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Lansing's Human Relations Commission Formation continues after delay

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (December 22, 2017) - Development of Lansing's Human Relations Commission has been slower than anticipated through the fall, but efforts are expected to pick up in the new year.

Initially, the hope was to have the Commission in place by the end of 2017. However, a series of meetings between Village administration, the Lansing Police Department, and a group of citizens and clergy called the Lansing Community Coalition took priority.

"The meetings...have been more or less follow-up on what needs to happen so that we don't have a

situation unfold like one did at the end of June," said Village Administrator Dan Podgorski, referring to a confrontation between a black teenager and an off-duty Lansing police officer. The incident was captured on video and shared virally on social media.

That incident expedited Mayor Patty Eidam's campaign pledge to create a Human Relations Commission for Lansing.

SHIFTING FOCUS

So far, the administration's meetings have been focused on the relationship between the police department and the community, Podgorski said, but the focus will

shift to the Human Relations Commission going forward.

"We needed to pay attention to these community groups, [and] give them the attention and the priority, to make sure they understood that we were dealing with the situation in the right way," he said. "I think we've achieved that, but I think that's also been one of the reasons why the formation of the HRC is delayed a little bit."

"There's been a ton of dialogue on this," said Lansing's Director of Communications, Ken Reynolds. "Different groups have different suggestions for what the Village needs to do from this point forward, and the Village administration is reviewing what our plans were for the Human Relations Commission, and then comparing that to what some outside groups are looking for."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The main group in discussion



Pastor Leroy Childress helped lead the Community Meeting on August 16, 2017, and he has remained involved in conversations about the Human Relations Commission. (Photo: Matthew J. Splant)

with the Village has been the Lansing Community Coalition, which consists of local citizens and a number of clergy members—including Pastor Leroy Childress of

See "HRC," continued on page 10



In response to a June 24, 2017, incident between a black teen and a white police officer, Village of Lansing officials organized a Community Meeting at TF South on August 16. At that meeting Mayor Eidam included diversity in a list of qualities that make Lansing special, and she recommitted to her campaign pledge to create a Human Relations Commission. (Photo: Matthew J. Splant)

VILLAGE VOICE PARTY PLATFORM HIGHLIGHTS
 (PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE FULL PARTY PLATFORM)

- Public Safety**
 - Emphasize police patrols in our neighborhoods.
 - Develop neighborhood watch groups in all neighborhoods.
 - Create Human Relations Commission to engage all resident demographics - work with community churches and pastors to strengthen community ties.
- Economic Development**
 - Create a real-time data base of available properties for developers to access.
 - Restart the economic development committee, and recruit business leaders for appointment.
 - Create a marketing plan for key sections of Lansing - Ridge Road, Terrence Ave., Landings Shopping Center.
- Also**
 - Build a new Santa House in time for Christmas, 2017.
 - Keep the ambulance service for village residents based in our Fire Department.
 - Increase training and skills in the Public Works Department to reduce the amount of job-related work.

LARC gives back to Lansing Residents work and shop local

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (December 29, 2017) - Serving people with developmental disabilities has been LARC's mission since first opening its doors in 1956. Originally a school, LARC now serves approximately 100 adult clients each year and provides them the opportunity to work, live, and participate in the broader community.

LOCAL WORK

LARC collaborates with several local businesses to provide work and a paycheck for their clients. The work varies from packaging to-go utensils for Glenwood Oaks restaurant to assembling boxes for BMW auto parts. While most clients work inside the 16,000-square-foot

workshop on the LARC campus, several other people work outside the building. A janitorial crew of six works throughout downtown Lansing cleaning up the streets as well as cleaning the Lynwood Roller Rink a few times per week.

"The excitement that happens with this paycheck that they get every two weeks is really something special," said Ken Sadowski, Public Relations Director for LARC. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment. It gives them a sense of belonging."

DINING OUT

Other than working for local businesses, LARC clients give back

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Resolutions for Lansing

New Year's thoughts from our Village Trustees

COMPILED BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (January 2018) - In planning the first 2018 print edition of The Lansing Journal, we thought it might be fun to hear from our Trustees. We asked for a sentence or two with this as the theme:

What are your New Year's resolutions for Lansing?

Five of the six Trustees answered the question, and their answers follow.

TRUSTEE MAUREEN GRADY-PEROVICH

1. Continue to dialogue with residents so that all residents feel this board listens and responds to their questions, concerns, and/or comments!

2. Reach out to county, state, and federal officials to see how Lansing can work with them on projects important to Lansing.



TRUSTEE JERRY ZELDENRUST

I look forward to continuing the good work that we have established in 2017 as a board of trustees and leadership in our Village government. There is a real sense of unity and teamwork resulting from the renewed relationships with our various departments in the village. Trust and appreciation flows out of time spent together working on improving services while staying within our budgetary limitations, so I look forward to those types of things growing stronger in 2018. The Human Relations Commission is an important part of what I hope will be a great year of bridging the gap between people groups in the village in 2018. It takes a little while for a group of new trustees to learn their roles and turn from the inward focus of on the job training to an outward focus of accomplishing the goals of improvement, so in many ways it seems like we are just getting started. Building strong relationships, working on win/win solutions, and making sure all the voices in our village are being heard and appreciated should keep us all busy in the year to come.



TRUSTEE TONY DELAURENTIS

My New Year's resolution for Lansing is for it to continue to be a place that its residents can be proud of and to keep promoting activities and attractions that help Lansing promote that small hometown feeling we have grown "accustomed to."



TRUSTEE BRIAN HARDY

The continuation of the Village Board and Departments working well together. Working on the repair and repaving of the Village streets. And Economic Development and Building future.



TRUSTEE MIKE SKRBINA

I would like to get to know the men and women at the Public Works Department better in 2018. We also have a new Public Works building on our future plans. I have seen the blueprints, and the building looks great. We have purchased some property along Burnham Ave. This will allow us more room to place the new building. We can possibly place the building closer to Burnham Ave, making it easier for our residents to get to. So hopefully in 2018 we can get the ball rolling on the new facility. One thing you learn when you are in politics, things take time. Nothing really moves fast enough, but we will have a new building, and the men and women of our Public Works Department deserve it along with our residents.



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Subway® ‘Fresh Forward’ opens

Restaurant re-design includes digital menu boards, new products, a pre-order pick-up area, and other enhancements

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS

LANSING, Ill. (December 21, 2017) – The Subway® Restaurant located in the Landings Shopping Center has relocated to 17050 Torrence Avenue, taking on the “Fresh Forward” design that the Subway® chain introduced in July. The new Fresh Forward Subway® opened to the public on Thursday, December 21.

CELEBRATION SCHEDULED

The eatery will host a Grand Opening Event Weekend on January 19, 20, and 21, 2018, beginning with a 12-foot sandwich-cutting ceremony at 10:00am on Friday, January 19. Lansing Village Board members and Chamber of Commerce members are invited. Buy-One-Get-One-Free deals will be available during the entire weekend for all customers. No coupons are necessary.

NEW DESIGN

The Grand Opening will allow Lansing residents to experience

Subway’s new Fresh Forward design, which Subway is rolling out nationwide. “The goal of the new look,” said Krista McSwiggan, “is to offer our Subway® guests an enhanced Subway® experience, delivering bold and playful decor and a flexible, comfortable environment for dine-in or on-the-go customers.”

Other features of the new design include digital menu boards, wi-fi, a pre-order pick-up area, new ingredients, and a new Coke Flavor Shot soda machine offering over 60 flavor choices.

LOCAL OWNER

The newly updated Fresh Forward Subway® is owned and operated by Michael McSwiggan, who grew up in Lansing and is an alumnus of TF South from the class of 2000. McSwiggan has been a Subway® franchisee for over 10 years and owns two additional Subway® Restaurants—one in the Lansing Walmart and one in Orland Hills, Illinois.

McSwiggan already has a working relationship with other Lansing businesses and has personally delivered Subway® sandwich platters, box lunches, and giant subs for meetings and special events. “I enjoy working with different businesses on large catering orders to accommodate different budgets and needs,” he said. “We’ve catered to car dealerships, schools, large department stores—all different work environments for all different kinds of occasions.”

HOURS AND INFO

The Lansing Fresh Forward Subway®’s hours of operation are:

- Monday–Friday—7am to 10pm

Right: Owner Mike McSwiggan (center), Manager Judy Palcek (right), and Assistant Manager Stacy Miller are planning a Grand Opening to show off the new store’s Fresh Forward design. Below: Martha Little is a regular customer, and she appreciates that the “same friendly people” are at the new location. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)

- Saturday—8am to 10pm
 - Sunday—9am to 9pm
- Breakfast is available all day. Guests can pre-order meals using the Subway® app, which can be downloaded via Google Play and the Apple Store. For more information about the new 17050 Torrence Avenue Subway® or the Grand Opening that begins on January 19, contact Mike McSwiggan at 708-606-9811 or mrmcswiggan@yahoo.com.



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January 15: MLK celebration to be held at South Suburban College

BY PATRICIA MUHAMMAD

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (December 28, 2017) - School District 205, South Suburban College, and Thornton Township are hosting a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration titled, "Courage Now, Courage Tomorrow, Courage Forever," on January 15 at South Suburban College. Doors open at 9:00am, and the program begins at 10:00am, according to Communications and Media Director Ernst Lamothe Jr.

Lamothe said, "The purpose of the event is to celebrate the vision and heart of Dr. King's dream. It's also to celebrate as a community together, which is why this year's theme is named courage."

Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Ozzie Smith Jr. believes Dr. King's message is just as timely in today's social climate as it was in years past. Smith said, "Dr. King's dream is more necessary now than it's ever been. His message is as relevant now as it's ever been. We are going through such incredible times, and we have to rise and meet the challenge."

Lamothe commented, "With so much that has gone on in this country—not only during this year

but in recent years—there is a need to revisit not only how we got here, but how Dr. King's dream is still necessary today. We need to understand the importance of being together as a community."

HISTORY

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a southern black Baptist preacher and activist from Atlanta, Georgia, who started the Civil Rights Movement in 1954. King helped establish the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he advocated sit-ins and non-violent protests. With the SCLC and the NAACP, King pushed for integration and

social equality for blacks. Today, the Civil Rights Movement benefits people of all races and creeds.

King's life abruptly ended at the age of 39—he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis,

Tennessee. King's controversial death sparked civil unrest, violence, protests, and widespread vandalism.

Lamothe says, "History is something that is important for the younger generations to understand because it gives them a guiding light. It's hard to understand where you're going if you don't understand history."

COURAGE

The King celebration is an annual event that typically draws a crowd of more than 350 people. This year's "Courage" event will be the only sponsored King celebration hosted by Thornton Township.

South Suburban College is located at 15800 South State Street in South Holland, Illinois.



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Lansing thrift stores bring goodwill to area residents



Left: The New 2 You thrift store at 18230 Torrence Avenue helps provide education assistance at local schools. (Photo: Patricia Muhammad) Right: The Goodwill Store at 3769 Ridge Road focuses on education, training, and job placement, particularly for 16–24-year-olds. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY PATRICIA MUHAMMAD

LANSING, Ill. (December 23, 2017) - People from all races and economic backgrounds shop at thrift stores, but many don't realize the charitable work that thrift stores in the Lansing area are doing.

GOODWILL—GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

Guy Fisher, Vice President for Mission Advancement for the Northwest Indiana region in South Bend, Indiana, set the record straight about Goodwill being “just another thrift store.” Fisher explained that Goodwill provides much-needed educational and job services to the public. He said, “Our first and foremost goal is to help people get back to work. Outside of being a thrift store, our focus is on education, training, and job placement.”

In Lake County, Goodwill provides youth training, so 16–24-year-olds receive job placement with local businesses while they get paid for the work they do.

Fisher furthered commented: “There is a misconception out there somehow that Goodwill is a national corporation that has an owner somewhere who is pulling all the strings, telling us what to do, and making all sorts of money. That is so far from the truth!”

Shoppers can easily buy “an already worn coat, a pair of boots or wool sweater,” but in addition, thrift stores are silent unsung heroes providing special services to the public, and the magnitude of their public service is far-reaching.

HIGH SCHOOL HELP

Fisher stated that in the fall of this year, Goodwill opened the Excel Center in Hammond to help adults in Indiana get their high school diploma by purchasing a building and renovating it into a high school. “This is not a GED program,” he explained. “The diploma is the Indiana High

School Diploma, the same thing at Crown Point, Lake Central, and Gary.” The Excel Center’s grand opening is February 2018.

Fisher relayed that there are 162 Goodwill regions in the US, and they are all part of the Greater Goodwill family. Goodwill covers 16 counties in Northwest Indiana, and the Lansing Goodwill—right on the Indiana border—is one of the many Goodwill stores in the region.

Goodwill takes 88 cents of every dollar of Goodwill purchases and donates the funds back toward internal initiatives centered on education, training, and job placement. “The dollar amount put back toward mission tells you whether or not [nonprofits] are true at doing what they say they do,” Fisher said.

Goodwill started over 115 years ago by the Rev. Edgar J. Helms of Boston. Helms was a Methodist minister who helped the poor with clothing items and used home goods.

NEW 2 YOU—PROVIDING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

New 2 You is another thrift store that believes in giving back. Since the store’s beginning, it has made significant contributions to Lansing Christian School in Lansing, and Calvin Christian School in South Holland. “All proceeds go back to Calvin and Lansing Christian School. We pay our bills, and the schools receive the remaining donations. New 2 You donated over three million dollars over the past 17 years,” said Trisha Boss, Director of New 2 You.

Parents who work at the store receive credit towards their children’s

tuition. Work is strictly volunteer. Those who volunteer are mostly grandparents, aunts, uncles, and graduates whose children attend Lansing Christian School or Calvin Christian School.

INVESTING IN LANSING

The store was once located in Calumet City and known as Harvest Thrift Center. But when the anchor store in that shopping plaza left, sales at the thrift store began to decline. The Board began searching for a new location.

The former Dekker Electric building near the corner of Ridge Road and Torrence Avenue in Lansing was available. Because the building had been vacant for a number of years and had been vandalized, the Board committed to investing the time and resources needed to make the store an inviting place to shop. The store, renamed New 2 You, opened its doors for business on December 4, 2015.

Shoppers find clothing items,

furniture, seasonal items, toys, books, housewares, jewelry and crafts, shoes and purses, and antiques. Boss commented, “We try to keep the store nice and clean, and it is well organized.” Volunteers keep the store tidy. They sort clothing, place clothing items on racks, and receive items in the back of the store.

In turn, New 2 You gives back to all its volunteers. She said, “For one week during mid-December, there is a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.”

THRIFTY SHOPPING

New 2 You is located at 18230 Torrence Avenue. Store hours are Tuesday–Friday 9:00am–3:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am–3:00pm. Sunday and Monday the store is closed.

You can find Goodwill in Lansing at 3769 Ridge Road. The store hours are Monday–Friday 9:00am–7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am–7:00pm; Sunday 12:00–5:00pm.

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The Lansing Journal is a community newspaper. We welcome input from fellow residents who have thoughtful things to say about topics that are important to our community.

This month we asked people for ideas about events and activities that Lansing can host in our new Fox Pointe venue when it's completed this fall.

The Lansing Journal has no involvement with scheduling events at Fox Pointe. We were only interested in gathering ideas from the Lansing community. We appreciate the creative thinking that people put into their answers!

Fox Pointe possibilities

THOUGHTFUL IDEAS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

PATRICIA YOS

- Christkindlmarket
- Battle of the Bands (remember those in the tennis courts at Lan-Oak Pool?)
- Summertime reunion picnics
- Flower and Garden Shows with sales of flowers and garden goods
- Movie nights in the summer
- Pet Parades
- Art classes (open air)

TIM GROENEWOLD

I imagine sitting on the nicely mowed lawn at night and watching a kids movie with my family on a nice summer night with popcorn and pop. Bethel Church in Lansing here actually did that a couple of years ago in that very spot, and it was a wonderful time.

BILL SIMON

I want to see a blues/jazz festival. Every summer Toranzo Cannon has played under the clock tower with inferior lighting, sound, and no stage. I really enjoy his blues guitar playing

and he deserves to be a headliner on the new stage.

TARAS MANDZIJ

Concerts. Family movies. Comedians.

KAREN KIJEWski

Love this idea of asking everyone!

JOHN GEHRING

Concerts

MICHAEL ANDREW KRUSZA

Amdur Art Festival. I can contact Amy directly if needed.

AMANDA SPAULDING

After attending the Christmas tree lighting for the past couple of years, I thought it'd be really nice if the children's choirs could sing on the stage for us, followed by a short walk to the tree for the lighting.

A Christkindlmarket, opening with the Tree Lighting ceremony and Santa's House, and complete with carolers on stage, a Christmas tree



The Fox Pointe pavilion, December 2017 (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

lot, and a temporary ice skating rink perhaps set up in Winterhoff Park.

Those are my thoughts. Thank you so much for asking. Looking forward to the Fox Pointe opening.

Me again! I am thinking about the car shows this time. How about some period music that reflects the days of the cars that are showcased in the car shows? Barber shop quartets, 50s rock and roll, 60s motown, and 70s disco performances? Along with food vendors in the Fox Pointe area? It'd be a nice place to sit, eat, and enjoy some good music after viewing all of the beautiful cars.

Thanks again!

MICHELE HASZ

Taste of Lansing

BILL HARRISON

Have a local business weekend where local businesses can set up a booth and meet citizens of Lansing

while also having concerts featuring local talent. Have one weekend where it's all about celebrating Lansing residents and businesses.

KRIS O'CONNOR

Fox Pointe farmers market

JOSEPH BUGAJSKI

Something like a pierogi fest, some polka bands and food vendors.

How about a British invasion with cover bands and food vendors?

ELLEN-MARIE ALLEN

Music, drama, comedy, amateur nights, competitions, demonstrations, award ceremonies, school bands and choirs, lectures, debates... Will there be a concession stand too?

GEORGE LITKE

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Class begins Wednesday, January 17

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 27, 2017) - Lt. Scott Bailey of the Lansing Police Department says there is still room available in the Citizen's Police Academy that begins January 17, 2018.

Scheduled topics include Social Media and Law Enforcement, Police Ethics, Crime Scene Processing, Criminal Law and Procedure, Use of Force, Drug Use, and Canine Demonstrations.

Lt. Bailey will do some of the teaching, but he will also bring in guest experts on many of the topics.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

The academy is open only to Lansing residents, though enrollment may be extended outside of Lansing if room in the class is available.

The classes are free, and a background check is done on all enrollees. A simple application form gathers basic information—name, address, phone, employer, and one reference, along with an explanation of why you want to attend the Citizen's Police Academy.

CONTACT INFO

The upcoming Lansing Citizen's Police Academy will run on Wednesdays, January 17–March 14, from 7:00–9:30pm.

Classes are held at the Lansing Police Department, 2710 170th Street in Lansing. Contact Lt. Scott Bailey for more information or to enroll: 708-895-7130 or sbailey@villageoflansing.org.



The Fox Pointe stage, December 2017 (Photo: Matthew J. Splant)

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Above: Lt. Scott Bailey (left) and Sgt. Gabe Barajas will lead the Citizen's Police Academy that begins January 17. Right: Classes will be held at the Lansing Police Department, 2710 170th Street. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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to the community by choosing a Lansing restaurant to dine at every payday for their aptly named "payday dinners." In the past, they have visited Baker's Square, Mancino's, and Bohemian Joe's.

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to the payday dinners, LARC clients also participate in a monthly dance put on by Thornton Township, weekly trips to the Lansing Public Library, and bowling nights on Monday.

"They do things that you and I might do," said Ernie Gonzalez, LARC's Executive Director. "Our goal for the coming year is to get them out in the community more and become active members of the community."

IN THE COMMUNITY

Additionally, LARC also offers home-based care and has 11 group homes, referred to as CILAs (community integrated living arrangements), throughout Lansing that house 4-5 clients each. LARC is currently hiring Residential Living Assistants to work in the group homes and ensure clients' safety while assisting with daily activities.

Although several clients already work outside of LARC's main facility, one of their goals for 2018 is to get more of their clients jobs throughout Lansing. Gonzalez says all they need is a chance.

"We want other organizations to let somebody be a bus boy or wash

dishes or do something to get them out in the community," he explained. "We want to be able to take them out and show them that they can have the same kind of experiences out there."

GREATER INVOLVEMENT

Moving forward into 2018, Gonzalez says he hopes that clients will be afforded the opportunity to attend events such as concerts, dances, and church, just to name a few. Any residents or businesses that are interested in working with LARC are encouraged to call and offer up their suggestions.

"Think about ways to reach out, think about ways to embrace this organization, think about ways to get involved," said Sadowski. "Make contributions that the clients of LARC are making back to the community."

In the future, LARC hopes to have open houses, internships, and more events that allow Lansing residents to learn more about LARC as well as get involved. Awareness is key to successful partnerships.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND COLLABORATION

"I want people to realize that our clients do contribute to this community," Gonzalez said. "LARC is changing. LARC wants to be a partner and collaborate with the folks in Lansing. We want to give our clients experiences that they haven't had before."



Above: LARC Executive Director Ernie Gonzalez shows one of the jobs his clients do—packaging a specified number of nasal spray units into cartons that will be shipped to distributors. LARC also packages utensils for Glenwood Oaks restaurant and assembles specialty shipping boxes for BMW auto parts.

Right: LARC patronizes Lansing businesses as much as possible. Waldo Cooney's pizza was a highlight of their Christmas party.

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'Safe, protected, and loved'

The legacy of Anthony 'Tuffie' Pate

BY PATRICIA MUHAMMAD

SAVING THE WORLD

Anthony Pate earned the nickname Tuffie because he would defend anyone who called on him. "I told him when he was a teenager that he could not save the world," said his mother.

But Tuffie was determined to do something positive with his life. Throughout high school he stayed out of gangs, and shortly after graduation he joined the Navy and entered Naval Station Norfolk, a base in Norfolk, Virginia. Tuffie's departure from the old neighborhood gave him something new to look forward to, and it gave his mother a sense of relief.

BEST FRIENDS

James Cobbins and Tuffie were best friends in high school, as close as brothers. "Tuffie was my superhero. He was like a big brother to me," Cobbins said. After Tuffie's departure Cobbins struggled to find a sense of belonging. His parents noticed.

When Tuffie was home on a short military leave, Cobbins' father took him to Tuffie's home in Harvey.

"My father felt that Tuffie and I needed to have a man-to-man talk, since I seemed to start straying on the wrong path," Cobbins recalled.

Those "tough love" talks kept Cobbins grounded.

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

But one wintry day, the unimaginable happened. According to a report given by Tuffie's mother, Tracy Pate, her son received a distressing call from the wife of a navy buddy. She was being threatened, and her husband was at sea when she called him, so he told her to call Tuffie, knowing Tuffie would help. Pate says her son arrived on the scene and was stabbed to death as he attempted to save his friend's wife.

THE TUFF LUV MOVEMENT

That was December 7, 2003. In the years since, Cobbins has diligently kept Tuffie's memory alive—by following his example and making positive change.

"I have a movement called Tuff Luv," said Cobbins, whose business is headquartered in Lansing. "The name Tuff Luv comes from my friend... Tuffie. I take anything that I do or any type of work I do to give back, and I call all my businesses Tuff Luv."

These days, under his Tuff Luv Entertainment initiative, Cobbins helps his sister Christina in the development of an all-girls' basketball program in Crete, Illinois. Last month, Cobbins and



From left: James Cobbins, Tracy Pate (Tuffie's mom), and Carmen Pate are keeping alive the legacy of Anthony "Tuffie" Pate.

Below: Anthony Cory Pate, 1982-2003 (Photos provided by family)



his godsister Carmen Pate, joined together to launch a toy drive for more than 150 boys and girls. Through the years, Cobbins has reached out to help school children and single moms by providing book bags and school supplies.

Tuffie was a courageous soul who will be remembered as kind-hearted, thoughtful, and caring. He laid his life down so someone else

could be spared.

Cobbins said of his friend, "He was a giver and a protector. He changed my life. He was a motivator and kept my head on straight. Tuffie reminded me of Vin Diesel in the movie *Fast and Furious*. Once you became part of Tuffie's family, you always felt safe, protected, and loved."

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Grace Church in Lansing.

"Yes, there has been dialogue, and we are moving forward to what I would hope to be good results," Childress said. "I think we're moving forward to a similar goal."

"People want to know that there's progress—that something concrete is going to evolve from the meetings," Podgorski said. "One of the end results is in fact the formation of the commission."

NEXT STEPS

The next step in putting the commission together will be a workshop-type meeting, scheduled for

sometime in January. The meeting will include members of the administration, members of the coalition,

Village Administrator Dan Podgorski is hopeful that the formation of the Human Relations Commission will help the Village avoid another incident like the one that went viral last June. (Photo from Village website)



and potentially one or two elected officials. The workshop is to establish the structure and goals of the commission—as well as the application process, which will be publicized for the Lansing community.

BOARD INVOLVEMENT

Creating the commission and choosing its members will ultimately be up to the Village Board. "We would put together a structure and objective for the commission, and have it adopted in the form of ordinance

or resolution that will establish the commission—the number of members, what their terms would be, how they are selected, and what their role would be," Podgorski said.

Applications from potential commission members will be reviewed by the administration, and then the mayor will bring her commission appointees to the Village Board meeting, to be voted on by the trustees.

"That's how all our other commissions work," Podgorski said.

All this is expected to take place in the next few months. "I think it's reasonable to say that sometime during first quarter of 2018, we will have the commission in place—or we'll be close to having it in place," Podgorski said.

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OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER

A funeral Mass for Helen E. "Georgie" Alexander (nee Siebielec) will be held Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Charles Niblick officiating.

Mrs. Alexander was born February 22, 1922 and passed away December 25, 2017. Wife of the late Donald Alexander. Mother of Donna (late Kenneth) Carroll, and James (Deana) Alexander. Grandmother of 7 and one late grandson; great-grandmother of 13. Sister of Julia (late Claude) Harmening, late Julius Siebielic, and the late Ann (late Bruno) Toczek.

Interment will be at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

BEDNARCZYK

A funeral service for Frank J. Bednarczyk was held Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

Mr. Bednarczyk was born April 17, 1950 and passed away December 25, 2017. Father of Matthew (Judy) Bednarczyk, Kimberly (Jeremy) Overholt, Kathleen, Mitchell, Martin, and Michael Bednarczyk. Grandfather of 5; great-grandfather of one. Brother of Richard.

Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

DAVIDOVICH

A prayer service for Bruno B. Davidovich was held Friday, December 29, 2017 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Mr. Timothy Smits officiating.

Mr. Davidovich was born April 16, 1947 and passed away December 24, 2017. Husband of Jean Davidovich. Father of Laura (John Freeman) Davidovich, Michael (Maria) Davidovich, and Jaime (Clifton) Van Winkle. Grandfather of 6. Brother of Mara, Dorothy, Rose, Milan, and the late Steven.

Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

DE GRAFF

A private family service for Norma De Graff (nee Samsel) will be held at a later date.

Mrs. DeGraff was born June 30, 1928 and passed away December 30, 2017. Wife of the late Melvin "Muff" DeGraff. Mother of Randy (Susan) DeGraff, Gary (Kim) DeGraff, and Gail (Patrick) Deane. Grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Jeanne (late Earl) Baylor, the late Robert (Bev) Samsel, and Janet Conner.

Interment will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

GOUWENS

A funeral service for Roger L. Gouwens was held Friday, December 29, 2017 at Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland, IL with Rev. Kenneth Krestan officiating.

Mr. Gouwens was born August 3, 1932 and passed away December 25, 2017. Husband of Elaine Gouwens (nee Stegenga). Father of Lori (Jeff) Reidenga and Larry (Pam) Gouwens and the late Christie Rae Gouwens. Grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Brother of Nancy (Wayne) Van Swol.

Interment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

HOWELL

A funeral Mass for Karen Lyn Howell (nee Bellinghausen) was held Thursday, December 28, 2017 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Charles Niblick officiating.

Mrs. Howell was born June 27, 1951 and passed away December 24, 2017. Wife of Thom D. Howell. Mother of Tanya Sheely, Brian Norris, Tiffany (John) Blosky, and

the late Shaun Norris. Grandmother of 7. Sister of 4.

Interment was at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville, IN. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

JOHNSON

A funeral mass for Anna W. Johnson (nee Hoebe) was held Saturday, December 30, 2017 at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in South Holland, IL with Rev. John Powers officiating.

Mrs. Johnson was born April 30, 1922 and passed away December 25, 2017. Wife of the late Allen Johnson. Mother of Darlene Johnson, Geri (Chuck) Frank, John (Gary Sheridan) Johnson, Kenneth (Keri) Johnson and the late Turine Johnson. Grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 7. Sister of Gen (late Eddie) Ziert.

Interment was at Oakland Memory Lanes, Dolton, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

MOTTL

A Funeral Mass for James Joseph Mottl Jr. was offered on December 29, 2017 from St. Michael Church with Rev. Burak officiating.

Mr. Mottl Jr. was born January 7, 1953 and died December 24, 2017. He was the son of James Sr. and Rose Mottl; brother of Thomas (Mary) Mottl.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

OPPENHUIS

A funeral service for William R. Oppenhuis was held Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Lansing, IL, with Rev. Cal Aardsma officiating.

Mr. Oppenhuis was born December 7, 1938 and passed away December 26, 2017. Husband of Sandra Oppenhuis (nee Swart). Father of Michael (Linda) Oppenhuis, Michelle (Steven) VanBeck, Ross (Lori) Oppenhuis, and Robert (Kimberly) Oppenhuis. Grandfather of 13. Brother of Donna (Ray) Fuller, Cheryl (Larry) Morrone, and the late Arlene Meadows.

Interment was at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

RENNWANZ

A funeral service for Lucille E. Rennwanz (nee Lorenz) will be held Thursday, January 4, 2018 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Holland, IL with Rev. Wanda Parker officiating.

Mrs. Rennwanz was born February 4, 1927 and passed away Friday, December 22, 2017. Wife of the late George H. Rennwanz. Mother of Judie Rennwanz, Carol Rennwanz, George (Marlene) Rennwanz, Alan Rennwanz, and Christine Cunningham. Grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Charles (Charlotte) Lorenz. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

SHEM

A Funeral Mass for Roger D. Shem was offered on December 30, 2017 from St. Michael Church with Rev. Burak officiating.

Mr. Shem was born May 8, 1926 and died December 26, 2017. He was the husband of Phyllis (nee Ferris); father of Jacqueline Runia, Donna (Barry) O'Keefe, Bert (Gina) Shem, Cheryl (James) Kettmann, and Christine (Timothy) Hammond; grandfather of David, Elizabeth, Owen, Jay, Christine, Kay, Sean, and Daniel.

Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

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Understanding Lansing

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (January 2018) - If you've ever wondered why Lansing has an airport, or what a Trustee does, or how many people work at Village Hall, you are not alone. Though Lansing has maintained a small-town atmosphere in our neighborhoods and businesses, there is a complex network of people and positions who are involved in day-to-day operations.

The Lansing Journal is beginning

this "Understanding Lansing" series as a guide for residents who want to see the key roles and how they work together.

THIS CHART

The organizational chart below shows only the names and positions that are most familiar to most Lansing residents. At the top are the Department Heads, who have various interactions with the public. Near the bottom are the elected officials

who were chosen by the community.

The **BLUE BOX** positions are all appointments, not hires, which means they require approval by the Board of Trustees.

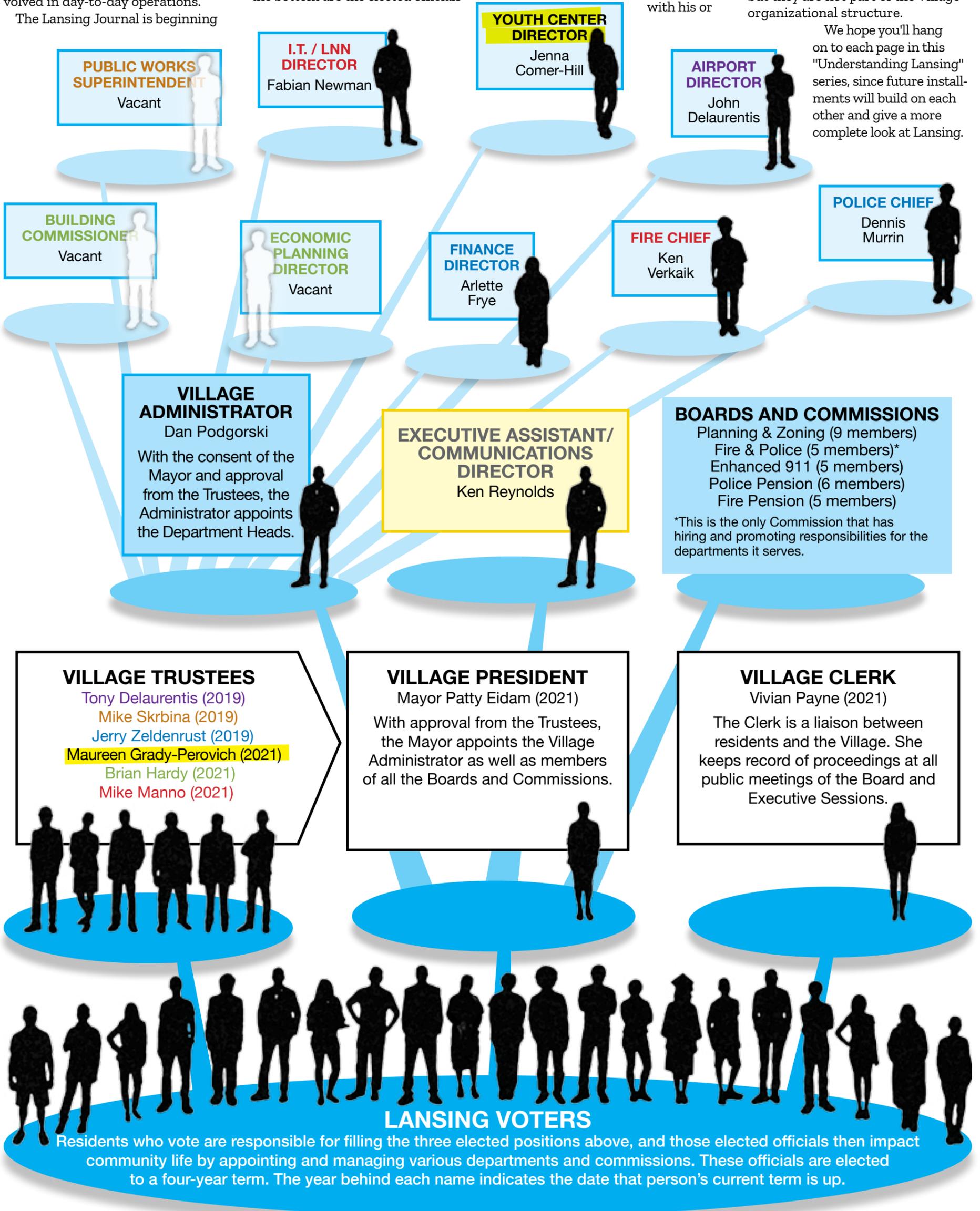
The Trustees are **COLOR CODED** to show which Department Heads the Mayor has assigned them to. The Trustees are not in a supervisory role over the Department Heads, but each Trustee is expected to be familiar with his or

her department and to provide a report of that department's activities at Village Board meetings.

JUST A SLICE

This particular chart shows just a slice of Lansing; it does not include the School Boards, the Library Board, or the Parks Board, for example. Those Boards are separate entities whose members are elected and have an impact on community life, but they are not part of the Village organizational structure.

We hope you'll hang on to each page in this "Understanding Lansing" series, since future installments will build on each other and give a more complete look at Lansing.



Residents who vote are responsible for filling the three elected positions above, and those elected officials then impact community life by appointing and managing various departments and commissions. These officials are elected to a four-year term. The year behind each name indicates the date that person's current term is up.

New programs, affordable prices make 2018 a good year to get active

Lan-Oak Park District offers “a good variety” at Eisenhower Center

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (January 2018) - Throughout the year, the Lan-Oak Park District offers a wide variety of classes and programs for residents of Lansing and beyond. This season, an array of new offerings has been added to the list.

Oralethea Davenport, Superintendent of Recreation and Finance for the park district, explained that people of any age can enjoy the programs, from babies to seniors.

“We try to offer a good variety [of programs] so everybody can find something here, no matter their age,” Davenport said. “...I think it’s very important for people to be able to have a place like this, that offers such a variety of programs and activities.”

NEW PROGRAMS

New programs this season include Flavors of the World, African Dancing, and Social Media 101. The Park District catalog says Flavors of the World will “wake up your taste buds” with recipes from around the globe, while African Dancing offers students a high-intensity workout that teaches the “fundamentals

of West African dance and drum rhythms.”

Social Media 101 will be offered to two different age groups: 11–13 years and 30+ years. For the younger group, the class will teach participants how to safely navigate social media sites, while the 30+ crowd will learn to fully utilize various outlets such as Facebook and Twitter.

FOR BABIES AND PARENTS

In addition to these programs, there are new offerings for “tiny tots,” children ages 1–3. Babies Can Make Music is an interactive class for children ages 2–3 that includes movement, instrument playing, and puppets. New parents can participate in Humpty Who? For Clueless Parents, a “crash course” program that focuses on nursery rhymes.

SOMETHING FOR SENIORS

Seniors also have their choice of new programs, including the AARP Tax Return Preparation Services and Balloon Volleyball, a modified version of the classic game.

AFFORDABLE FITNESS

“There’s not a lot of places that you can go and find something

that’s affordable,” Davenport said. “Our fitness rates are affordable; our class rates are affordable... You can get out and meet new friends, and just enjoy your community.”

DON’T WAIT

Registration for all winter/spring classes is now open, and residents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

“People tend to think, when they look at the brochure, that a registration deadline means that’s the day [to] come in and register. ...If there’s a program you see that you know you’ll want to participate [in], go ahead and sign up for it,” Davenport said. “Not only do you solidify

your spot, but that also ensures that your program will [run] and have good attendance.”

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Although the park district currently offers a wide variety of programs, residents are always encouraged to suggest new classes that can be incorporated. Citizens can contact Oralethea Davenport in writing at the Eisenhower Center or via her email address, odavenport@lanoakparkdistrict.org.

For more information on the Lan-Oak Park District and all it has to offer, visit the Eisenhower Center at 2550 178th Street in Lansing or www.lanoakparkdistrict.org.

TF South receives grant for Science Department

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

LANSING, Ill. (December 13, 2017) - TF South High School received a \$1,000 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program, in conjunction with Ridgeway Petroleum of Lansing, Illinois, to support the school’s Science Department.

A representative of Lansing Mobil Services worked with school officials to secure the grant, which is one of 4,000 available. “We are proud to be a part of the efforts by TF South High School to continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities to the young people of Lansing,” the representative said. “As a Mobile retailer,

I am committed to giving back to the community that has helped me build my business.”

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

TF South Principal Jake Gourley accepts a grant from ExxonMobil Foundation, presented by Shelia Vaughan, Human Resources Director of Ridgeway Petroleum. (Photo provided)



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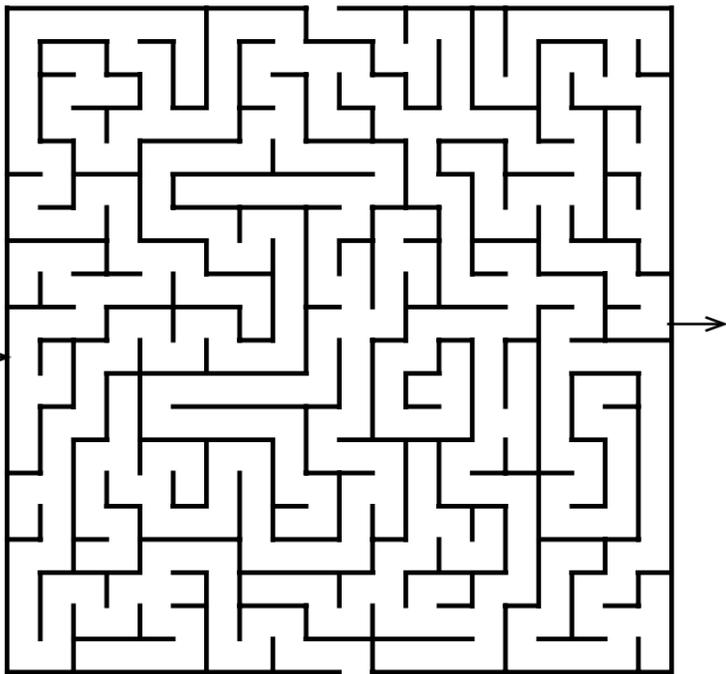
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- Voting groups
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- Info about one's education and work history
- Rice cooked in broth
- Irate
- Sightseeing excursions
- The "L" of XXL
- "Dear old" guy
- "... or ___!"
- Fast talk
- Flimsy, as an excuse
- "Comprende?"
- Certain print
- Molecule consisting of two identical, simpler molecules
- Bar offering
- Men in Spain
- Manned artificial satellites (2 wds)
- Low, indistinct, continuous sound
- Laugh-a-minute folks
- Ishmael's people
- Get a wife
- Impede, with "down"
- Ancient Andean
- Rice ___
- Honey
- "Welcome" site
- Library device
- Poisonous substance in a snake bite
- Territory ruled by an Islamic chieftain
- Run
- Without doubt
- Associate
- Botherer
- "The English Patient" setting

Down

- Rich cakes, in Austria
- Brooks Robinson, e.g.
- Treat badly
- Prior to, old-style
- Small songbirds
- Columbus Day mo.
- "That's it!"
- Balcony section
- "___ to Billie Joe"
- Indian herb having aromatic seeds
- Soft-shell clams
- Crude stone artifacts
- Trash hauler
- Venomous Old World snakes
- Westerly wind above the tropical prevailing wind
- ___-guided
- A floor covering (shortened, pl.)
- Slimy protective secretion
- Pan, e.g.
- Brazilian dance
- Alibi
- Called by a family identifier, such as Smith
- "___ makes perfect"
- Delivery by parachute
- Injured
- Bred
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TF South cheerleading team takes first place



The Competitive Coed Cheerleading Team took first place in Sunday's competition at Oswego East. (Photos provided)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TF SOUTH

LANSING, Ill. (December 18, 2017) – Head Coach Jordan Martin shared the following information about her cheerleading team's recent accomplishment:

- The competition was at Oswego East High School.
- We took first place out of six coed teams.
- It was our second competition of the season. Our first competition was at Andrew High School, where we took fourth place out of eight teams.
- This was the first "first place" awarded to TFS Cheer in over five years.
- We have a fairly young team; most of the kids have never competed before.

Coach Martin said the team's next competition will be at Oak Forest High School on Sunday, January 14. She added, "We're now working on adding difficulty to our routine to prepare for sectionals on January 27, where we hope to be the first TF South cheerleading team to go to IHSA State."





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South Shore Arts exhibit honors Babe Ruth, Jonathan Toews, Michael Jordan, and more

For the Love of the Game includes rare photos, signed baseballs, unique artwork

INFORMATION AND PHOTOS FROM SOUTH SHORE ARTS

MUNSTER, Ind. (December 2017) - South Shore Arts—located within the Center for Visual and Performing Arts—is pleased to present *For the Love of the Game: Major League Sports in Art & Memorabilia*, a blockbuster exhibit celebrating great American sports traditions, heroes, and teams from across the nation that, throughout our history, have made sports a form of entertainment that has bonded family, friends, and communities.

For the Love of the Game will include a wide-spread collection of rare photographs, signed baseballs, and unique portraits from sports collectors across the region, along with artwork that honors the greats of the games.

Highlights of the exhibit include portraits and action shots from the origins of baseball at the turn of the 20th Century, including all-star players from the first Major League Baseball All Star Exhibition Game held at Comiskey Park as part the 1933 Chicago's World Fair. The game featured Lou Gehrig, the greatest first baseman of all time; Chicago White Sox Outfielder Al Simmons; and legendary baseball player Babe Ruth, who highlighted the game by hitting a two-run home run to right field in the bottom of the third inning.

Several works by famed artist LeRoy Niemen, known for his brilliantly colorful expressionistic

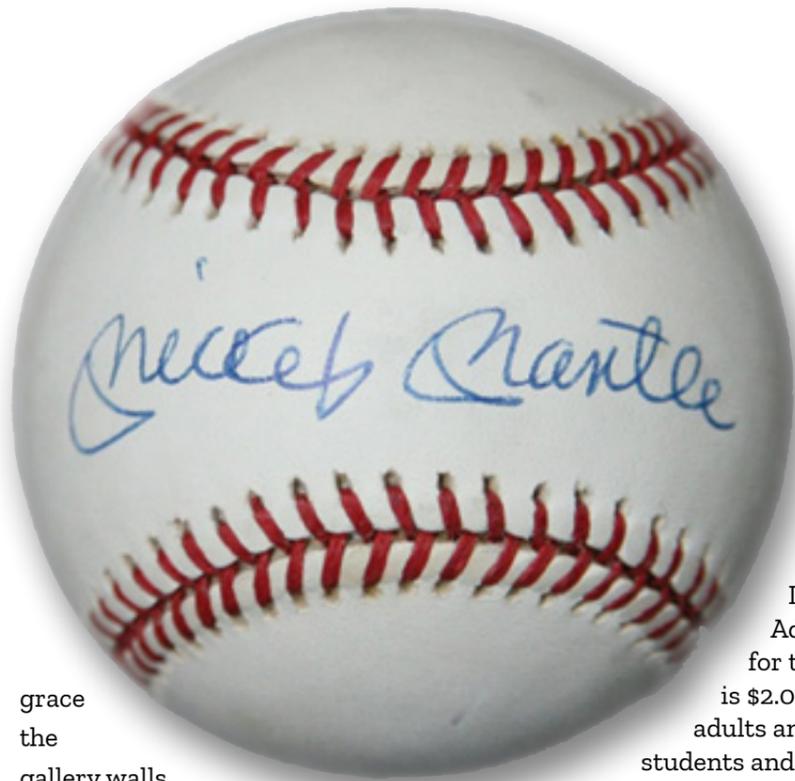
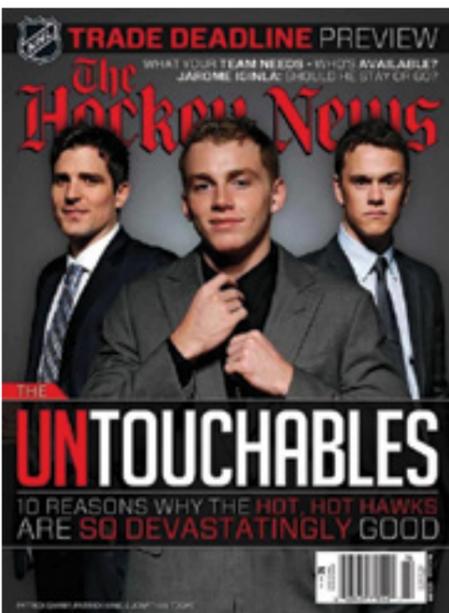
paintings and screen prints of famous athletes, will be displayed, including prints of Willie Mays, Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, and several horse racing works, one featuring

Secretariat, the thoroughbred who became the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years in 1973.

Chicago artist Mark McMahon's signature paintings of Chicago stadiums and the die-hard fans that fill them game after game will also be featured, one depicting the hard-fought 2010 Stanley Cup championship with Chicago Blackhawk fans taking to the streets in joyful celebration.

The Blackhawks will be well represented with photos from their 2010, 2013, and 2015 Stanley Cup Championship wins. Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, and other teammates who helped hoist the cup will be featured in the gallery, along with greats like Wayne Gretzky, who many call the greatest hockey player of all time.

The iconic Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and Michael Jordan will all



grace the gallery walls.

Signed basketballs, famous game photos, and even some books will be available to peruse about the games in which these famous athletes played.

For the Love of the Game: Major League Sports in Art & Memorabilia will run through January 28, 2018,

at the Center For Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Admission for the show is \$2.00 for adults and free for students and South Shore Arts Members.

Do-cent-led tours of the exhibit can be scheduled by calling 219-836-1839, x108. For more information visit www.southshoreartsonline.org.

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Curtis Granderson to speak at First United Methodist Church

Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 6:00pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LANSING, Ill. (December 26, 2017) - Professional baseball player and TF South alum Curtis Granderson will return to Lansing on Saturday, January 6. He will be speaking at the First United Methodist Church at 18420 Burnham Avenue, and the public is invited.

At 5:00pm the church will host a chili dinner in their fellowship hall. At 6:00pm Granderson will speak in the sanctuary, sharing his life and work. Both events are open to the public, and there is no charge for either one.

Granderson grew up in Lynwood, Illinois, playing Little League and attending Nathan Hale Elementary School, Heritage Middle School, and TF South High School, where he played baseball and basketball. He attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and led the UIC Flames in home runs and walks.

According to Wikipedia: "Curtis Granderson Jr. (born March 16, 1981) is an American professional baseball outfielder who is a free agent. He has played in Major League Baseball for the Detroit Tigers (2004–2009), New York Yankees (2010–2013), New York Mets (2014–2017) and Los Angeles Dodgers (2017). He throws right handed and bats left handed." Wikipedia also cites Granderson's commitment to community and charitable works.

Granderson has been an overseas ambassador for baseball, and in 2011 he was voted one of the friendliest players in the Majors.

He wrote a book that was published in August 2009. And he started the "Grand Kids Foundation" to raise money for the education of inner-city children. The charity is close to his heart, and at the January 6 event a free will offering will be taken to support its work.

First United Methodist Church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue in Lansing. For more information about Curtis Granderson's visit, call 708-474-1144 or email lanumc@sbcglobal.net.

Left: Curtis Granderson in 2014, when he played for the New York Mets. (Photo: Wikimedia Commons)

Thornton Township announces baby photo contest

#ThorntonTownshipBaby

BY ERNST LAMOTHE JR.

THORNTON TOWNSHIP, Ill. (December 27, 2017) - Thornton Township is having a social media baby photo contest. Families who received a free "I'm a Thornton Township baby" onesie during the holidays are invited to do two things.

1. Take a cute photo of your child wearing the Thornton Township onesie.
2. Post the photo on your favorite social

media platform with the hashtag #ThorntonTownshipBaby.

3. Choose your best photos and email them to Ernst Lamothe (elamothe25@gmail.com). Emailed photos will be entered to win a prize.

The contest began before Christmas and will continue into January.

For more information or to get a free onesie so your child can participate, call Thornton Township: 708-596-6040, x3150.



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