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Dual credit program reviewed by U-46 Board

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was updated on the first year of a dual credit program in which some district students are taking classes at Elgin Community College (ECC) and receiving college credit at its meeting on Monday, March 19.

The 2017-18 school year was the first year of the program after board approval last year, and it's open to 45 high school seniors. The district invited 45 students into the program while 44 decided to pursue it in the first semester, and 42 remained for the second semester as Chris Boden, the program's lead counselor, said one student moved out of state and another struggled with the college-level courses and decided to return to their high school.

The high school breakdown saw 11 students from South Elgin, 10 from Elgin, nine from Bartlett, eight from Larkin and seven from Streamwood among the original 45 invitees. Of those invited, 30 were female and 15 male and 38 percent were free or reduced price lunches.

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) of the 44 students in the first semester was 3.42, Bartlett's students receiving the highest average at 3.9. A total of 633 college credits were obtained by those students.

"ECC was, needless to say, quite pleased with how well, as was I, how well our students did first semester," Boden said.

The credit hours earned in the first semester by those students equated to \$79,125 in tuition savings for those select families according to the district as taxpayers are paying the tuition cost.

Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent secondary schools, said "we pay tuition and any of the course fees at ECC," and the students pay for their books as well as U-46's instructional fees. Students enroll in 12 to 16 credit hours of courses each semester with this year's cost being \$125 per credit, which will increase to \$129 in 2018-19. The total cost to taxpayers if all students enroll in 12 credit hours is \$148,320, and it's \$194,760 for 16 credit hours.

U-46 could expand the program an extra grade level but is not recommending that right now.

"We are also allowed to have 45 additional spaces for sophomores who will be juniors, but at this time we do

not feel that one semesters worth of data is enough to progress to an additional year," said Lozier who added: "We want to make sure we have the senior program pretty well under control."

Lozier said students enroll in four or five courses each semester and attend classes Monday through Thursday and meet weekly with Boden. She said they can earn up to 32 transferable college credits and classes are aligned to either an associate's degree in arts or sciences.

Qualified students must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher meaning students in Advanced Placement classes who can score a 5.0 on a 4.0 scale would not receive the added weight. Lozier said "this is an ECC requirement, not a U-46 requirement."

Students must also have a good attendance record and meet college readiness standards from ACT or SAT testing. If students have not taken the ACT or SAT or did not meet the standard, they can also take the ECC placement exam and still have a chance for qualification.

Going forward, ECC will require students to take the placement exams on its campus and not at U-46 schools. Lozier said "it would be much easier" for the exams to be taken in U-46, but "there's a question of how secure the test is and are they all being given within the same parameters, so that is why ECC is asking us to send our students over there."

For this year's students, all U-46 students who met the requirements were targeted and their high school guidance counselors were told to speak with each of them.

Moving forward the district would like for students to apply for the program during regular class registration instead of the targeted approach, and the district is also exploring dual credit options that would allow students to take classes at their high school.

Lozier said students are not allowed to compete in Illinois High School Association (IHSA) or ECC athletics.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked about why students would be precluded from IHSA competition to which Boden said "from an IHSA perspective, you have to do an eligibility report" and ECC professors do not provide grade reports on the same schedule as the district which could

put U-46 teams at-risk of playing ineligible players.

"That seems rather unfair to the student that they're not able to participate in athletics. I know a lot of highly motivated students also are very athletic," said Ward who asked if the district could seek special exemptions from the IHSA.

Boden said it's "one of our biggest challenges" and the district is working with ECC to try and find a solution, and Lozier said "we can certainly reach out and ask" the IHSA.

Board member Sue Kerr inquired about districts 300 and 303, both also participate in the same dual credit program, and if they exclude students from IHSA competition. Boden said: "One is allowing participation and one is not."

Board member Melissa Owens asked if dual credit classes housed in U-46 schools would allow students to compete in IHSA programs and Boden said it's "almost a different model" and it would make eligibility issues easier to handle. Boden said the idea would to have ECC send a professor to the district or have a U-46 teacher

become an adjunct professor which is currently being piloted in St. Charles.

Casey Pearce, the board's student advisor, said: "It's like Ms. Ward said, there are a lot of students who do really well in school but they're really committed to their team or their sport."

Pearce asked if students in the program graduate with their high school class. Boden said they do and can also take part in senior activities like the senior boat trip or senior dinner.

Kerr asked what the largest challenge has been for students to which Boden said "really trying to understand what exactly time management looks like." Owens asked if students will be surveyed, and Boden said there will be a formal audit conducted.

Board member Traci Ellis asked if U-46 can only exclusively run a dual credit program with ECC. Lozier said ECC was given "first right" because U-46 taxpayers largely reside in ECC's taxing district, but the district can run programs with other colleges as she said Harper College and others have approached them.



Darth Vader invades prom

Jaxson Krzyzanowski got ready to duel with Darth Vader on March 23 at the Streamwood Park District's annual Mom Prom. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Board discusses amending liquor license numbers

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, March 15, trustees discussed whether they should amend the number of Class B and Class F liquor licenses available to conform to the actual number of outstanding licenses.

According to Village Attorney Thomas Bastian, this ordinance will increase the number of active existing Class F liquor licenses from 13 to 14 and decrease the number of Class B li-

censes from 12 to 11.

"These changes are due to the opening of Sabrina's Café and the closing of Sam's Club," said Bastian.

The closing of the village Sam's Club store was one of six locations in the suburban Chicago area so impacted and part of a nation-wide corporate initiative, announced by owner Walmart, to close 63 of its outlets.

This was the first discussion on the topic and it will be the subject of a vote on at a future board meeting.

U-46 Board updated on bus replacement plan

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an overview of the district's age and obsolescence plan for bus replacement as well as the administrative recommendation going forward at a meeting on Monday, March 19.

Currently the district owns 351 buses, 184 large and 167 small, and the recommendation is to trade in 74 buses and purchase 74 keeping the net total the same. The age and obsolescence plan was first created in 1985 for the district.

Jeffrey Prowell, director of transportation, said "the bones of the plan really are the same as they've been in the past with a couple of changes" with one of those changes coming in the objectives which now states that the district plans to not have large diesel powered or small buses with more than 150,000 miles or older than 11 years, which previously was 10 years.

Other objectives in the plan include to "maintain efficiency and safety and operate buses which are mechanically and structurally sound," balance "purchases so a similar number of buses are purchased each year," in-

clude "consideration for efficiencies" and modify "plan annually as needed."

Another change is additional language which states: "Buses scheduled for replacement may be retained based on operating condition and mileage as deemed appropriate by the Director of Transportation."

"I think the age and obsolescence plan should be a guide, but just because we say a bus is going to be replaced 10 years from now it may or may not need to be replaced," Prowell said.

Included in the replacement recommendation are purchasing 37 pre-owned large buses, which hold between 72 and 77 passengers, as well as the purchase of five pre-owned wheelchair buses. The combined savings for purchasing pre-owned as opposed to new is \$783,795 according to the plan.

Prowell said the pre-owned buses would come from area school districts which leased the buses for one or two years and all of the buses have under 25,000 miles and include a "three-year warranty on the engine and transmission."

The remaining 32 buses to be replaced would be new 2019 model year

vehicles all being 51-passenger buses, 10 of which would include a wheelchair lift.

Prowell said the replacement plan would increase the number of wheelchair buses in the district by eight as he said there were more wheelchair routes this past year than there were wheelchair buses.

Board member Traci Ellis asked why some districts were getting rid of buses in a year or two to which Prowell said "it's my understanding that this is fairly common" in some districts.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked if it was cheaper to lease rather than purchase and Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "The

short answer to your question is no."

King said he worked previously in a district that leased buses "there were some reasons why it was beneficial for that particular district," the main reason being the district did not have its own mechanics.

For U-46, "it's much more beneficially to keep the piece of equipment, and that's incorporating the maintenance cost," King said.

Donna Smith, the board's president, asked if the newer model buses will cause any issues for the district's maintenance staff and Prowell said the buses to be purchased are "very similar to the buses that we already have."

Village Board discusses special permit request

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, March 15, board members discussed an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow the operation of a restaurant with the service of alcoholic beverages.

According to Community Development Director John Peterson, the restaurant, Sabrina's Café, would be located at 718 S. Barrington Road.

"This is a vacant space now," said Peterson.

Peterson added that the petitioner is a new lessee of the property and would like to open a restaurant that will offer food, gaming and alcoholic beverages.

According to Peterson, the property already has access to parking.

At the planning & zoning board meeting, the petitioner indicated being interested in creating a new café-type restaurant with 11 seats, Peterson added. The facility is of adequate size and design. The space will also be set up to have a gaming area for five electronic gambling devices.

The approval of the gaming area must be obtained by the business owner through the State of Illinois, according to Peterson. As such, the request should be compatible with existing development.

"The planning & zoning board did recommend approval at the petitioner's request," Peterson said.

This request will be voted upon at a future board meeting.

Sabres baseball win streak hits five when snapped

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team rallied from a 5-4 deficit with a two-run sixth inning to earn a 6-5 nonconference win over Schaumburg on Monday, March 26 at Streamwood.

Led by multi-hit games from Colin Caminitti (2-for-3, RBI), Cody Motykowski (2-for-3) and Chris Randel (2-for-2) the Sabres outlit the visitors 10-5 which included a double by AJ Reyna (two RBI) and an RBI each from Jared Oliver and Michael Pawlikowski. Reyna was the winning pitcher, and Tyler Jones earned a save.

Streamwood went on to earn its fifth straight win, an 11-4 nonconference victory over Woodstock North on Wednesday, March 28 in Woodstock. Pawlikowski led the offense going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI and he also tossed five scoreless innings in a winning effort on the mound allowing two hits, walking three and striking out six.

Reyna (three RBI) homered in the effort, Caminitti (RBI) doubled, Jones drove in two runs and Randel had an RBI.

The Sabres suffered their first loss of the year in a 3-1 nonconference loss against Addison Trail on Thursday,

March 29 at Addison Trail. Daniel Kuehl suffered the loss on the mound, and Streamwood was held to just two singles coming from Randel (RBI) and Motykowski.

Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota has said his team's offense has struggled at times with runners in scoring position, but there are plenty of positives so far this season.

"We have missed a lot of scoring opportunities with runners in scoring position," Lasota said. "So that has been frustrating, however we have done a nice job later in the games with getting a big inning and scoring in bunches."

The Sabres are now 5-1 overall.

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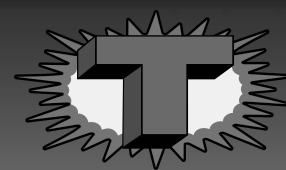
Sprint trout fishing season to open April 7

The 2018 Illinois spring trout fishing season opens on Saturday, April 7 at 54 lakes and ponds throughout Illinois. Fishing licenses and inland trout stamps for those interested in fishing for trout are available at DNR Direct license and permit vendors, and online through the IDNR website. For a list of locations stocked for the spring trout season and more details: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/news/Pages/Illinois-Spring-Trout-Fishing-Season-Opens-April-7.aspx>.



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Sabres score early and defeat Hoffman Estates

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team's offense got its job done early and pitcher Taylyr Crocilla was lights out most of the game as the Sabres defeated Hoffman Estates 5-3 in nonconference play on Wednesday, March 28 at Streamwood.

Crocilla was staked to an early 4-0 lead after one inning and she helped her own cause at the plate going 2-for-3 including an RBI double in the bottom of the fourth inning after Hoffman Estates pulled to 4-2 in the top half of the frame.

In the bottom of the first inning, the first four batters reached for the Sabres including an RBI single by Tessa Freedman (2-for-3). Corinne Angle followed with an RBI fielder's choice and Gabby Cardinale hit a two-run single for the 4-0 lead.

"Overall, I'm happy with our teams performance," said Streamwood coach Will Shogren. "We scored early which put us in a good position to play the rest of the game."

Becky Roncone went 2-for-3 and both Sydney Wagner and Ariana Wolfard added a hit.

Crocilla tossed six innings allowing three runs, two earned, off of three hits, a walk and a hit batsmen, and she struck out 14. Wolfard

picked up the save tossing a scoreless seventh inning allowing a hit, walking one and striking out one.

For Crocilla, she was perfect through three innings and she pitched out of a jam in the sixth stranding runners at the corners with one out.

"Taylyr pitched well," Shogren said. "She made a couple mistakes which Hoffman took advantage of, but outside of those couple pitches she was very tough to hit. Her strikeout numbers have helped us early this year."

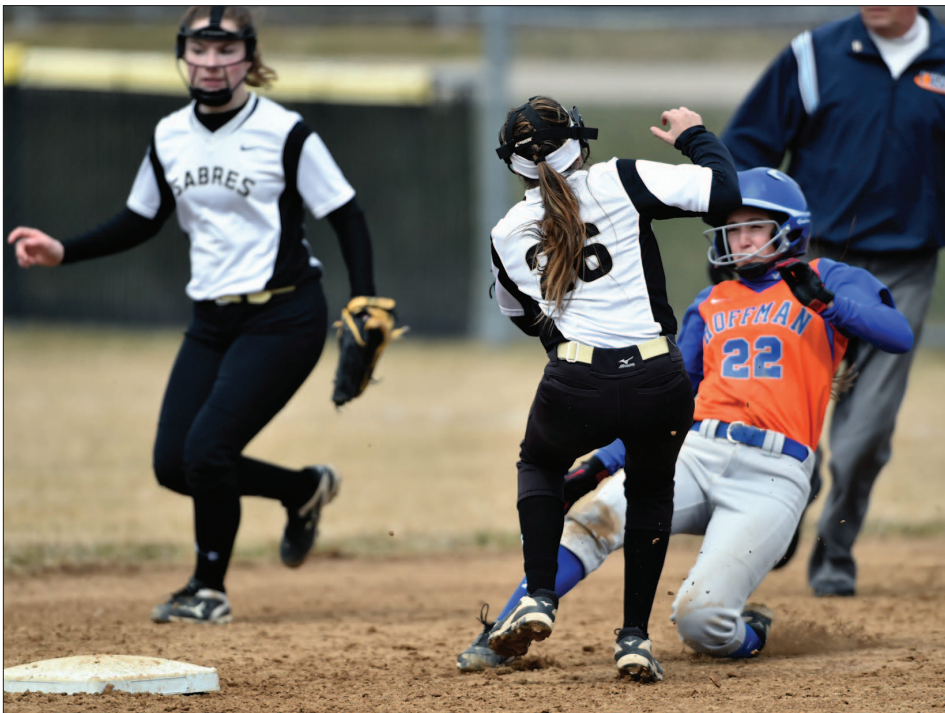
Streamwood is now 2-1 overall.



Taylyr Crocilla was in the circle for the Sabres against the Hawks and was perfect through the first three innings before yielding a pair of runs in the fourth. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Becky Roncone making solid contact for the Sabres against Hoffman Estates. Roncone drove in a pair of runs with a single in the first inning.



A throw from her catcher took Streamwood shortstop Ariana Wolfard into the runner, Patricia Wadas of Hoffman Estates, who was safe at second with a steal as the throw eluded Wolfard and wound up in center field.

Pet of the Week



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Mocha didn't have the best start in life. She was bred and had puppies after which she wasn't doing so well. Her skin got all dry and scratchy and she started to lose weight. Her new family couldn't take care of her so Mocha wound up at the shelter. She is now doing much better. Mocha is looking for a forever home with a family that will love her the rest of her life! Please visit www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol for more details or call 407-2800.

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Boys Volleyball: Elgin bounces back to down Larkin

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

Maybe it was nerves, but for whatever reason Elgin looked shaky in the first set against Larkin, dropping it 25-16. But the Maroons quickly regrouped and took the boys volleyball match from their crosstown rival Tuesday, 16-15, 25-19, 25-21.

Luis Ramos knocked down 8 kills to lead the way for Elgin in the Upstate Eight River matchup at Chesbrough Field House.

The teams played for the second time in four days after meeting in Elgin's tournament on Saturday. Elgin won that one, too.

It didn't show early as the Maroons fell behind 7-2 and never caught up. They got as close as 19-15 but could never get over the hump.

"I think we came out really nervous," said Elgin coach Andrew LeGoff. "It was our Pack the Field house night. We had a really big crowd, a lot of family and friends were here. After the first game, I told them, 'Take a deep breath, calm down.' And I feel like they kind of settled into themselves. We gave up a really big lead at the beginning and we just couldn't come up from it. But we got the head start in games 2 and 3, and that was the difference."

Elgin started much faster in the final 2 sets. In Game 2, the Maroons roared out to a 5-1 lead and it was Larkin playing catchup. The Royals got as close as 16-14 on a Grant Hattendorf kill but could get no closer.

"It was really simple mistakes," said Larkin coach Katie Smiley. "It was playing in the net, things that we've been working on all season: too many free balls over when we should have been putting the ball down. This has been kind of our M.O. We have 5 wins right now and every single win we've had we've gone to 3 games. They kind of get themselves down in that pit and they don't know how to clinch the win."

The Royals grabbed an early advantage in set 3, but Elgin rattled off 9 straight points to go up 15-7. Ramos was at the service line for most of the run, contributing a couple of aces as well as a kill. Roman Sentowski and Brian Cedillo chipped in with kills during that spurt.

Elgin led just 21-20 after a Hattendorf ace but kills by Ramos and Antonio Sanchez Lopez got Elgin back on track as they won 4 of the last 5 points.

Hattendorf finished with a team-high 7 kills for Larkin, while Carlos Santos added 5. Josue Mendez (39 assists) and Manny Delgado (38) evenly split setting duties, while Justin Ave anchored the defense with 27 digs.

Sanchez Lopez added 4 kills for Elgin.