

# CLICK & ELGIN AREA CHAMBER CONNECT >>>

October 2025



## A Sweet Addition to Downtown Elgin!

[Churro Y Chocolate](#), a delicious new family-owned business, has officially opened in downtown Elgin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The [Elgin Development Group](#) played a crucial role in bringing them to the area, highlighting the great resources available to businesses. To learn more about this wonderful addition to our community, click here: [Read More](#)

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTENT

Submit your news, events, deals, and announcements to

[post@elginchamber.com](mailto:post@elginchamber.com)

by October 24 to be included in November's newsletter.

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

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Ready to get spooky? Your guide to Halloween Happenings starts on page 22!



## Ziegler's Ace Hardware in C'ville is Closing.

[Ziegler's Ace Hardware](#) in Carpentersville is closing after 41 years. The company's remaining eight stores, including its headquarters in Elgin, remain open. [Read More](#)



## New Tax Law Expands Research Tax Breaks for Manufacturers & Distributors



The recent signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) brought a long-awaited change to the tax code for the deduction of research costs. **Effective January 1, 2025**, the newly created IRC Section 174A repeals the five-year amortization rule introduced in 2022, **allowing businesses to immediately expense all domestic research and experimental (R&E) expenditures.** Please note that foreign R&E expenditure must continue to be capitalized and amortized. This change will be in effect permanently for future tax years. The legislation also allows an election for accelerated deductions of previously capitalized amounts and permits certain businesses, small taxpayers with average annual gross receipts of \$31 million or less for 2025, to amend prior year returns. The decision to amend should be considered carefully, as it may not be advantageous for taxpayers in all cases. [Read More](#)

## What Would a Taylor-Travis Prenup Look Like?

Taylor Swift's engagement to Travis Kelce has made a big splash in the news. In this podcast, **Lavelle Law** family law attorneys Joe Olszowka and Kristina Buchthal Alkass discuss the importance of prenuptial agreements – not just for the wealthy, but for engaged couples who have acquired assets and couples who are entering a second marriage. In a parody style and as a sneak peek into prenup negotiations, Kristina assumes the role of Ms. Swift's attorney, while Joe represents Mr. Kelce. What are the "non-negotiable" issues? What is the most important part of a prenup? How is a prenup similar to an estate planning document? Watch this episode of Chicago's Legal Latte, brought to you by Lavelle Law. Contact us at 847-705-7555 or [info@lavellelaw.com](mailto:info@lavellelaw.com).

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The National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) announced the winners of its 2025 Professional Communications Contest on September 13 in Golden, Colorado, celebrating communicators nationwide. Nearly 2,000 entries were submitted from over 40 states and Spain, highlighting the high quality of work being done. Helen S. Plotkin, NFPW contest director, noted the entries showcase "outstanding work and exceptional efforts." Pat Szpekowski, **President of PR Strategies & Communications, Inc.**, from Algonquin, IL, was honored, earning 3rd Place for "Hometown Holiday Happenings" and two Honorable Mentions for specialty articles on food and business.

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### Event Details:

- 📅 Saturday, October 25th
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 📍 Gail Borden Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue  
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### Register for A Mobile DMV Appointment:

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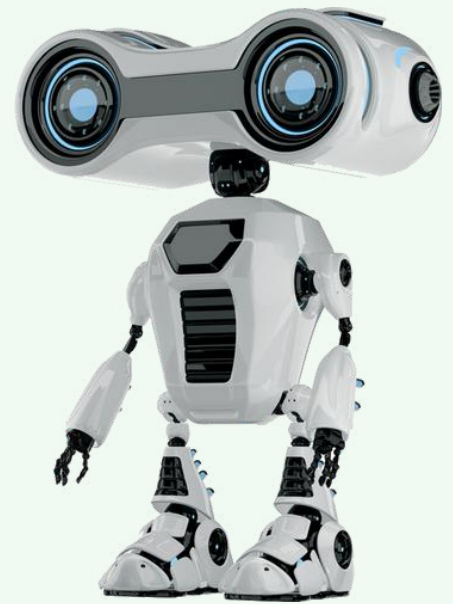




## ECC Awarded \$50,000 NASA award as only Illinois Community College Selected

**Elgin Community College** (ECC) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP). **The college is one of only 30 institutions nationwide and the sole community college in Illinois** to receive this honor. The award, secured through the proposal "Robotics Rising: ECC's Path to NASA Innovation," will fund a robotics competition for 40 students. This event, aligned with NASA's "Moon to Mars" mission, will challenge students to design and program lunar rovers. The competition aims to boost students' technical and leadership skills, inspiring them to pursue careers in STEM.

[Learn More](#)



## SOUTH ELGIN FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE STATION 21: 1090 W SPRING STREET, SOUTH ELGIN, IL



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**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 4TH  
10AM-1PM**



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-  Side by Side Sprinkler Demo
-  Jr. Firefighter Challenge
-  Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tent and More!

## CHARGE INTO FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

Explore Fire Station 21, meet our dedicated firefighters, and discover the various services that the fire district and EMS providers offer to our community!

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## Minuteman Press of South Elgin Receives Top Award



The **Minuteman Press franchise in South Elgin** has been awarded the prestigious Gold Star Achievement Award, recognizing its excellence in three key areas: professionalism, quality, and exemplary business performance.

This honor places the South Elgin location among the top-performing franchises in the Minuteman Press International network.





## Hamilton Wings Welcomes New Executive Director

Wings is delighted to announce that Dr. Brittany Barber has been named the **new Executive Director of Hamilton Wings!** A proud SCORE! alumna, Dr. Barber humbly returns to lead the organization that helped shape her path as a student. Guided by authenticity, compassion, and a deep commitment to transformational change, Dr. Barber is passionate about strengthening families, supporting youth, and building thriving communities. As Executive Director, she is eager to continue advancing the legacy of Dr. Risé Jones, partnering with families, alumni, donors, and community leaders. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Brittany Barber as Hamilton Wings' new Executive Director!

On the heels of Braden's top placement on the MSP 501 list, Managing Partner Erik **Braden** has been named the 2025 MSP Executive of the Year by Channel Futures. The award recognizes executives who exemplify transformative leadership in the technology services sector, further cementing Braden's reputation as a strategic partner, driving measurable outcomes for clients across industries.



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### Limited October availability!

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## 50 Years of Serving Seniors

DuPage Senior Citizens Council, doing business as [Kane Senior Council](#), is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The council was established in 1975 and has been providing essential, non-clinical services to seniors in both Kane and DuPage counties. Staff and Board Members for the non-profit will be marking the occasion with celebrations and special opportunities to get involved throughout the year. "Community support and volunteering will really help our program sustain itself into the future," says Executive Director, Marylin Krolak. Stay tuned to KSC/DSCC socials for updates on 50th Anniversary opportunities.



## Latini-Hohberger-Dhimantec Unveils New Elgin Facility!

Latini-Hohberger-Dhimantec, a global leader in the confectionery industry, has officially opened a new, state-of-the-art facility in Elgin. The company was assisted in this endeavor by the **Elgin Development Group**, specifically Tony Lucenko. This significant investment will create new jobs and strengthen Elgin's reputation as a hub for advanced manufacturing.

**Read More** about this exciting development

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## Michael Storey receives the 2025 ECC Distinguished Alumni Award



### [Beckatt Solutions](#)

Managing Partner and Elgin Community College graduate Michael Storey was named the ECC Distinguished Alumni for 2025. Michael was presented the award at this year's Elgin Community College Foundation Brunch on September 13th. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes the success of a graduate who has completed a recognized instruction program at ECC. This alumnus has gone on to have outstanding success and distinction in their chosen field, displayed humanitarian service, and continued supporting community colleges' mission of improving lives through learning. Michael graduated from Elgin Community College with two Associates Degrees in 2004. He helped found Beckatt Solutions in 2013, having served as one of the Owners and Managing Partners since inception.



## SHAPING THE FUTURE: COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON YOUTH, RECOVERY & REFORM

Featuring lived experiences, resilience-building strategies, and leadership insight to inspire change.

Thursday, October 16, 2025  
Elgin Community College, Bldg E  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
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**Heidi Mueller**  
Director  
Department of Children  
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**Joshua Wayne, MA**  
Keynote Speaker



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10.4.25

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10.17.25

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Friday Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

11.1.25

The Lovettes  
Saturday Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

1.24.26

Comedy Dance Chicago  
Saturday Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

3.27.26

Step Afrika! The Evolution Tour  
Friday, Mar. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

3.28.26

Hank Azaria & the EZ Street Band  
Saturday, Mar. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

4.24.26

Style Thief Fashion Show  
Friday Apr. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

5.16.26

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5.24.26

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Thirteen sculptures downtown (plus 20 more in surrounding towns) created a buzz all summer as people followed the Sculpture Trail by **Explore Elgin**, snapping photos and enjoying the art. We hosted a preview party at **The Haight**, and the season wrapped up with our Gala Auction at the **Highland Loft** in downtown Elgin, where sculptures found new homes and proceeds went toward building affordable housing.

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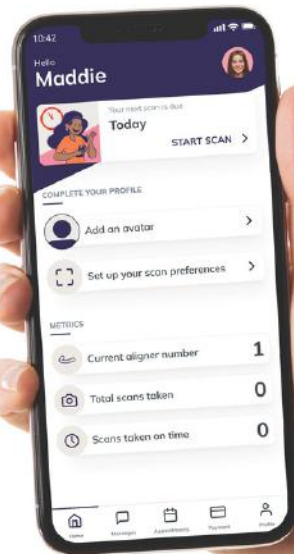
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## Old Cars, Strong Hearts

On Labor Day, 09.01.2025, I [posted a vintage photograph of my Dad](#) with his 1955 Chevy (far left side) on OC,SH's social media. A couple weeks later, a friend saw an old Dodge pickup with the "76" logo on it, which I shared. My Dad had worked for Union-Unocal 76 for ~24 years when they had offices in Schaumburg IL along Meachum Rd.

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### Registration

1. Scan the QR code to register
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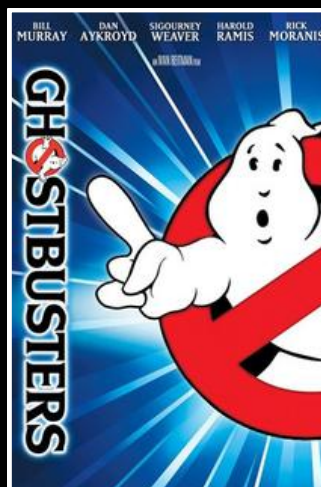
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