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November 2025



## EAC Influencers: Ignite Your Membership!

Get ready to meet the powerhouse team dedicated to boosting your business: your EAC Influencers! These dynamic local leaders are the heart and hustle of our Chamber, ensuring your membership delivers maximum value.

### What They Do for You:

- **The Ultimate Connectors:** Find them at all EAC events! Their job is to introduce you to members who can boost your influence.
- **Active Support:** They go beyond events, actively reaching out to check in and see how EAC can support your goals.
- **Celebration Squad:** They are a core presence at [ribbon cuttings](#), ensuring your milestones get the celebration they deserve!
- **Sharing Your Story:** They visit your business to capture its unique energy. They then share your success with the community on our official [EAC blog](#)!
- **Your EAC Experts:** They are your go-to resource for all Chamber questions.

Starting next month, we'll feature a new EAC Influencer in this newsletter! Find them at the next event and get connected—your business is about to get an upgrade! [Become an EAC Influencer](#)

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTENT

Send us your news and announcements to  
[post@elginchamber.com](mailto:post@elginchamber.com)

by November 20 to be included in December's newsletter.

Content placement in the Click & Connect newsletter is an exclusive and **included** benefit for all Elgin Area Chamber members.

**JOIN NOW**

# Small Business Saturday

## Saturday, November 29



## SUPPORTING LOCAL

While Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, provides a fantastic kickoff to the holiday shopping season, the real power lies in making a commitment to support local businesses year-round. Every dollar spent at an independent, local establishment is an investment in the unique character and economic health of the Elgin Area—not just one day a year, but every day.

### When you choose to shop local, you:

- **Boost the Local Economy:** A significant portion of the money you spend at small businesses is recirculated right back into the community, supporting jobs and local services.
- **Foster Uniqueness:** Local businesses are what give the Elgin area its special flavor. They offer curated products and personalized service that national chains simply cannot match.
- **Support Neighbors:** You are directly supporting the dreams and livelihoods of your friends and neighbors who run these shops and services.

## MAKE SMALL BUSINESS EVERY DAY

### Stop Googling—Start Localizing!

The most powerful way you can support the Elgin community and its small business owners is to make Elgin Area Chamber's local directory your first stop, every time.

#### TAKE ACTION NOW:

**Visit the Directory:** Head over to the official Elgin Area Chamber Member Directory

[\*\*GO TO MEMBER DIRECTORY\*\*](#)

**Bookmark It:** On your phone and your computer, immediately BOOKMARK this link! Rename it "Elgin Local First" or "Support Local."

**Use It Daily:** Before you look at a big-box store or national chain for any need—a gift, a service, lunch, or a home repair—check your local bookmark first.

Make the commitment to Keep It Local 365 days a year. Your bookmark is your pledge to a stronger, more vibrant Elgin Area!





# Giving Tuesday Tuesday, December 2



# GIVING TUESDAY

## FINDING YOUR CAUSE IN THE ELGIN AREA

The need for assistance is diverse, and so are the dedicated organizations working tirelessly to meet those challenges. For those in the Fox Valley region looking to make a meaningful local contribution this Giving Tuesday, the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce provides an invaluable resource.

Readers can easily find and connect with over 37 social services operating in the Elgin Area. These organizations address a wide spectrum of critical needs—from supporting people and children with disabilities to feeding the hungry in our community and everything in between. Whether your passion is for youth mentorship, elder care, arts programs, or environmental sustainability, there is a dedicated non-profit organization ready to channel your generosity into action.

You can explore this comprehensive directory of local organizations and find the cause that resonates most with you on the Chamber's website: [Elgin Area Chamber Social Services Directory](#).

[EXPLORE MEMBER SOCIAL SERVICES](#)

## THE POWER OF GIVING

On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, the world will unite for Giving Tuesday, a global movement. Donations are not just monetary contributions; they are direct investments in community well-being. They translate into tangible support:

### The Ripple Effect of Generosity

- **Nourishment:** Providing meals for seniors and families facing food insecurity.
- **Safety & Shelter:** Offering emergency shelter and resources for those experiencing homelessness or domestic crises.
- **Empowerment:** Funding educational programs, job training, and therapy services that enable individuals to achieve independence.
- **Inclusion:** Creating and sustaining programs that support people and children with disabilities, ensuring they have access to necessary services and community integration.

This support creates a powerful ripple effect. A donation to a local organization helps a neighbor, which strengthens a family, which in turn builds a more resilient and compassionate community for everyone.

## City Seeks Resident/Business Feedback

[Learn More / Take the Survey](#)

The City of Elgin is looking for ways to cut down on single-use items, and the Sustainability Commission has proposed a potential solution to the City Council: a Retail Single-Use Bag Ordinance. This proposed ordinance would **ban single-use plastic checkout bags and introduce a fee on paper bags** distributed by retailers. Before the City Council makes any final decisions, city staff are asking residents and businesses to provide their feedback. Your input will be used to help guide the next steps for this potential new policy.



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## From Leaves to Lights Essential Fall Fire Safety Tips

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away from flames, and use battery-powered candles instead of real ones. Bonfires should be kept at least 10 feet from structures, never left unattended, and avoided on windy or dry days. Keep water nearby for safety. Enjoy the season while staying fire smart and protecting your home and community.







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### Flavors for Flights Wine Dinner

Friday, November 7  
6 pm.

### Native American Heritage Program- Native Beadwork Workshop

Wednesday, November 12  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

### Our Town performances

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### Adult Learner Information Night

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  - Speak English
- SHIPPING ASSOCIATE 5AM-1:30PM \$15**
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  - Basic mathematical skills
  - Can lift up to 50 lbs
  - Microsoft office
- CNC MACHINIST 6:30AM-3PM \$20-\$26+**
  - Resume/interview
- CNC MACHINE OPERATOR 3PM-11:30PM \$20+**
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## Curious about apprenticeships for your business?

### Attend ECC's Business Information Session

Hear from employers and apprentices on the benefits of apprenticeships and local success stories. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions to representatives from the Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Illinois, ECC, and others supporting organizations.



November 20 | 7:30 to 8:30 am

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Elgin Community College

## 50th Anniversary Raffle!



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*Camilla Paredes, a member of Larkin High School's Radio Club, conducts an interview for the school's variety show in 2025. Photo courtesy of School District U-46.*

## U-46's Radio Station Launches New Programming Lineup

As it celebrates its 75th anniversary, School District U-46's radio station WEPS-FM is launching a revitalized lineup of programming, including a podcast, student-created content, and evening storytimes for children.

WEPS is the oldest continuously-operating school district radio station in Illinois, and one of the oldest in the United States. U-46-created programming, including music, sports, interviews, dramas, and more, can be heard when tuned into 88.9 on the FM dial. The station airs Wisconsin Public Radio's Music Network when U-46's local programming is not being broadcast. For a detailed schedule, visit the WEPS Facebook page at

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**Elgin Chamber  
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## Hello from the Ron Raglin GameChangers Scholarship Program!

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<b>\$2,500</b>	Support 1 Ron Raglin GameChanger Scholarship
<b>\$5,000</b>	Support 2 Ron Raglin GameChanger Scholarships
<b>Any amount</b>	All support matters and is appreciated

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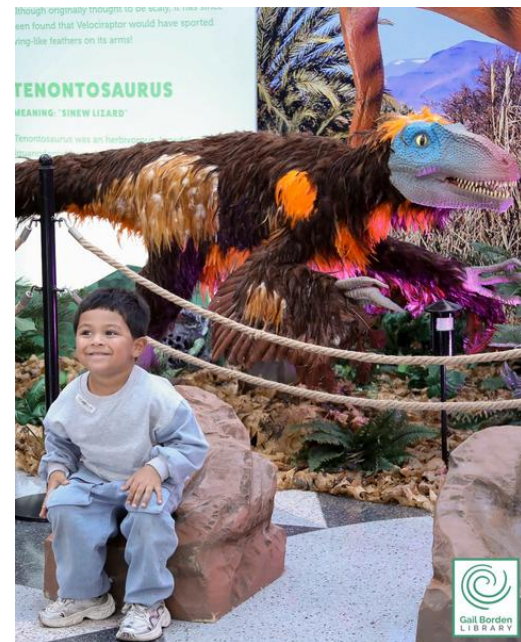
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*Tena Raglin*



## Dinosaur Explorer Stomps Into Gail Borden Library



**Dinosaur Explorer**, featuring the wildest, wackiest and most wondrous dinosaurs, is now on display at Gail Borden Public Library's Main Library through Jan. 4. Visitors can meet and hear from paleontologist and exhibit creator Professor Greg Erickson on Nov. 13 at 10 am and 6 pm at the Main Library to learn more about his work and view real fossils up close. Families are also invited to a Dino Fiesta on Nov. 15 at 2 pm at the Main Library, featuring crafts, games and dinosaur-themed fun for all ages.





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Tuesday, November 11, 2025

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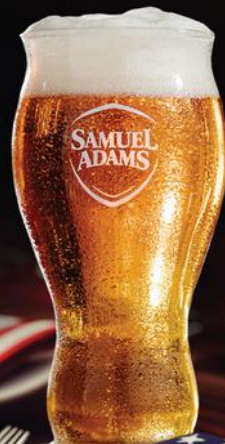
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# EPIC Air

## Trampoline Park

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Forget ordinary fun—the newest sensation in family adventure is the high-energy thrill zone at Epic Air Trampoline Park in South Elgin, Illinois! This isn't just a place to bounce; it's a massive, 30,000-square-foot indoor playground engineered to deliver nonstop adrenaline and unforgettable memories.

### The Thrills You Can't Miss:

- **The Massive Ball Blaster Arena:** This is the ultimate foam-ball battleground! Climb, maneuver through obstacles, and take command of cannon blasters in a unique, multi-story funhouse experience unlike anything else in the Chicago area.
- **The Long Tracks:** Aspiring gymnasts and adrenaline junkies can hone their skills on the true "EPIC trampolines"—a massive, 60-foot continuous track perfect for perfecting flips, tumblers, and breathtaking aerial combinations.
- **Air-Powered Sports:** Take classic games to gravity-defying heights in the Dodgeball Arena—where wall-to-wall trampolines make you a soaring target—or slam-dunk like a pro on the Basketball Lanes.
- **The Foam Pit Plunge:** Practice your boldest tricks and flips without fear as you launch yourself into a gigantic, five-lane pit filled with soft foam cubes.

Epic Air is more than a park; it's a launchpad for excitement, designed to get kids and adults moving, laughing, and unplugging from the screens. From dedicated, safe toddler zones to high-octane challenges for teens, this is the premier destination for anyone ready to turn an ordinary day into an epic adventure.

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*Love, Loss, and What I Wore* is a play, based on Ilene Beckerman's book, that explores women's lives through the lens of their clothing and the memories they evoke. The play uses humor and poignancy to delve into universal experiences of love, loss, and the enduring connection that women often make between fashion and memory.



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### Native American Heritage Program- Native Beadwork Workshop

Learn traditional Native beadwork with Potawatomi artist. The teachings of the traditional Medicine Wheel, a significant part of Native culture, will take place at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, from 9 am to 1:30 pm.

### Our Town performances (Friday, Nov. 7 to Sunday, Nov. 9)

Experience the timeless beauty of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at the Elgin Community Center, running November 7-16. Step into Grover's Corner and experience extraordinary meaning. This Pulitzer Prize-winning classic explores simple moments that shape us all. Don't miss this heartwarming production of life's fleeting beauty.

### Adult Learner Information Night (November 12)

Take the next step toward your goals at Elgin Community College on Friday, November 12! Discover how ECC's 120+ degree and certificate programs can help you achieve your dreams. Learn about the many resources available to support you throughout the admissions and enrollment process. It's never too late to start. The event is from 5:30 to 7 pm. Registration is recommended.



# AN *Almost* WINTER DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 • 2-5PM • SEBA PARK

## Activities Include:

S'More station, Cookie decorating, Balloon animals, Craft station, Snowball slingshot, Letters to Santa, Tree decorating contest, Ice sculptor, Concessions for purchase

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## Pictures with Santa

2-4:45pm (bring your camera)

## Village Tree Lighting

5pm at Pantan Mill Park



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