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Elgin Area Chamber to honor volunteers at luncheon

By: Carol Gieske

In the spirit of the season, the Elgin Area Chamber will give thanks to five local volunteers at its annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Building E.

The program will weave "thanks" and "giving" through storytelling as guests begin the holiday season through this long-standing community tradition.

This 39th annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon will feature networking from 11:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a buffet luncheon and program until 1:15 p.m.

Table centerpieces will be provided by Elgin Area School District U-46 students.

They also will sing the praises of five unsung heroes in the community. These special volunteers are the very fabric of the community, providing guidance and leadership to organizations in Elgin and South Elgin.

Local service clubs and nonprofit organizations also will be recognized at this nondenominational luncheon as they provide critical programs and services to neighbors.

The following five award-winning volunteers, who were nominated by local nonprofit agencies, will be recognized for their achievements by the group's Enhancing Elgin committee:

- Dick Meier, nominated by Habitat for Humanity ReStore;
- Rise Jones, nominated by the Enhancing Elgin Committee;
- Mark Gibson, nominated by Renz Addiction Counseling Center;
- Carla Sattler, nominated by Centro de Informacion;
- Pat Hayden, nominated by Habitat for Humanity Build Sites.

The featured speaker is Ken Franzese, principal with Lee & Associates of Illinois and volunteer with the Elgin Development Group.

He will share his story of surviving a plane crash on May 6 as a passenger in a recently restored World War II single-engine torpedo bomber airplane. Franzese and the pilot were bringing the TBM Avenger plane home to Illinois from California when it experienced engine failure over the mountainous terrains of the Gila National Forest, about 45 miles from Whiteriver, Arizona. You'll hear Ken's harrowing story of survival, his gratitude and the power of prayer in his rescue.

Sponsored by Shales McNutt Construction, Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin Community College and Northwestern Medicine, this annual nondenominational event, which celebrates Elgin's nonprofit community, is open to the public.

Tickets for \$30 are available in advance at www.ElginChamber.com.



- At the Elgin Area Chamber's annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 20, hear Ken Franzese's story of surviving a harrowing crash of this World War II bomber in the Arizona mountains earlier this year.



- Ken Franzese

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Application process begins for teens to be on Elgin boards

By: Rafael Guerrero

Elgin teens are being invited to submit applications for possible appointment to a city board or commission in 2019.

Three panels — the sustainability and the human relations commissions and the parks and recreation board — will each add one nonvoting student representative in an effort to increase diversity, promote inclusion and provide better representation in city government. The cultural arts commission already has a student representative.

“Aside from being more involved in their community, student voices enrich discussions and help craft visions and plans for moving forward,” city communications specialist Molly Center said. “Youth perspectives are invaluable as each board or commission assesses its current resources, needs and opportunities.”

Friday was the first day applications were being accepted. The process will be similar to how adult board members and commissioners are selected, with teen applicants being brought in for interviews in January before the finalists are named, according to a city news release.

Because the first students will be chosen in the middle of the 2018-19 school year, they will serve 1 1/2 -year terms, the release said. Beginning in 2020, students will serve a term lasting one school year.

Elgin students attending public or private high school will be considered, with preference being given to sophomores and juniors because of the initial extended term, the release said. In future years, students going into their sophomore, junior and senior years will be eligible.

Center said the city is reaching out to schools in order to get the word out about the positions. School District U46 spokeswoman Mary Fergus said the district planned to share the application information.

The city will also contact youth organizations like the Boys and Girls Club and the Youth Leadership Academy and will post information on the city website and social media, Center said.

Applications are available at www.cityofelgin.org/studentapplication.

Arming teachers not the solution to protecting kids

By: Linda McDaniel-Hale

Representatives of school boards across the state will meet in Chicago this month to discuss the possible arming of school personnel, an idea rejected recently by most officials of School District U46 and repugnant to many residents.

The Illinois Association of School Boards is discussing whether elected boards should be able to develop policies and programs so that teachers, staff and administrators could complete state-approved firearms and conceal-carry training after undergoing a background check.

There have been so many school shootings taking the lives of innocent students and teachers in recent years. Add to that mass killings in churches, synagogues and other public venues and it's obvious there's a problem — one for which few answers exist.

Arming school personnel has been suggested, as have stricter background checks for those with mental health issues trying to purchase a firearm, raising the age to buy a gun, banning of assault weapons and tightening controls over the billion-dollar video gaming industry.

Fox Valley resident Jennifer Galvin is absolutely opposed to teachers carrying firearms in the classroom. As a former educator, Galvin believes “teachers are not trained to be security guards. Any small-built teacher could easily be overpowered by a gunman. Preschool teachers, especially, should not carry firearms.”

Resident Cathy McCullom also is opposed to arming school personnel.

“This is a really bad idea,” she said. “My fear is that students would hurt the teacher with the weapon. There has been an incident in U46 involving a loss of a teacher's eye. I cannot think of any good that would come out of arming teachers.”

As much as I would like to see an end to these senseless mass shootings, I do not believe that sending educators into a classroom with a firearm would solve anything.

In the case of individuals with mental health issues, we have to revamp how we handle these illnesses, putting more money into services. We could pass stricter laws against assault weapons.

Looking for solutions to stopping mass shootings is imperative, but arming classroom teachers should not be one of them.

Linda McDaniel-Hale is a Fox Valley resident who offers opinions on local topics



- Arming school teachers or staff is not the way to combat possible school shootings, columnist Linda McDaniel-Hale says

SPORTS SECTION

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Rosary rallies late, beats Aurora Christian

By: Craig Brueske

Rosary's girls basketball team broke open a tight game down the stretch during Friday night's 49-42 victory over host Aurora Christian.

Trailing 39-36 with 4:09 remaining, the Royals went on a 12-0 surge over the next 3-plus minutes to take control and advance to Saturday's 4:30 p.m. championship game of the 13th annual Hoops Happening Tournament.

Rosary (3-0) will face Ottawa for the tourney title at Illinois Math & Science Academy.

"We like the competition and we like these games," said 6-foot-2 junior forward/center Zoe Ketterman, who scored a game-high 15 points with 5 rebounds for the senior-less Royals. "We have a really young team this year but everyone is playing pretty well together so far."

Sophomore Julia Rivera's 12-foot jumper pulled Rosary to within 39-38 before Ketterman's driving layup gave the Royals the lead for good at 40-39 with 2:42 remaining.

Baskets by Zoe Olsen (5 points, 9 rebounds) and Rivera stretched the lead to 44-39 before the Royals added 4 free throws to make it 48-39 with 20 seconds left.

"At halftime, we talked to the girls about them being on their heels," said Rosary coach Phil VanBogaert. "We told them to 'get on the balls of your feet and start playing defense.' They started coming around."

Rivera, who didn't play in the first half, came off the bench to pour in 11 points on 5 of 8 shooting, including a 3-pointer in the final seconds of the third quarter to put Rosary up 32-28 entering the final 8 minutes.

"She was a godsend when we needed it," said VanBogaert. "She hit some big shots for us."

VanBogaert was pleased with his young group which was supported by juniors Ella Havertape (8 points), Jessica Muckerheide (5 points, 7 rebounds) and Lauren Seger (3 points).

"Everyone who played tonight did a good job," said the coach.

Olsen also had the unenviable task of defending Eagles leading scorer Tori Henning for much of the night.

Henning scored 13 points and added 10 rebounds but was limited to a free throw in the fourth quarter.

"She (Olsen) did a heck of a job," said VanBogaert. "She has blossomed into a great player."

Aurora Christian (2-1), which will face Timothy Christian in Saturday's 3rd-place game, received a huge lift off the bench from freshman Lexi Lamanna.

The 5-5 guard finished with 13 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and a pair of steals.

"She's a freshman with a ton of swagger," said Eagles coach Burney Wilkie.

Sophomore Mia Richert added 7 points and 8 rebounds while freshman Thaya Luse had 2 points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

"Our young core is really good," said Wilkie, whose team lost senior center Dannielle Lopez to a torn ACL in Tuesday's season opener against U-High.

"So much of our offense runs through her that we've had to adjust on the fly. We've only had one practice (since then). When we needed something at the end of the game, it was a struggle. It's no one's fault -- we just need to practice more."

Girls swimming: Rosary, Neuqua Valley in tight race for state title

By: Darryl Mellema



- St. Charles North's Mallory Jump swims butterfly in the 200-yard medley relay during the girls state swimming prelims at Evanston High School Friday.

Maybe it's not the cakewalk they might have wanted, but Rosary's girls swimming team still sits in a great position after Friday's IHSA state prelims in Evanston, and is ready for a battle with Neuqua Valley Saturday afternoon for the state title.

While it is often said that no team wins the trophy until Saturday -- which is the only day points are officially scored -- the Beads did just about everything they needed to on Friday in terms of qualifying entries to this afternoon's finals. Perhaps they didn't win it, but they most certainly didn't lose it either.

"We swam well," Rosary coach Bill Schalz said. "We didn't swim awesome, but we swam well. I told the girls we'd have some good swims and we'd have some swims we were frustrated with, and that's what happened today. But what I like about this group is that, even though they were up and down a little bit, they kept battling back. Now it's match play with Neuqua tomorrow."

Unofficially, Neuqua Valley enters Saturday's finals with a seven-point edge on Rosary, though Schalz said he liked his chances of gaining points in various events in which his athletes could move up.

"We're going to need to do that, because Neuqua's right there with us," Schalz said. "There are some areas where I didn't think we swam well. I told the kids all year that this would be a battle because other teams are getting better and we've graduated some good swimmers."

Rosary has all three relays qualified for the championship final for today's finals, which begin at 11 a.m. Additionally, the Beads have 10 individual swims -- two each for Anne

Tavierne (200-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle), Athena Ye (50 freestyle, 100 butterfly), Kathryn Mueller (100 butterfly, 100 backstroke) and Jessica Geriane (100 freestyle, 100 backstroke) while Sydney Van Overmeiren (200 IM) and Alyssa Brault (100 breaststroke) have one finals swim.

"We caught some breaks, such as Kat Mueller hitting two Top 6 swims and Allie Brault swimming a lifetime best time swim to get seventh-best in the breaststroke. (Ye) was great today. Anne Tavierne came from outside the circle seeds and qualified fifth in the 500," Schalz said.

St. Charles North will compete for a top five placing and perhaps a trophy as well on Saturday. Unofficially, New Trier was third on Friday, the North Stars fourth with Oswego, Lyons and Barrington completing the schools that will vie for a coveted Top 5 finish in a one of the most competitive high school girls swimming states in the nation.

The North Stars put all three relays in to the championship final -- and the 200 medley relay was the fastest on Friday. St. Charles North had some excellent individual performances as well. Mallory Jump is seeded first in the 100 butterfly and second in the 200 IM. Megan Armstrong had the top prelims time in the 100 backstroke. Kayleigh Lewis also advanced -- to the 100 freestyle consolation final.

"I thought we started the meet with a bang, with the medley relay," St. Charles North coach Rob Rooney said. "We had a good meet and we've got enough good swims tomorrow. We've got some kids competing for some state championships and relays in the mix, and I'm excited for that."

St. Charles East had a series of solid results throughout the day, starting with a 16th-best medley relay -- but couldn't find a way into Saturday's finals. That ended when Mary Jania recorded the fourth-best time in the 100 breaststroke. A junior, Jania swims in one of the most competitive finals races on Saturday.

"That's all she has to worry about tomorrow, that one swim. If she can figure out her turns and put a race together, it's anybody's race to win. Whoever wants it the most, it's theirs for the taking," St. Charles East coach Julie Oelslager said.

Overall, the Saints gained incredible experience through the meet. The entire swimming portion of their state team returns next year.

"They all see what it takes to be competitive in this meet. We have had a lot of conversations about what we need to do in order to get stronger and have more consistent training," Oelslager said.

On a day when Bartlett-Streamwood had the most state prelim swims in pram history, the team advanced Sydney Kelly to Saturday's finals in the 500 freestyle. Kelly is seeded seventh and swims in the consolation final.

"She had such a good 500 freestyle last week and there were a couple of big heats just before she swam. But she got in there, executed the plan really well and it was all smiles after the race was over," Bartlett-Streamwood coach Jeremy Meserole said.

Kelly swam in a lane between Barrington's Maggie Graves and Bridget O'Leary -- who both finished with Top 6 times.

"I think that helped, having her between two people who were pushing the pace," Meserole said of Kelly. "I think she raced those two very well."

West Aurora did not qualify a swimmer for Saturday's finals, but was able to use the day as another building block as the program continues to improve. Three of the four swimmers on the team's 200 medley relay team return next year, and the fourth -- Gina Jenkins -- completed her fourth straight year at the state finals by swimming her personal best in the 500 freestyle.

"We have other kids sitting in the stands watching, and they'll push next year to take spots and make us better. We got experience in the water, and we can take that into the offseason too," West Aurora coach Chris Ranallo said.

Jenkins' leadership has been invaluable for the Blackhawks, and she swam in the medley relay, the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle on Friday. Her 500 freestyle time was 26th-best.

"She came here and did what she needed to do and she improved and had good swims today and she was happy, and we're happy," Ranallo said.

Inside game lifts Dundee-Crown over Streamwood

By: Scott Walsh

During a film session the morning of Dundee-Crown's game against Streamwood, the second game for both teams in the Lady Chargers' Thanksgiving Tournament, D-C coach Sarah Miller emphasized her team's ability to dominate every facet of the game. But she really honed in on the Chargers ability to play a punishing inside game.

"We know we can play an all-around game," Miller said. "But our physical game, we started calling it 'play and pay,' because it can really take a toll on the other team."

The girls must have been paying attention, because in the game Friday night, Dundee-Crown played, and Streamwood paid. The Chargers opened up an 8-0 lead less than two minutes into the game on the strength of four straight buckets in the paint by sophomores Alyssa Crenshaw and Gianine Boado and cruised to a 59-33 win over the Sabers.

Like their male counterparts, the Dundee-Crown Lady Chargers' logo is a knight on steed. The ladies might want to change theirs to the Dodge muscle car of the same name, because theirs is one heckuva high octane offense.

Crenshaw, a center, and Boado, her power forward classmate, and junior guard Payton Schmidt each had a dozen points to lead Dundee-Crown (2-0). In all, 11 different Chargers scored.

Streamwood's junior point guard Mandy Mien led the Sabres (1-1) with nine points, forward Colleen Veguilla had seven, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Kaylee Angle added six.

"That was a pretty strong first half," assessed Dundee-Crown coach Sarah Miller. "I thought we controlled the tempo really well and everybody contributed. And we're actually a very good defensive team, and we have enough talent to have a well-rounded game. Tonight we shared the ball well and it was a very positive game."

After falling behind 8-0, Streamwood halved the deficit on an inside bucket by Riya Patel and a drive by Mein, before Dundee-Crown closed the quarter with a 12-3 run to take a 20-7 lead after eight minutes.

"They really out-muscled and out-played us inside," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "Their post-player just put a clinic on us tonight. It was rough to watch."

"I thought we'd hit some more shots than we did. We all just have to learn from this one."

D-C went on another tear, this time a 12-0 run, to go up 32-7 midway through the second period. Streamwood did what it could to chip away at the 25-point deficit, sandwiching a pair of treys and a free throw from Veguilla around a jumper from Mien to pull to within 34-16 at halftime.

But the Chargers' high-speed game seemed to flummox the Sabres and the pace was taking its toll. When Streamwood did get opportunities they often turned the ball over or fired air balls from the perimeter that only seemed to fuel the Chargers' run-and-gun offense.

Trailing 49-25 after three quarters, the Sabers scored the first five points of the final stanza to cut the deficit to 50-30 and ignite a little hope with 6:47 left to play.

But at that point the Chargers kicked their defense into overdrive, their pressure and pace forcing turnover after turnover. D-C held Streamwood scoreless until 1:50 left when Vivian Sumoski dropped in a baseline drummer to make it 59-32, but by then the Chargers were little more than barely discernible taillights in the distance.