racking up are actually for real.

The 6-foot-1 senior forward had already surpassed 1,000 career points.

Then on Dec. 20 at **Streamwood**, Johnson recorded her 1,000th career rebound, making her the rare player to reach both milestones.

“When I did it, it didn’t even feel real in the moment,” Johnson said. “Then seeing it in the newspaper and hearing it in your school announcements, it’s just crazy.”

Johnson kept adding to both totals Wednesday night in a 67-49 victory over rival **Elgin** that earned the **Royals** the Elgin City Classic championship.



**Larkin's Baylei Johnson** (32) looks past **Elgin's Alyssa Wysuph** (13) and **Izzy Vidallo** (1) during an Elgin City Classic game on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Johnson put up 30 points and 15 rebounds for **Larkin** (11-11), winning the tournament title for the first time in her career.

“I guess they bring out the best in me,” Johnson said. “It’s nice when you get a big crowd out. Let alone winning it, winning it on your home court is crazy. It’s the best feeling in the world.”

**Elgin** (7-16) cut the lead to 42-37 in the third quarter before Johnson got cooking to help the **Royals** pull away.

She had two baskets sandwiched around [Yesenia Escobar's 3-pointer](#) to quickly push the lead back out to 49-27. Johnson had nine points in the first half, but scored 10 in the third and 11 more in the fourth.



“I feel she could have scored 40, but she missed a lot of layups,” [Larkin coach Stephen Knapp](#) said. “She comes out and gets rebounds. She was hitting her midrange shots, which really helped her. She hit a three and extended her game a little bit. It was good.”



[Elgin's Alyssa Wysuph](#) (13) leaps for a rebound in front of [Larkin's Mackenzie Wemken](#) (4) during an Elgin City Classic game on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

[Elgin coach Nick Bumbales](#) was happy the [Maroons](#) hung around, but he knew it was only a matter of time before Johnson started to take over.

“A little too much Baylei,” Bumbales said. “It’s a bad matchup. She plays very well against us, especially here. She’s probably averaging 30 points a game against us here in her career. She was the difference.”

[Izzy Vidallo](#) led [Elgin](#) with 19 points. [Izzie Castro](#) added 12 and [Jocelyn Bardesi](#) had nine. The [Maroons](#) only lost to [Larkin](#) by six in Friday’s Upstate Eight Conference game.

“At times we looked pretty good out there,” Bumbales said. “We just couldn’t keep (Johnson) off the boards.”



**Elgin's Izzy Vidallo (1) fires off a shot past Larkin's Sanaii McPherson (22) during an Elgin City Classic game on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

“Friday we were down 19 and cut it to six at the end. The kids have battled. That’s not the issue.”

[Mia Carter and Gabrielle Ploche](#) each scored 12 points for [Larkin](#). After starting the season 1-7, the [Royals](#) have won eight of 10 to climb back to .500.

Knapp, meanwhile, is enjoying the time he has left with Johnson on the team.

Suddenly, there are only seven regular-season games and the postseason to go before Johnson’s final numbers are set in stone.





**Larkin's Baylei Johnson (32)** shoots over **Elgin's Trinity Evans (2)** during an Elgin City Classic game on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

“I’m sure it has been done, but I’ve never seen it,” Knapp said of Johnson totaling 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. “She’s going to play at the next level. She’s got two or three schools looking at her.

“This couldn’t be any sweeter for her because this is the first time she’s won it and it’s her senior year. You can’t get any better than that.”

Just where Johnson lands for college is still up in the air. She has been watching on Twitter as her contemporaries commit almost daily.

She’s waiting for her turn.

“Recruiting has been a little slow for me, but I’m looking forward to getting some more attention,” Johnson said. “It’s a lot of pressure, especially not being committed.

“I’m sure I’ll get there soon.”

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