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– Daily Herald –

Suburban Mosaic: The top stories from our diverse communities in 2022

Jan. 2, 2023

By Madhu Krishnamurthy

In the past year, members of our diverse suburban mosaic have had many triumphs to celebrate, milestones to mark, as well as challenges to overcome, particularly affecting communities of color.

In 2022, we wrote stories about changes to state laws and education curriculum affecting how public school students are taught Asian and Black history, waves of new refugees arriving in our suburbs, outstanding suburbanites and their contributions, and communities being more inclusive of minority groups, among other topics.

Here are some of the highlights. For more stories, visit [dailyherald.com](https://www.dailyherald.com).

Black studies

Elgin Area School District U-46 -- the state's second-largest district -- has developed a new African American studies course to be offered at all five district high schools, starting in the 2022-23 school year.

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

– Examiner of Bartlett –

Vocational system IGA slated for U-46 board vote

Jan. 4, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) related to the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Jan. 9.

The IGA was presented on Dec. 15, 2022. It is between four school districts including **U-46** and community unit school districts 300 (Carpentersville), 301 (Burlington) and 303 (St. Charles). The districts can “offer shared career and technical education (CTE) programs,” the IGA states, and “the members of these districts would receive a wider variety of programs and more efficient services.”

The purpose, according to the IGA: “The purpose of the System shall be to allow for programmatic alignment and continuity of career and technical offerings among secondary and postsecondary institutions; cooperation in shared use of facilities, equipment and personnel (where possible and desirable), cooperative efforts in continuous planning, evaluation, and improvement of programs.”

The IGA lists D301 as the administrative district.

Suzanne Johnson, U-46’s deputy superintendent of instruction, said that “we’ve specified some pieces” with adding Sections 3.1.1 (recruitment, retention and interventions) and 3.2.1 (completion of the Perkins V needs assessment) as well as adding language to Sections 3.2 (program management) and 5.4 (distribution of income).

Section 3.1.1 states the program is “open to all students within member districts) and “recruitment and retention of students will be a function of member districts for stand-alone CTE programs and in collaboration with the System Director and participating member districts for regional programs.” Enrollment will be reviewed annually.

Section 3.2.1 states that the districts “are required to complete a Local Needs Assessment (LNA) of their CTE programs, in addition to partnering with the System Director and the local community college to complete a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) for all Career and Technical Education programs within the region.”

Added to Section 3.2: “The Administrative Board and System Director shall review the effectiveness of each program/course using the Perkins V/State of Illinois CTE data metrics as part of the CLNA process. Districts will then be responsible for making changes or

improvements to programs based on these reviews.” Added to Section 5.4: “All funds are initially allocated to districts based on the percentage of Perkins funds received.”

– Examiner of Bartlett –

U-46 Board set to vote on entity funding proposal

Jan. 4, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on \$88,000 in funding for the Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE), which originally was promised to be fully funded through private donations, at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Jan. 9.

The item was presented on Dec. 12, 2022 and it is the same amount requested as last year. The \$88,000 last year was a 73 percent increase from the \$51,000 approved in 2021, and **U46** taxpayers remain the largest individual funders of ACE.

ACE, comprised of business and government entities with a stated purpose to serve **U-46**, was founded in 2013, and then Superintendent Jose Torres promised it would be completely funded by fundraising which current **Superintendent Tony Sanders** reiterated in 2016.

That promise is no longer valid, and Nancy Coleman, ACE’s executive director, made no promises last year not to ask for future increases saying “the more students that we serve, the more funding that we’re going to need.”

In a letter with this upcoming request from Coleman and Bill Wright, ACE’s board chairman, ACE states it has reached “over 6,000 students for the calendar year 2022,” and the goal is for over 8,000 by May 2023.

ACE expects \$233,645 in revenue for 2022-2023, but no ACE budget was provided. Last year, ACE said it had \$220,000 in revenue with 65 percent going towards two full-time staff, Coleman and executive assistant Adriana Armstrong. A third staff member has been added, according to the letter.

“**School District U-46**’s funding of \$88,000 generously supported 38 [percent] of Alignment’s needed operational budget with the remaining 62 [percent] being funded from business, community, municipal, and post-secondary support,” the letter stated.

“With that level of support, Alignment was able to add a program manager, Edgar Montes, to the Alignment team, allowing the organization to offer more programming resulting in serving a record number of students.”

In September, an ACE presentation stated the group helped organize several events and opportunities, such as a job fair and a summer internship for juniors.

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Elgin brings tourney back, takes 2nd place

Dec. 30, 2022

By Dave Hess

Elgin simply ran out of time.

The Maroons' furious fourth quarter rally fell short as Shepard claimed the Elgin Holiday Classic with a 45-41 win Friday night.

It was the first classic since 2013.

Down 38-21 early in the fourth quarter, Elgin started the final 8 minutes with a 11-0 run. Angel Nunez hit a pair of 3-pointers and Ismael Martinez canned a shot from beyond the arc as Elgin got within 38-32 with 3 minutes left.

A 3 by Shepard's (8-7) Jermell Lymon gave the Astros a 41-32 lead with 1:22 left.

Nunez and Nathaniel Aquino made 3-pointers to pull the Maroons (8-7) within 41-38, but Elgin (8-7) couldn't get any closer.

"It was a great comeback in the fourth quarter," said Elgin first-year coach Brett Johnson, a 2002 graduate of Elgin. "The guys are starting to buy in. We didn't quit. We are starting to change the culture. The guys are upset after the game and that means they care. It hurts. We have doubled our win (4) total from last year."

Elgin, 8-of-15 from 3-point range, was 5-of-7 from beyond the arc in the fourth quarter

Nunez, with 4 treys, led the Maroons with 12 points.

Martinez, who scored 9 points in the fourth quarter, added 11. Maddox Hollian scored all 11 of his points in during the first 3 quarters.

Lymon led the Astros with 18 points (three 3-pointers), 4 assists and 3 steals. Payton Crims added 12 for the winners.

"Elgin hit some big 3s and never quit," said Shepard coach Tony Chiuccariello. "They played hard. Give Elgin a lot of credit. We have to play better and execute better down the stretch. It was a great tournament for us. It is a nice springboard for the rest of the season."

Hollian from Elgin and Lymon and Crims from Shepard were selected to the all-tourney team,

"We are glad to get the tournament back," said Johnson. "We hope to get more local teams and have more of a local flavor next season."

– Daily Herald –

Grayslake Central surges early to beat CL South in Hinkle finale

Dec. 30, 2022

By Joe Stevenson

Grayslake Central's Sam Cooper calmly stood at the free-throw line and sank two free throws with 6.2 seconds remaining to start the celebration.

The Rams, who fought through host Jacobs, Bartlett, outlasted Barrington in a four-overtime semifinal, had held off Crystal Lake South 56-51 in the championship of the Hinkle Holiday Classic Friday night at the Eagles' Nest.

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

– Daily Herald –

Lake County boys basketball notes: Confident Grayslake Central heads into 2023 on a roll

Jan. 3, 2023

By Mike Miazga

The Grayslake Central boys basketball team is firing on all cylinders right now.

Coach Brian Centella's squad won the Hinkle Holiday Classic championship at Jacobs in Algonquin last week, defeating Crystal Lake South 56-51 for the title and outlasting Barrington 78-67 in 4 overtimes in the semifinals.

Dennis Estopp and Jake Gibson were named to the all-tournament team with Gibson averaging 15 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks in the tournament.

"We had a very challenging road to the championship and were able to beat some very good teams," said Centella, whose team downed Jacobs 45-35 and Bartlett 69-65 in other Hinkle games. "It was a tremendous effort by the entire team to win the tournament. The 4-overtime win against Barrington in the semifinal was a great win. Our guys really dug deep and played through fatigue to find a way to win.

"We have been playing really good basketball the last couple weeks. We have had different guys step up at different times. We have a very balanced scoring attack, which I think can be a challenge for teams to prepare for."

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

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Boys basketball: Top 20

Jan. 3, 2023

Boys basketball

Team Comment

1. Benet (16-1) Beat Joliet W., lost by 3 to Simeon at Pontiac
2. Rolling Meadows (16-1) Jack Tosh tournament champions
3. Downers North (12-1) Twelve straight wins
4. Libertyville (13-3) Beat undefeated Glenbrook N. at Wheeling
5. Hinsdale Central (12-3) Oosterbaan MVP for HC tourney champs

6. Stevenson (11-2) Tripped up by Oswego East
7. WW South (12-2) Key DuKane test Saturday vs. 5-0 Lake Park
8. Palatine (10-4) Reached York quarters before losing twice
9. Neuqua Valley (12-3) Beat Fremd for third at Wheeling Classic
10. Barrington (11-1) Lost 4 OT thriller to Grayslake C.
11. Geneva (11-3) Chuck Dayton tournament champions
12. Lake Park (10-5) Close losses to Washington, Richwoods
13. Naperville North (8-7) Bit of a wild ride so far for talented group
14. Fremd (8-6) Lost by 1 to Glenbrook North, 3 to Neuqua
15. Hersey (11-6) Good showing at Pekin
16. Huntley (12-3) Fell to Geneva in Dayton semifinals
17. Glenbard West (8-4) Split four games at York
18. Burlington Central (11-3) Scharnowski MVP for repeat Plano champs
19. Grayslake Central (13-1) Beat 3 ranked teams to win Jacobs tourney
- o. Crystal Lake South (12-4) Took second at Jacobs tournament

Others to watch: West Aurora 10-5, Bartlett 13-3, Waubonsie Valley 8-6, Marmion 11-4, Metea Valley 8-5, Prospect 7-8, Conant 8-5, Wheaton North 8-6, York 8-8, Kaneland 13-3

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Boys wrestling: Top 20

Jan. 4, 2023

Boys wrestling

Team Comment

No. 1 Marmion (9-0-0) Flavin champions

No. 2 St. Charles East (15-1-0) Davino + Munaretto unstoppable

No. 3 Prospect (19-2-0) Knights' lineup loaded

No. 4 Hersey (7-0-0) Huskies' depth shows in tournaments

No. 5 Libertyville (12-3-0) Wildcats show well at The Flavin

No. 6 Glenbard North (9-5-0) Panthers boast four in Top 10

No. 7 Antioch (11-1-0) Half of lineup rated in 2A Top 10

No. 8 Batavia (5-11-0) Watch Garcia, Huck, Andrews, Fetterolf

No. 9 Warren (6-3-0) Devils have young, talented lineup

No. 10 Schaumburg (10-1-0) Brady Phelps No. 4 at 113 in state

No. 11 York (16-7-0) Parisi, Berger, VanSleet terrific trio

No. 12 Hinsdale Cen. (13-4-0) Tavoso-Ivanisevic dynamic

No. 13 Wauconda (8-1-0) Bulldogs' strength at lower weights

No. 14 Naperville Cen. (12-7-0) Big dual at DeKalb this week

No. 15 Fremd (4-3-0) Gosz one of the best at 126

No. 16 Grayslake C. (5-5-0) Alanis, Jens, Cramer potential champs

No. 17 Conant (4-2-0) Ethan Stiles after third state title

No. 18 Downers North (7-7-0) Bielawski + Konder lead the way

No. 19 **South Elgin** (7-2-0) UEC favorites

No. 20 Downers South (5-4-0) Luke Swan wins Mid-States Classic

– Examiner of Streamwood –

Sabres boys hoops blanked at tourney, remain winless

Jan. 4, 2022

By Seth Hancock

The **Streamwood** boys basketball team went 0-4 at Jacobs' Hinkle Holiday Classic.

The **Sabres** enter 2023 seeking its first win as they fell to 0-15 overall. They are 0-6 in the Upstate Eight Conference after a 70-29 loss to **Larkin** on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at **Larkin** prior to the Jacobs tournament.

“I think the problem is a lot of our guys, their IQ level is not as good as other teams we play,” said **Streamwood coach Quentin Ruff**. “So, it’s a constant build and working our way up and teaching them the game.”

Ruff added: “They are bought in. I just don’t think they quite understand the game as well as I want them to. Once we get to that point, we’ll be good.”

Streamwood dropped a 73-27 game to Barrington to open the tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Genaud Phillips (nine points) and Francis Sagadraca (six points, two three-pointers) led the effort.

Against Johnsbury, the Sabres dropped an 81-42 game as they were battling from behind after trailing 32-9 after one quarter on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Sagadraca (17 points, three treys), Dakota White (eight points) and Saul Zamudio (five points) led the effort.

Streamwood grabbed a 15-14 lead after one quarter when it took on Rockford Jefferson, but the Sabres lost the second 20-10 for a 34-25 halftime deficit on the way to a 65-52 loss on Thursday, Dec. 29. Sagadraca (12 points, four threes), Joshua Wilder (12 points), Zamudio (11 points, three threes) and James Rivera (six points) led that effort.

The Sabres were held to a nine-point first half against Elk Grove Village in a 68-44 loss to end the tournament on Friday, Dec. 30.

Streamwood battled back with a 26- 17 third quarter to pull to 55-35, but it wasn't enough after falling behind 38- 9 by the break. Sagadraca (14 points, four three-pointers) and James Donato (14 points, three three-pointers) both scored eight points in the third quarter, and Zamudio (nine points) hit two of his three from behind the arc in the frame.