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U46 career, curriculum expo set for Tuesday

Event is a showcase for local businesses to highlight career options

By: Rafael Guerrero

School District U46's Explore 2019 returns to the Sears Centre for a second year Tuesday and Wednesday, bringing in more than 3,000 eighth grade students, more than 90 businesses and organizations, and for the first time middle school parents and guardians.

The curriculum and career expo's approach shifted last year, when the event moved from Elgin Community College to the Hoffman Estates arena and converted the weekend gathering to a one-day, eighth grade-only event.

The expo became a showcase for local businesses and organizations to highlight career options for middle schoolers to consider. The expo aligns with the Elgin-area district's plans to introduce career pathways into the high schools in a few years.

District spokesperson Mary Fergus said 94 businesses, organizations, industry partners, and U46 groups will set up at Explore 2019, up from 85 in 2018. The new guests include local groups like the Kane County Sheriff's Office, HARTING Inc., and non-local exhibitors like the Lombard Veterinary Hospital and the Companion Animal Specialty and Emergency Hospital in Crystal Lake. The expo is near capacity, Fergus said.

"We are thrilled to see so many local businesses invest in our future workforce," added Nancy Coleman, executive director of the Alignment Collaborative for Education, the nonprofit co-leading the expo.

Several of these businesses and organizations will have visual or hands-on opportunities to showcase what they do. The City of Elgin will bring in a fire truck, ambulance, water distribution vehicle and SWAT truck. South Elgin-based Hoffer Plastics will have a robot on display to demonstrate how robotics is part of its assembly process. California-based zSpace will bring a virtual reality mobile lab.

New this year is a parents-only preview the night before the eighth graders visit. Parents will be get to walk through the Sears Centre, talk to exhibitors, view the exhibits and learn more about the career clusters. Representatives from the district's five magnet

high school academies will also be present to talk to parents and discuss the application process. District curriculum and career and technical education representatives will be there as well for parents.

“(Explore 2019) offers students a unique opportunity to learn first hand about various professions and to think about what college or career path they might want to follow,” said U46 CEO Tony Sanders. “I’m excited that this year we can offer parents a chance to experience our expo as well and to meet some of the inspiring professionals who are volunteering to talk with students and explain how their education and career path led them to their current roles.”

The parents preview event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday; parents may choose to bring their children with them. Wednesday’s Explore 2019 for the eighth grade students will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will be bused from their high schools to the Sears Centre.

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Elgin High marching band invites alumni to join in a special performance

Submitted by: Elgin Area School District U-46

The Elgin High School marching band is inviting band alumni to perform with them during the halftime of the homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 28.

The performance is just the start of celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of Elgin High School, with more events being planned for 2019.

Elgin High School opened in 1869, and the first band was formed in 1915 under the direction of John Brisbin.

Dubbed the "Pride of Elgin," the EHS band is a popular attraction at community events. It received an Elgin Image Award from the city earlier this year.

"Bringing back former Maroon band members is a fun idea, and we are looking forward to them joining us at Homecoming," said Band Director Robert Sanchez.

Band alumni who want to perform in the Homecoming show are asked to register by 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, on the www.prideofelgin.org website.

Music will be available in advance, and instruments will be provided for those in need.

Band alumni with questions or concerns about performing so long after high school can

Members of the current Maroon Marching Band will be joined by up to 40 alumni members. A special alumni performance during the halftime of the football game at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin.

The rehearsal will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28. The game against Streamwood High School begins at 7:30 p.m., and the halftime show is estimated for 8:15 p.m.

SPORTS

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Streamwood powers its way past Larkin

By: Allen Oshinski

Streamwood's ground-and-pound offense ground down Larkin.

Quarterback Andrew Phan ran for 4 touchdowns and running backs Sirrion Dixon and Buddy Martinez each ran for over 100 yards as the Sabres ran past Larkin, 33-13 in an Upstate Eight matchup at Millennium Field.

The Sabres didn't attempt a single pass. They didn't need to. Dixon, mostly running inside, and Martinez, usually going outside, kept moving the chains, and Phan finished drives off in the red zone with 4 short touchdowns. Martinez also ran for a score.

In all, the Sabres piled up 366 yards on the ground. Dixon ran 26 times for 193 yards and Martinez added 113 yards on just 8 carries.

"It was just all the O-line, man," Phan said. "They just pushed forward and it was all them. They really pushed us forward. My running backs, my wings, they all did their jobs today."

Larkin opened the scoring on a 67-yard catch-and-run from Marc Narvaez to Kione Williams-Sowers. But the Royals managed just 89 more yards the rest of the night.

"The kids on defense run quite a bit of stuff," said Sabres' coach Don Guindon. "T.J. Phan in the middle, Teavion Martin in the secondary, they really run stuff. I hardly make a lot of the calls, they do a lot of the stuff out there for us. A lot of senior leadership on defense."

Jakobe Strong and Darrel Luce had interceptions as the Sabre defense harassed Larkin quarterbacks Narvaez and Dontrell Maxie.

The Royals got their second score on Kaydin Clark's 70-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter.

Both teams made big plays on special teams. Martin's 70-yard punt return in the second quarter set up Martinez's score for the Sabres.

"Hats off to Streamwood, they're a lot more physical than they've been really since I can remember," said Larkin coach Matt Gehrig. "They did a great job running the football. They've developed some big, strong kids there who've obviously committed a lot of time to the weight room, and they had a lot of returning starters coming back. We've got to

get up to that level of physicality, to what they were tonight, and I think our players understand that."

After Williams-Sowers put the Royals on top, the Sabres drove 80 yards in 7 plays to tie it. Dixon's 68-yard run set Streamwood up at the 1-yard line and Phan punched it in 3 plays later.

Two possessions later, Martinez raced 11 yards around right end to put the Sabres ahead to stay.

Burnett stars in Glenbard South's win at Elgin

By: Jared Birchfield

Once again, Elgin came close.

Last week, the Maroons dropped a 27-24 heartbreaker to Glenbard East. Friday night the Maroons were edged out 21-12 by Glenbard South in an Upstate Eight contest at Memorial Field.

Raiders receiver Trevor Burnett was Elgin's chief nemesis.

The sophomore caught six Nick Plaso passes for 84 yards and scored two of the Raiders' three touchdowns.

"He's one of our best, best players," said Glenbard South coach Ryan Crissey. "He makes plays, jumps in on defense, kick returner, He is an all-around great player."

"Number 2 (Burnett) is a player," Elgin coach Anthony Mason said. "We knew he was a player going in, so we prepared for him as best we could."

Glenbard South (2-0, 2-0) scored on its first possession of the game. Starting at their own 7-yard line, the Raiders drove 93 yards in 14 plays, finishing with a 5-yard pass from Plaso to Burnett, who was in the right corner of the end zone.

Elgin (0-2, 0-2) threatened to score in the closing seconds of the first half, however the clock expired before the Maroons could cross the goal-line giving Glenbard South a 7-0 lead at the intermission.

The Raiders threatened again on their first drive of the second half. Glenbard South advance to Elgin's 11 yard line. The drive was stopped by Alex West. The junior first broke up a third-down pass attempt by Plaso (8 for 13 for 117 yards). West then sacked Plaso on a fourth down conversion attempt.

Glenbard South scored on its next drive on a 5-yard Kylen Henderson run (90 yards on 13 carries).

"In the second half we got things going," Crissey said. "We scored a touchdown or two and took control."

"We just did not execute well on offense and that carried over to the defense," Mason said.

Burnett credited the offensive line with turning the tide for Glenbard South.

"Our O-line came out in the second half. They just worked so hard," said Burnett. "They got the blocks and gave our quarterback time."

Elgin scored with one minute left in the third quarter. Quarterback Jeffrey Lomax lateraled the ball to West, who threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Darien Jackson to cut Glenbard South's lead to 14-6.

The Raiders widened their lead to 21-6 in the fourth quarter on Burnett's second TD catch, this time a 3-yarder.

The Maroons scored again with 1:13 left to play. Giovoni Griffin, who alternated with Lomax on running the offense, connected with West (6 completions for 83 yards) on a 29-yard scoring pass.

Glenbard East wills its way past Bartlett

By: Dave Oberhelman

This was a teamwide physical embodiment of will power.

Bartlett gave Glenbard East all it could have wanted, but with remarkable resiliency the Rams won the Upstate Eight Conference contest 24-21 in Lombard.

"I'll tell you what, man, we found out a little bit about our football team tonight," Glenbard East coach John Walters said. "This was a physical game, and I think both teams just left it out on the field. And our guys just had a little bit more at the end."

Glenbard East sophomore quarterback Connor Cerkas had just gotten planted into the home turf for the umpteenth time, the second straight time by Bartlett defensive lineman Dan Angelone. Mired in a string of 11 straight incompletions, he started off the field then collapsed about 15 yards from the sideline.

"We just had some rough times. I just kept getting hit, hit, hit," he said.

And he kept getting back up.

Trailing Bartlett 21-17 with 3:17 left to play, Glenbard East (2-0, 2-0) gained possession at its own 16-yard line. Cerkas got wiped out again on third-and-10, so in came normal defensive back Jason Torrevillas, the "backup-backup" as Walters said.

Torrevillas threw an out to Deon Cook, who was blanketed so tightly he went down on his back as the ball popped up -- and came down in his hands for a 10-yard gain and first down.

Back in the game, twice more Cerkas hit Cook for first downs, and another time for a Torrevillas sideline toe-tapper at the Bartlett 19-yard line. The next play, Cerkas

connected with LaDonus Rogers, a converted safety, for the game-winning 19-yard touchdown pass with 1:27 to play. It was Rogers' first varsity touchdown. Jorge Castaneda followed with the kick to complete a perfect night for the junior.

"It feels really good, everybody was giving me handshakes and everything," said Rogers, coincidentally Cook's cousin. "But it's truly a team effort. If Deon Cook didn't catch that ball down there and down there, we wouldn't get in that position to win."

Cerkas hobbled up to reporters afterward.

"I thought my receivers did a great job," said Cerkas, who credited his rally to faith. "Running backs executed, everybody executed, especially the last drive that we definitely needed them to."

The two halves were totally different. Glenbard East led 7-0 at halftime on James Loynes' 24-yard touchdown catch.

In the second half the teams took turns scoring. Bartlett (1-1, 1-1) tied the score 14-14 late in the third quarter on Tyler Rivelli's 85-yard touchdown run, his second of the game after a 54-yard score had knotted the game 7-7.

Castaneda's 21-yard field goal gave Glenbard East a 17-14 lead. Bartlett answered with Nick Bucaro's halfback pass to Matt Young, then Mike Priami's 17-yard touchdown pass to Young for a 21-17 lead with 5:48 to play.

Turns out that was enough time for Glenbard East.

"It's a great team that we played, so you knew there was a lot of football left in that game. We were aware of it, and they capitalized," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh.

South Elgin runs wild in Aurora

By: Kevin McGavin

The second consecutive South Elgin one-sided Upstate Eight Conference football victory was accomplished almost exclusively with a ground attack Friday night in Aurora.

The Storm scored on all eight of their possessions in amassing 394 of its 438 total yards with their multiple-ball-carrier attack.

Marquise Gillespie II and Corve King combined for five of the eight ground scores for the Storm as South Elgin beat East Aurora 57-0.

"This is the first time I had 3 TDs in a varsity game," said Gillespie II, who bewildered the Tomcats by breaking against the grain on his three long scoring scores. "Our coaches told us that (the Tomcats) were going to be coming into the gaps. That was the game plan (to run on the edges)."

The Storm, with Ben Karpowicz orchestrating the show from his quarterback position, were unmerciful in scoring on all four of their first-half drives.

Gillespie II raced 61 yards for his initial score and later added another 69-yard romp in the first half as well.

The lone Karpowicz completion of the game -- a 44-yard collaboration with Calin Gurau -- set up Alex Noworol from 7 yards out on the next play.

Leading 22-0 after the first quarter, South Elgin (2-0, 2-0) initiated a running clock after the intermission by scoring an equal number of touchdowns in the second quarter.

King would have bookend touchdowns to close out the first half and complete the scoring in the second half for the Storm.

Gillespie finished with 178 yards rushing after his third long jaunt of the game.

"We weren't expecting to get outside," said King, who scored from the Tomcats' 12- and 11-yard lines. "If we keep it up, we're going to have a good season."

Until its final ill-fated drive of the game and an earlier third-quarter possession, East Aurora (0-2, 0-2) was never able to dent enemy territory -- with the exception of two long kickoff returns in the opening half.

But outside linebackers Anthony Viscuso and Rylan Cruthers spearheaded the second straight Storm shutout on defense.

"It's a family (on defense)," Cruthers said. "We're playing into something different. We have been flowing into something."

"I see myself as my (teammates) have," Viscuso said. "Everybody is playing at the same level."

South Elgin senior place-kicker Andrew Bucaro was 7-for-7 on extra-point attempts.

Even a poor snap led to 2 more points for the Storm when Vince Clinite, who opened the South Elgin scoring from 8 yards out to cap a 70-yard drive, caught the subsequent 2-point conversion on an improvised play.

"They had some great players out there," East Aurora coach Nick Kukuc said. "They did a great job of getting some alleys open."