

# New Dollar General site opens in Elgin

The store is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day

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ELGIN — Elgin has a new shopping option, one that has residents excited.

A Dollar General store opened in Elgin on Monday, Sept. 27, at 450 Baltimore St.

“I think it is a great addition to Elgin. It gives us a new opportunity to shop locally,” Elgin Mayor Risa Hallgarth said.

The store may become a one-stop-shopping destination for some. Dollar General offers a wide variety of items, including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, DVDs, toys and baby items.

In the future the store also will be carrying a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, according to a press release from Dollar General. The produce section will offer the top-20 items typically sold in traditional grocery stores and cover approximately 80% of produce categories most grocery stores carry.

Laura Parsons was among Dollar General’s opening-day customers and believes the store will be a popular addition.

“I think it is wonderful. All of Elgin is going to appreciate it. It is a mini Walmart,” she said.

Parsons believes that fewer people will be traveling from Elgin to shop at the Walmart in Island City because of the new Dollar General.

David and Teri Fuhrman, owners of Cowboy and Angel’s Place in Elgin, also were impressed with the new store. Teri Fuhrman said they intend to purchase many



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The Dollar General opened its doors on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, after a short development time brought the first big-chain business to Elgin.



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Laura Parsons browses the shelves at the newly opened Dollar General in Elgin along Highway 82 on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021.

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items, including canned food, for their restaurant from Dollar General because of its low prices.

Phyllis Bechtel also expressed enthusiasm for the new store. “It looks like it is going to come in handy. It will be a fun place to shop,” she said. “We won’t have to travel to La Grande as much to get things.”

Lisa Arnold also had a positive first take.

“The prices are low and the cashier was over-the-top friendly,” she said of her initial impression of Dollar General.

The store, open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, is on the eastern edge of Elgin adjacent to Highway 82.

Carl Vinson, who was among the first-day customers, believes more tourists will now be stopping in Elgin because the new store is so easy to pull into off the highway.

“It will help our economy,” said Vinson, an Elgin resident.

Dollar General will employ as many as 10 people, according to the press release.

Elgin’s Dollar General is among 65 in Oregon and upward of 17,000 across the United States, according to the chain’s website.

Suzannah Moore-Hemann, director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, hopes that the Dollar General will give

the local economy a boost.

“We are hoping it will bring good living-wage jobs to the county,” she said. “It is always exciting when a new business comes to our area.”

Dan Nieser, Dollar General’s senior vice president of real estate and store development, said the new store in Elgin will have a positive financial impact on the local economy.

“At Dollar General, we believe the addition of each new store provides positive economic growth for the communities we proudly serve, and the addition of our new Elgin store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience

that includes great prices on quality products in a convenient location,” Nieser said. “We look forward to welcoming customers to our new store and hope they will enjoy shopping at our new location.”

To commemorate the opening of the new Elgin store, Dollar General plans to donate 100 new books to a nearby elementary school to benefit students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Through a partnership with the Kellogg Co., the contribution will be part of a planned donation of more than 100,000 books across the country to celebrate new Dollar General store openings.



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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Metal pieces on some belts
6. Scheme
10. Drops the ball
14. Lock horns
15. City near Lake Tahoe
16. Italy’s shape
17. Alex Trebek’s closing line on “Jeopardy!” (In this clue’s answer, see letters 1 to 4)
20. It’s a mess
21. \_\_\_ brat
22. Mortarboard attachment
23. Classic Father’s Day gift
24. Scatter
25. Pool temperature tester
26. Method for determining an artifact’s age (... letters 4 to 7)
32. Earthy pigment
33. Dads
34. Egg on
38. 38, for a 19x2 rectangle
39. Supersized
41. Slip through the cracks?
42. Sometimes-green drinks
43. Big fuss
44. Rude look
45. “I’m doing it no matter what!” (... letters 2 to 5)
49. “This means \_\_\_!”
52. Sweet potato
53. Brazilian Carnival city, briefly
54. Public relations concerns
56. Coin that may feature the Vitruvian Man
57. One keeps a beaver busy
60. 2019 film whose secret agent protagonist becomes a pigeon, and a theme hint
63. “If all \_\_\_ fails ...”
64. Monopoly card
65. Message with a “To.” line
66. Stink to high heaven
67. Almost forever
68. Leaves for lunch?

### CLUES DOWN

1. Lip

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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2. Turkey \_\_\_ (fall run)
3. Like a tacky sweater
4. Group such as Outkast
5. Washington post
6. Aspiring doctor’s track, informally
7. Impose, as a tax
8. Unified
9. Hare’s fabled opponent
10. Flows back
11. It’s for the birds
12. Drive in Beverly Hills
13. Pizzazz
18. Broad smile
19. Sign of boredom
24. Certain way to go to a party
26. Jacket
27. 4,840 square yards
28. Perlman of “Cheers”
29. Lion, tiger or bear
30. Cook’s garment
31. Zest
35. Bring in the sheaves
36. Start of an idea
37. Duel tool
39. Put on hold
40. Levine of Maroon 5
44. Moe, Curly and Larry
46. Light or dark loaves
47. Members of an ancient Celtic religion
48. “Dear” ones
49. More sensible
50. Easily sufficient
51. Poker play
55. Nerd
56. Fall garden?
57. Watch face
58. China setting
59. Pinochle combo
61. “The Matrix” hero
62. Name within “human”

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