

## Press Clippings 5/4/2018

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### **Officials: Man entered Larkin sans permission**

Bus driver saw him walk in door after student has exited

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

Police and school officials are trying to determine how an unknown person gained entry to Larkin High School in Elgin on Tuesday.

In a note sent to parents, Larkin Principal Jamie Crosen described the “suspicious situation” that occurred just before classes were dismissed. A man was standing outside the visitors entrance and walked into the building via a door that was closing after a student exited.

According to Crosen, a bus driver parked nearby noticed a man walk in and reported what was observed. Staff immediately began to search for the man, assisted by students. Security cameras caught the person leaving the school about four minutes later, according to the letter.

Elgin police spokeswoman Kristie Hilton said they are working with **District U46** and Larkin officials but could provide no other information.

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### **Bringing history to life**

Elgin third-graders portray historical figures for ‘wax museum’

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Hilltop Elementary School third-graders created their own "wax museum" Thursday as part of an assignment on biographies of historical figures who accomplished something important.

Students at the Elgin school dressed up in costumes as their chosen figures might have worn and delivered short speeches, while family members and other Hilltop students toured the "museum."

"The goal of the assignment is to not only learn about all of the people, but to engage in conversations and begin to understand how our lives, society, culture and opportunities have changed because of these figures and their inventions, achievements and struggles," teacher Missy Ross said.

Students also completed other projects that were displayed outside the classroom. Among them was a student's persuasive writing on why a subject deserved the (pretend) honor of "Hilltop's Most Incredible Person Award."

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## **ECC's Dawn Munson receives Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award**

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Elgin Community College education professor Dawn Munson, Ed.D., received the American Association of Community Colleges' Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award, a national recognition for faculty members making a difference in the community college classroom.

Munson attended the AACC's annual convention in Dallas in late April to accept the award in person.

"Dr. Dawn Munson is an exemplary faculty member who is deeply committed to ensuring her students are successful in the workplace," said Peggy Heinrich, Ed.D., vice president of teaching, learning and student development. "In addition to preparing our future early childhood educators, Dawn is heavily involved in work outside of the classroom; including a recent project with **Elgin Area School District U-46** to develop an early college program. It is faculty members like Dawn who make ECC a center of excellence, and we are fortunate to have her as a part of the ECC community."

Munson was chosen to serve as ECC's nominee for the AACC's Distinguished Faculty award after being the top-scoring faculty nominee to receive the 2017 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award in December.

The other four ECC faculty members who were selected by a committee of faculty and administrators to receive the NISOD award for 2017 include: Divya Ajinth, M.S., Adult Basic Education and Secondary Education adjunct faculty; Soma Chattopadhyay, Ph.D., M.S., applied physical science adjunct faculty; Mary Peterhans, M.S.Ed., digital technologies adjunct faculty; and Greg Wheaton, M.S., instructor of mathematics.

## **SPORTS SECTION**

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## **SCN, Elgin looking forward to future**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The St. Charles North and Elgin boys volleyball teams shook hands and went their separate ways Thursday following North's 25-8, 25-13 Upstate Eight road win.

Their respective athletic programs part ways next month.

The Upstate Eight Conference as constituted since 2010 with 14 schools in two divisions is approaching sunset.

A new era dawns in the 2018-19 school year when St. Charles North, St. Charles East, Geneva and Batavia form the new DuKane Conference along with exiting DuPage Valley Conference members Wheaton Warrenville South, Wheaton North, Glenbard North and Lake Park.

The revised Upstate Eight will have 10 schools, retaining Larkin, Elgin, Streamwood, South Elgin, Bartlett, Glenbard East, West Chicago, West Aurora and East Aurora and adding Glenbard South, which exits the Metro Suburban Conference.

The changes mean Thursday's meeting between the North Stars and Maroons was "possibly the last time we'll see Elgin for a long time," St. Charles North coach Todd Weimer said.

From a boys volleyball standpoint, realignment should benefit both programs if not all involved.

DuKane Conference boys volleyball will be highly competitive. St. Charles North (17-9, 7-0) leads the UEC and can clinch no worse than a title share with a win against West Aurora in St. Charles on Tuesday. Geneva is tied for second with Bartlett, two games back in the loss column.

Joining the DKC affords the North Stars the opportunity to play fully developed programs with lower-level teams rather than play a one-sided UEC match against a District U-46 team like Elgin, where the program is in the process of finding an identity. Wheaton Warrenville South won seven boys volleyball state titles between 2004 and 2012. DVC leader Lake Park (25-4), ranked fourth in the Daily Herald Top 10, defeated St. Charles North in a 2017 sectional final and finished third at state. Wheaton North is 16-5.

"In this new league you won't be able to cut corners or slack, not that we ever do against the U-46 teams," Weimer said. "We run a tight ship and hold ourselves to a high standard, especially with academics. We try to make it uncomfortable in practice so they are ready for almost any situation in a game. It will be hard to win a championship in any sport in the new league. Teams will definitely earn it."

Elgin, like Streamwood, Larkin and South Elgin, has a young boys volleyball team likely a year or two away from being able to compete with the more-seasoned Tri-Cities programs. Next year, the Maroons will compete in an eight-team UEC (Glenbard South and East Aurora do not have boys volleyball teams).

Elgin coach Andrew LeGoff thinks Elgin can contend in the new UEC in time.

"A lot of these guys haven't played club, but they are going to start this year," said the first-year coach. "In a couple of years, I think we'd be able to compete with teams like St. Charles North. It will be interesting. All the U-46 teams are really young and getting better. I think it will be a competitive league."