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Lansing Police Chief Dennis Murrin (left) and Sgt. Gabe Barajas (right) met with Dr. Eric Edwards at a February 26 press conference. Dr. Edwards is one of the founders of Kaléo, a pharmaceutical company that is making and donating Evzio, the first overdose prevention product that is FDA-approved for use by people outside of a healthcare setting. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

ORLAND PARK, Ill. (February 26, 2018) – “If there’s a department that really stands out,” said Orland Park Fire Chief Michael Schofield, “it is Lansing.” Schofield was addressing the crowd at a press conference held for the purpose of providing an update on the life-saving efforts of 53 Cook County police departments enrolled in a special overdose prevention program.

As part of the program, the Lansing Police Department saved 26 lives in 2017. The next highest number of “saves” was 13, from the Worth Police Department. With 9 saves, Oak Forest PD came in third. In total, the 53 police departments in the overdose prevention program saved 123 lives in 2017.

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

The Evzio Opioid Overdose Prevention Program is a unique partnership between Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison, Chief Schofield’s Orland Fire Protection

District, and Kaléo Pharmaceutical Company. Kaléo is the producer of the Evzio Auto Injector System, an opioid antagonist that allows police officers to administer immediate help and reverse opioid overdoses. Commissioner Morrison and Fire Chief Schofield worked together to apply for a grant from Kaléo that would supply the Evzio kits to police departments throughout Cook County free of charge.

BRIDGING THE GAP

When Lansing Police Chief Dennis Murrin took the podium at the press conference, he described the feeling of helplessness his officers used to experience when arriving on the scene of an overdose. Police are the first to respond to a call, and when they assess that drugs are involved, they call the Fire Department for emergency medical assistance. Though it may take only minutes for help to arrive, those minutes are critical in an overdose situation—they can make the difference between life and death.

Evzio can be administered immediately, whether or not the on-scene officer has medical training. The Evzio Auto Injector kit gives police a way to bridge the gap until an ambulance arrives. “I can’t thank you enough,” Chief Murrin told Dr. Eric Edwards to applause from the audience.

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Kaléo donated 12,000 Evzio Auto Injector kits to police departments in Cook County. (Photo provided)

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Snow plowing Lansing

the Public Works process for keeping streets clear

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) – Looking around Lansing now, it's hard to remember that just a couple weeks ago, a record-tying nine straight days of snowfall covered us in a layer nearly two feet deep.

A couple warm days of rain turned the snow piles into one big flood—but we're not through with winter yet. Chicagoland averages another 5–6 inches of snow every March, and usually sees an inch or two in April.

If the snow starts to accumulate again—or if it makes things slippery—we will see Lansing's snow plows back on the streets.

NINE PLOWS, NINE ROUTES

Lansing Public Works has nine plows that go out for every snow event, and each one covers a designated section of town. Each of the nine routes includes one main street (like Ridge Road or Wentworth Avenue) that gets plowed first. The routes also include one secondary main street. After those are clear, the plows make their way into the neighborhoods and side streets.

Some of the main roads in Lansing—like Torrence Avenue, Burnham Avenue, and 170th Street—are under the jurisdiction of other entities, like IDOT or Cook County. Lansing doesn't plow those streets

When snow piles up or the roads get icy during the day, Ken Soderstrom—the Street Supervisor for the Public Works Department—makes the call to send out the plows. If snow happens overnight, that decision is left up to the police who are patrolling the streets.

12-HOUR SHIFTS

When the snowfall is particularly deep or long-lasting, the plows run on 12-hour shifts—called red and

green shifts—like they did during the big February storm. Each driver can be on the road for a maximum of 12 hours, and then has to break.

When Lansing got most of its snow, on February 8–9, the plows were on the road for 36 straight hours—and back on the streets just 24 hours later after the next round hit.

FLAKES AND PHONE CALLS

When the flakes are coming fast and furious, so are the calls to Public Works, as residents wonder when their streets will be cleared.

"We explain that the main and secondary streets are the most important, but we will get there eventually," Soderstrom said. "It just takes time sometimes—we do the best we can."

WORKING TOGETHER

The best thing residents can do to ensure that their streets are plowed as soon and as effectively as possible is move their cars. The best option is to take the car off the street altogether. But if there's nowhere to go, then Soderstrom recommends making sure the cars are staggered with neighbors' vehicles, so the plows can fit through.

"Try to make it as accessible as you can—these trucks aren't little," Soderstrom said.

The sheer volume and duration of snow that fell in early February took its toll on the Public Works employees and their plows, but Director of Communications Ken Reynolds noted that Lansing typically receives high praise for its snow-clearing efforts.

"This was a tough one, no doubt about it," Reynolds said. "But the Lansing reputation has always been good, and overall, the calls I got were positive. I think that the crews really, really did a good job."



Lansing Public Works makes sure that main roads like Ridge Road, pictured, get plowed first. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma, February 9, about 10:15am)



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St. Patrick's Day traditions

reflections from an Irish granddaughter

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) – Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. A celebration famous for green beer, corned beef and cabbage, and parades, St. Patty's is celebrated by people around the world, especially in Chicago. With many long-standing traditions in the city, Chicago is home to one of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebrations, often even surpassing the parties held in Ireland.

And these celebrations aren't a new thing: my grandmother Jeanne Arvia (née Horan) was born in 1924 and has been celebrating ever since. She vividly remembers celebrating the day while growing up on Chicago's south side.

"They didn't celebrate the way they do now," she said. "The parties were more local, more personal."

In the 1850s, my grandma's great-grandfather, Matthew Horan, came to the United States to escape the potato famine. After arriving, he joined the army and fought in the Civil War for the North. After the war, he was given a land grant in Illinois to start a farm, where some descendants still live today. Since then, most of the family has stayed in Illinois. Grandma has lived in

Lansing for the past 10 years.

Grandma's entire family is Irish, so traditions were celebrated by the entire household. Baking soda bread and giving shamrocks to each other were part of the Horan family fun. Of course, wearing green was a favorite custom as well.

"Ireland is divided. Northern Ireland is English, and they were the ones who wore the orange. Southern Ireland wore the green. And they were always fighting each other," she said. "My mother used to tell me, 'Don't you wear any orange!' It was just Irish rivalry."

Grandma grew up Catholic as well. On the years that St. Patrick's Day happened to fall on a Friday during Lent, the Catholic church granted a dispensation, allowing folks to enjoy corned beef. Just last year, in fact, St. Patrick's Day fell on Friday during Lent. Even though grandma usually eats fish on every Friday throughout the year, not just Lent, she indulged in some corned beef last year!

And this year, the plan is similar: "I've got a little pot of artificial flowers that I'll put on my table. I'll wear my St. Patrick's Day pin and eat corned beef and cabbage! I'll have a little sip of beer, too."



Above: The Horan family in 1937—Grandma Jeanne (back row, left) her father Sherman, and her brothers, front row, from left: Sherman Jr., Tom, and Jack

Above: Matthew Horan, circa 1898, Siegel Cooper Studio, Chicago

Right: Grandma Jeanne, present-day, celebrating St. Patrick's Day

(Photos provided)



St. Patty's Day in Lansing

We did our best to round up the Irish celebrations at Lansing establishments (though not all of them responded to our request for information). Here's what we found out:

☘ JJ KELLEY'S

Green beer all month long! On Friday, March 16, the Orange Whips will do "a wee bit of Irish music," starting at 8:00pm. On March 17, MJ Baily does "all your favorite tunes" from 4:00–7:00pm, followed by bagpipers. From 8:00pm until closing, St. James Gate provides "Irish music at its best." JJ Kelley's is celebrating their 30-year anniversary this year as well.

☘ BOHEMIAN JOE'S

There's a lot going on in March (see ad on page 9), including Guinness on tap and probably corned beef.

☘ LENCIONI'S

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party—6:00pm–midnight. Your \$50 ticket gets you corned beef and cabbage, fried chicken, rigatoni and meatballs, parsley boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, open bar, and entertainment by The 5 'N' Time band (classic rock and blues).

☘ LYNNIE QUE'S

Irish specialties all day Friday through Sunday—if you plan to bring a group on Saturday (St. Patty's Day), Lynn timer recommends that you call and make reservations. Live bands will be playing all weekend. Saturday night is also free bingo. Lynn timer Que's Airport Bar & Grill is celebrating their one-year anniversary all weekend long.

☘ KILROY'S

On St. Patrick's Day, come in for the corned beef and cabbage special. They'll also have shot specials and drink specials, and a DJ beginning at 3:00pm.

☘ VIERK'S BUKES PLACE (TORRENCE TAP)

Shot specials and a live band.

☘ MARGARITA'S BAR & GRILL

In addition to corned beef sandwiches, Margarita's will feature drink specials that include traditional Jameson, Irish coffee, Irish car bombs, and Guinness.

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Homemade and homegrown

Local residents start new food swap group

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

HAMMOND, Ind. (March 2018) – Everything old seems to become new again. A recently-formed group has gone old-school by making foods from scratch, growing their own produce, and bartering to exchange their creations without exchanging any money. It's called the South Chicagoland Food Swap. The group meets every other month at greenCOW Coworking in Hammond to trade what they make or grow.

CLOSER TO HOME

Brittany Discher of Lansing had attended a food swap in Valparaiso and told her friend, Angela Wallace of Calumet City, about it. Wallace was intrigued and decided to look into starting a south suburban group.

"Brittany told me about this group she went to where people made a dish or a couple things and brought them and swapped them. I was so excited about the concept, so I kept picking her brain, and I said 'Why can't we start something like this closer to home?'"

Soon Wallace was looking for a meeting space. She visited the Northwest Indiana Food Swap and said, "It was exactly how I thought it would be. People from all over were bringing in what they are passionate about. There were people who have beehives in their yard or free-range chickens. Whatever they love, they were bringing it and sharing it with other people. You basically use your item as currency and get some wonderful things."

HOMEMADE TRADES

GreenCOW Coworking donated a space, and the group was up and running. The first meeting happened last August. Wallace brought her homemade peanut butter. She's also brought homemade hummus, soup with homemade bread, and her husband's homemade barbecue sauce. "Last time I decided to bring curry. It's something I make all the time, but a lot of people didn't know what to do with it," she said. "It's fun because people are being introduced to new foods that are common to other people." One of

her favorite things she received in a trade is spicy pickled cauliflower.

Discher brought strawberry lemonade as her trade item last month. "I used strawberry simple syrup that I made myself and added fresh squeezed lemonade. I put it in swing-top glass bottles, and they got to keep the bottle," said Discher.

Megan Noort of Lansing brought jams and jellies to the last swap. Other months she has brought produce from her family's garden. "It's super easy and fun. You meet new people," she said.

SHARING THE SURPLUS

Noort and her husband, Terry, started gardening a few years ago. Their outdoor garden keeps getting bigger, and now they garden indoors too. Terry grows herbs, peppers, lettuce, and other items year-round with special lighting. When the Noorts started food swapping, it was mainly to find a way share their surplus fresh produce so it wouldn't go to waste.

She's happy to have the opportunity to participate in a food swap without having to travel far or head to a rural area where farming and gardening is more prevalent. She wants to connect with others in nearby communities who see the value in growing your own food and who encourage others to do so. "My grandmother grew up on a farm, and around here, you don't think much about farming," said Megan. "It's cool to show people what you can do."

The only requirement for participation is that you bring something you have grown or prepared. "It has to be something you personally made, grew, or foraged," said Wallace. "It can't be something you bought at the store or that a neighbor made. You have to be able to say, 'I made this, and I can answer questions about it.'"

OPEN TO ALL

All types of food are welcome, despite the common misconception about food swaps being entirely organic or vegan options. "It can be something organic," said Noort, "or it can be something like homemade



Above: Angela Wallace has brought homemade peanut butter, homemade hummus, soup with homemade bread, and her husband's homemade barbecue sauce to the swap.

Right: Brittany Discher brought strawberry lemonade last month. "I put it in swing-top glass bottles, and they got to keep the bottle." (Photos: Megan Noort)



loaded-up brownies."

Noort is the mother of an 18-month-old, a 4-year-old, and a 9-year-old. Her daughter, Kali, 9, has set up her own booth at the swap (with her parent's supervision), trading peppers that she helped grow in their family garden. "There's not really an age limit," she said. "We were both right there to help her. It's such an easy process, even a 9-year-old can do it."

Wallace said that so far the swaps have had 8–20 participants, but they can accommodate many more who would like to come and trade.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Items should be clearly labeled as to what they are and marked with

the date prepared. Food should be packaged in one- or two-portion sizes. There is no fee involved.

Replies are requested on Eventbrite or via the Facebook page to help gauge how many to expect, but Wallace said they don't turn people away the door. The space at greenCOW Coworking has tables, so you don't have to bring your own. Wallace said some participants enjoy decorating their table, but it's not necessary.

The next swap takes place on April 21 from 3:00–5:00pm at greenCOW Coworking, 5209 Hohman Avenue in Hammond.

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Above: Chief Dennis Murrin (at podium) takes questions from reporters, along with Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison (far left), Dr. Eric Edwards, and Orland Fire Chief Michael Schofield. The overdose prevention program in Lansing is the result of their partnership.

Right: Dr. Eric Edwards, Kaléo's VP of Innovation, demonstrates the voice guidance feature of the Evzio Auto Injector System.

Below: Following the press conference, Lansing Sergeant Gabe Barajas speaks with Kaléo's media team. Barajas trains all new LPD recruits to carry and use the Evzio kits. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Dr. Edwards and his twin brother founded Kaléo Pharmaceutical after addiction and overdose impacted their family. "This is an epidemic that does not discriminate," he told the crowd, explaining that today's overdose victims can include high school athletes who became addicted to prescription pain medicine, or elderly people who took an incorrect dosage, or even a child who steps on a discarded pain patch.

Kaléo is determined to be a different kind of pharmaceutical company, valuing people over profit, and innovating new payment options as well as new products. Their website explains, "Each kaléo product combines an established drug with an innovative delivery platform with the goal of achieving superiority over the current standard of care and cost effectiveness."

WHY SO MANY IN LANSING?

Of the 53 police departments enrolled in Kaléo's innovative grant program for preventing overdoses, only 29 reported any saves at all. Twelve of those departments reported just one save. In fact, Lansing and Worth were the only departments who reported saves in the double digits.

Lansing's location is a factor. Being an easy exit from I-80/94 makes Lansing a convenient stop for habitual drug users who buy their product in the city or in neighboring towns.

But Dr. Edwards cites another distinguishing characteristic of Lansing. "You need a champion in your community to make this happen," he said. In Lansing, Chief Murrin has been that champion. When he

learned about the overdose prevention program and Kaléo's grant, Murrin took advantage of it and made it department protocol. Sgt. Gabe Barajas, Lansing's Village Preparedness Officer, has been trained to be a trainer—so every Lansing police officer is trained to use the Evzio Auto Injector. Every Lansing police officer carries the kit as part of his or her standard issue. "It's on the front lines every day," said Chief Murrin.

PARTNERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As a trained paramedic himself, Dr. Edwards is familiar with "the front lines." He also understands the budgetary restrictions that departments face. It wasn't enough to invent the drug and the delivery system, he also had to find a way to make it available. "We decided, for our business model, that we would donate to law enforcement and public health," he said, "because they just don't have the budgets right now." Kaléo has donated 300,000 doses of Evzio to date.

"We are working alongside you all in partnership to try to make sure more fathers, daughters, spouses are going to be at their dinner tables," Dr. Edwards said. "We are going to stand strong with you as we continue to make a difference in the community."

About the 123 saved lives that prompted the press conference, Dr. Edwards said, "That's what keeps us going. I'll fly anywhere in the country for a moment like this. To see what all of our work is doing, and everything that you are doing—it makes it all worthwhile."

School safety

an ongoing commitment we make to each other

BY JAKE GOURLEY, TF SOUTH PRINCIPAL LANSING, Ill. (February 21, 2018) – School safety is a concern that has been on everyone's mind in light of the recent tragedy in Florida. School District 215 is committed to making sure our schools are safe spaces for our students and staff.

Each year, we review and update our crisis response plan in conjunction with the Lansing Police Department. Local authorities conduct regular training sessions on our campus to familiarize themselves with the building. Our classrooms are locked during instruction time, and we also conduct two hard lockdown ("Code Red") drills each year, including an active shooter simulation.

The best line of defense, however, is to be proactive instead of reactive, and this is where we ask for your help and that of our students, whose eyes and ears are able to see and hear things that might exist in the social media world or otherwise

beyond the purview of school officials. If, at any time, a student has a concern about his/her safety or that of others, please make sure to contact us immediately. "If you see something, say something," is an important phrase to remember.

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Recycling 101

Paper, plastic, and pizza problems

BY PATRICIA MUHAMMAD

HOMEWOOD, Ill. (March 1, 2018) – Modern-day recycling began in the 1970s for the purpose of reusing paper and plastic products. Today, more than ever before, recycling is an environmental initiative designed to manage literal tons of business and household products. Recyclable items include bottles, cans, cartons, glass, and more.

Lansing's recycling and garbage disposal is managed by Homewood Disposal, located in the Village of Homewood. Their website explains, "Another one of our wonderful neighbors, Lansing, Illinois, is a village we are proud to serve. Homewood Disposal provides household garbage, yard waste, and recycling services to Lansing residents, as well as a full line of rental dumpsters for temporary cleanup projects. As a business that cares about the communities where our customers live, work, and raise families, Homewood Disposal also serves as a member of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce."

RULES FOR RECYCLING

Not everything can be recycled by every recycling company. Megan McElligott-Laxton is the Education

Coordinator for Homewood Disposal, and she explained some common problems.

NO PLASTIC BAGS

"The number one problem we have right now is plastic bags," she said. "We do not want plastic bags in the recycling facility. They wreak havoc on our machines, wrapping themselves around the equipment; and slowing down the machine. Each day, twice a day, we have to stop the machines to go in and cut all the plastic bags (this includes plastic wrap) off of our equipment."

McElligott-Laxton says plastic bags are a problem for many Material Recovery Facilities. She encourages people to return plastic grocery bags, newspaper bags, bread bags, and wraps that come from cases of water to the grocery store where they have receptacles specifically for this.

NO PIZZA BOXES

Many people think cardboard pizza boxes can be tossed in their Homewood Disposal recycling

totes—but this is incorrect. McElligott-Laxton explained, "Once any grease gets on the box, it is contaminated. If a greasy pizza box or soiled paper plates end up together in a bale of cardboard, then the entire batch is ruined."

NO SHREDED PAPER

Because of its size, shredded paper ends up becoming a contaminant. The pieces are too small for the sorting equipment to capture and place with the other paper. "Shredded paper also often ends up in with the glass," McElligott-Laxton commented.

OTHER "NO'S"

Other common things you should NOT throw in your Homewood Disposal recycling tote include: aerosol cans, mirrors, window

glass, dinnerware, clothes hangers, motor oil containers, plastic straws, hard plastic packaging, prescription bottles, light bulbs, bubble wrap, garden hoses, computer parts, ink cartridges, wood, food waste, household batteries, and car batteries.

ONE MORE TIP

"Another thing we like to mention is to please leave the lids on your bottles (water, juice, etc). If they are loose, they end up contaminating the glass. If they are attached to the bottle, they can be recycled," McElligott-Laxton said.

THINGS YOU CAN RECYCLE

There are plenty of household disposables that can be recycled instead of tossed. Recyclable items include: newspapers, books, envelopes, magazines, brown paper bags, cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, jars, jugs, bins, tin, steel cans, aluminum cans, pie tins, glass bottles, cardboard egg cartons, five-gallon buckets, takeout containers, and juice boxes.

For a complete list of recyclable items, visit the Homewood Disposal website: www.mydisposal.com



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FREE ADMISSION

Village seeking more applicants

Soon-to-be-formed Human Relations Commission needs wider representation

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. – Ten Lansing residents have submitted applications for the Human Relations Commission so far, but Director of Communications Ken Reynolds would like to see many more completed before the interview process begins.

The application was released to the public at a Village Board meeting on February 6 and currently has no deadline. It is available both on the Village website (www.villageoflansing.org) and in hard-copy form at the Lansing Municipal Center, located at 3141 Ridge Road.

DETERMINING THE GOALS

The Commission itself has not yet been officially formed. On February 15, the Village conducted its second of two workshop-style meetings with select Lansing residents, in order to discuss goals and plans for the Human Relations Commission. Village staff will be taking the information gathered in those meetings and using it to draft an ordinance that will define the Commission.

"The workshops were very valuable in giving us material and perspective that we would not have had without

them," Reynolds said.

Due to the sensitive nature of the topics discussed at the meetings, both the details of the discussion and the names of the meeting's participants are protected by a confidentiality agreement; Reynolds did not comment on them.

APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL

The proposed ordinance for the Human Relations Commission will go before the Trustees at a Village Board meeting for discussion—and, eventually, a vote—before the Commission can be officially created. Members of the Human Relations Commission will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Trustees.

The first round of interviews for Commission members will likely begin before the Commission is approved, Reynolds said, so that the Mayor and Village staff aren't starting the selection process from scratch after the ordinance is passed.

PROCESS AND PROGRESS

He notes that the approval process may take some time.

"Given what [the Human Relations Commission] is, and given the amount of time that has gone into it, I think it's important that the Board—and I know they will—review it thoroughly and ask questions. If we have to make adjustments from there, that's part of the process," Reynolds said.

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Legion Riders host first annual Kids Bike Show

A new spin on old-fashioned fun

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 1, 2018) – He’s been wanting it for years, and this is the year it’s going to happen. Legion Rider Kevin Engelbrecht, with the help of Ron Lively, is bringing a Kids Bike Show to Lansing.

Engelbrecht grew up in Lansing, and he remembers the annual tradition the kids in his neighborhood all participated in each spring—getting their bikes ready to ride. After a long winter in the garage or shed, the bikes needed some attention. Tires might need patching, chains might need greasing, and last summer’s mud would need washing off.

Fellow Legion Riders Nick and Patty Grigutis understand both the nostalgia of bicycle-riding and the importance of neighborhood traditions. Together with Engelbrecht, they are planning the Kids Bike Show to re-ignite the old

get-the-bikes-ready tradition and put a new spin on it.

The Kids Bike Show they have scheduled for May 1 will provide a forum for Lansing kids to clean up, decorate, and enhance their bikes—with the hope of winning cash prizes. “We want them to use their imaginations and be creative,” said Nick.

“May 1 is also the Good Neighbor Parade,” he added, “and we thought this might be a way to promote being a good neighbor.”

There will be three age brackets—age 5 and younger, ages 6–10, and ages 11–15. A boy and a girl winner will be chosen in each bracket and awarded a \$25 prize.

A “Best in Show” bike will also be chosen. That winner will receive \$100, and he or she will choose a charity to receive a second \$100 donation from the Legion Riders.

More details will be publicized later, but the Legion Riders wanted

to give kids plenty of time to start thinking about their entries. “Decorate and be creative,” said Patty.

For more information or to

pre-register your child, email the Legion Riders: legionridersch697@gmail.com. Or call Ron Lively: 708-653-2687.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner raises funds for preschool

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LANSING, Ill. (February 24, 2018) – The All God’s Children Preschool is selling tickets to their annual Spaghetti Dinner, which will take place in the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 10. For \$8.00, adults can enjoy personally cooked pasta and also support the preschool. Senior tickets are \$7.00, and children’s tickets are \$5.00.

The All God’s Children Preschool is a ministry of First United Methodist Church, located at 18420 Burnham in Lansing.



Preschool teachers Delinda Sharp (left) and Debbie Roknich will be serving spaghetti on March 10. (Photo: Ellen-Marie Allen)

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Local school policies evolve with cell phones

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (January 2018) – A decade ago, before smart phones were in the hands of most Americans, schools had strict policies on cell phone use. While cell phones were common, those phones weren't as sophisticated as today's models—they were flip phones or models with early slide keyboards and limited capabilities. If someone was found using one in class, they were likely texting—the 2000s equivalent of passing a note. The phone was taken away. A parent was called. A detention may have been issued. If you had a cell phone at school, the general rule was that it should not be seen during school hours.

Fast forward a few years and at most high schools—and some junior high or middle schools—the majority of students are carrying smart phones with internet access. A Pew Research Center technology overview in 2015 stated that "fully 88% of American teens ages 13 to 17 have or have access to a mobile phone of some kind."

Cell phones have also become much more prevalent in elementary schools. According to the National Consumer League, a 2012 survey showed that 56 percent of kids 8

to 12 had cell phones. However, the scope of use varies greatly by age group. In the age 8–12 "tweener" group, parents purchased the phones primarily for safety and monitoring after-school activities. In teens, phones are used much more for internet use and social communication with peers.

NEW TOOLS, NEW RULES

As cell phones have progressed, schools have modified their stance on phone use and technology's place in education. It's happened nationally and locally.

At Thornton Fractional High School, phone use is now permitted in common areas, including hallways and the cafeteria, said Principal Jacob Gourley.

"Within the classrooms, the default is 'phones away;' however, teachers have discretion to say 'phones okay' if they are being used as part of learning," said Gourley. "I recall visiting a senior English class that was in the middle of a unit on Othello, and the students were reading the Shakespearean text on their phones, citing line numbers in the course of a class discussion." Gourley said that other teachers have found the Plicker platform (plickers.com) to be a great way to engage students.

Some teachers in middle and high schools use online tools to allow students to track assignments, see future

assignments, access make-up work or view classroom notes. Websites like PowerSchool were originally intended to give parents real-time access to student grades and assignments; now students can log in on a phone app to see exactly what their grade is in a specific subject.

With the increase of phone use in schools, disciplinary measures have shifted, at least at the high school level. "The rules have changed; it used to be if a phone was in use, the teacher gave the student a warning, and on the second offense, confiscated the phone, and the parent had to come to school to return the device," said Gourley. "As more and more phones came into usage, with more and more applications, this policy soon became counterproductive for staff."

POSITIVE USES

In lower grades, the use of cell phones in school is still generally not allowed, but administrators realize the prevalence of devices and the potential for positive use in the classroom.

Heritage Middle School Principal Joe Kemp said that attitudes toward cell phones are changing. "We are transitioning, and teachers can let administration know if they have a lesson where they are doing an exercise using a cell phone," said Kemp.

He said that they haven't moved the direction of the high school in allowing phones at leisure in hallways. They do, however, have a time period before school where students

can come into the library to use computers. "If there's no computer available, they can have phones on at that time," said Kemp. "But once school starts, phones should be powered off and in lockers."

Teachers still have the option to confiscate phones if necessary. "It's a situational thing, and they can send the student down to myself or the assistant principal. Generally, the teachers remind a student to put it away, and they do."

PROPER USE

"I think most kids in junior high have them now," said Kemp. "I'm of the philosophy that if most kids are using them, how do we teach them how to use them properly for something constructive?"

District 158 includes a primary center, three elementary schools, and a junior high. The district has a policy that cell phones are not to be used at school and should be kept in lockers. "We're a one to one district and have all the technology available to our kids, so there's no need for them to use a phone," said Superintendent Dr. Cecilia Heiberger. One on one technology means that each student is assigned a personal device—a laptop or tablet for their use while at school.

"We have all they need, and we have the filters in place so we can keep it safe," said Heiberger. One big concern she said she had was that when a child brings a phone to

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Science fairs let students explore new interests

Regional fair scheduled for March 17

BY KATE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (February 28, 2018) – Students from all over Lansing came together for the area science fair on February 24. Participants ranging in age from Kindergarten to 8th grade competed in various subjects such as chemistry, biology, and botany.

After the district fair on February 3, projects that were rated “outstanding” and some of the first-place projects moved on to the area fair. This science fair, in its 59th year, is the only area fair in the state of Illinois.

CHOOSING TO LEARN

“[The projects] have evolved to things that I never, as a student, would have thought about, and even as a teacher,” said Dr. Kim Morley-Hogan, principal of Lester Crawl Primary Center. “They’re great.”

Alison Schroeder teaches 7th-grade science and is the department’s head at Memorial Junior High School. She has been a teacher at Memorial for 12 years and has served as the head for 3 years.

“I like that the kids can choose what they want to learn and explore,” Schroeder said. “Usually, in a classroom, we have a set curriculum

of things to teach them. The science fair allows them to go outside the normal box of curriculum. They get to choose whatever they have a passion in, and they get to explore it and experiment with it.”

LEARNING TO EXPLORE

For seasoned science fair participant Korey Ziemkowski, an 8th grade student at Memorial, the annual event is a fun way to explore scientific interests.

“This [project] was the best one I’ve done,” Ziemkowski said. “I like plants, so it was interesting to me. I looked for a long time for a topic that interested me.” Her experiment, which involved the effects of UV light versus natural sunlight on plants, landed her a spot in the area fair. Ziemkowski has been participating in the science fair since 5th grade.

“[The science fair] is important because you learn a lot from it,” Ziemkowski said. “You know how to handle an experiment because you know the steps of it; you know how to organize a lab report and the different parts of a paper that you will need in college and high school.”

EXPLORING TOGETHER

Cherish Deese, a Kindergarten

student at Reavis Elementary School, got an early start with science fair projects. With the assistance of her mother, Jonece Allen, she experimented with making her own lava lamp out of oil and water.

“It was fun,” Cherish said. “I did it all by myself.”

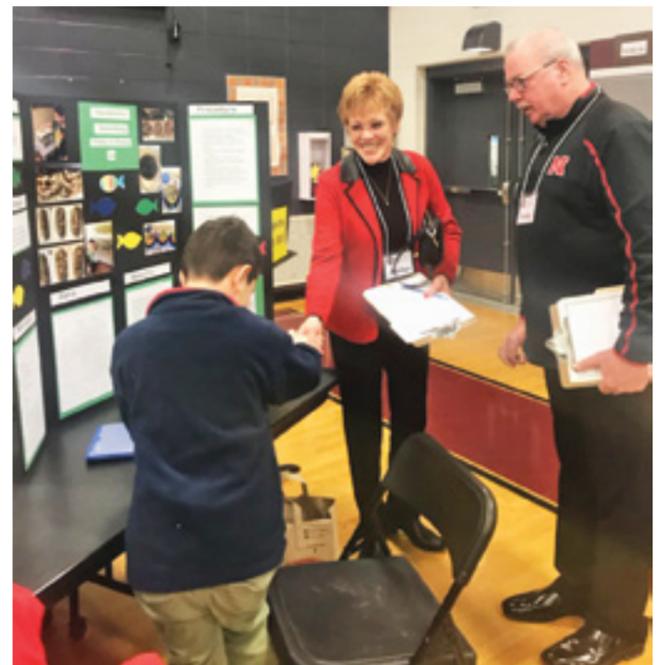
Not only is the science fair a good learning experience for participants, it also better connects the parents and the community to local schools. “The science fair allows students to showcase their hard work as students,” Schroeder said. “A lot of times, parents aren’t able to see everything [the students] are doing in a classroom, and this gives parents and the community members a chance to come out and see what we’re doing with our kids.”

The regional science fair will take place on March 17.

Mayor Patty Eidam (center) and Trustee Brian Hardy served as judges at the science fair. (Photo: Alison Schroeder)



Kindergartener Cherish Deese is dressed for science success. (Photo: Alison Schroeder)



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Why Millennials are choosing Lansing

Parks, schools, neighbors, and diversity make small-town life good for five growing families

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) – In any community, attracting and retaining young people is key to growth and progress. Young couples place roots, get involved, and raise families—and sometimes those kids decide years down the road that they want to continue living in that community, too.

Being a border community that is minutes from Chicago, close to lakefront points of access, near major expressways, convenient to hospitals, shopping, and more, Lansing has a lot to offer. And with modern school buildings, updated parks and downtown improvements, Lansing's attraction to Millennials is growing.

CHOOSING TO STAY HERE

Jen Arnold has fond memories of growing up in the village and is now raising her children—Jasmine, 9, and Mason, 6—here as well. "I have lived in Lansing for 30 years and grew up on Ridge Road next to Rico's Pizza. I loved smelling the pizza cooking," she said. "I've chosen to stay in Lansing because we love the town we have grown up in. My husband and I both grew up in Lansing and have decided to raise



Jen and Matt Arnold grew up in Lansing and decided to raise their children, Mason and Jasmine, here as well. (Photo provided)

our children here. Lansing just has a small town feel to it and that's a great feeling."

The Arnold family enjoys spending time in the downtown area shopping, eating, and walking. They use several of the parks regularly, their favorite being the one they know as the "blue park," Winterhoff Park.

"That's where we go and meet up with friends from school," she said. Arnold's kids attend Coolidge School, where she said the principal and assistant principal know her and her husband by name. "I love that the school has so many activities for the families," she said. "One of our favorites is the family picnic held the first week of school. You can go and have a picnic at the school with games and food and meet teachers



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and other parents."

Arnold also said that Lansing is a village with a tight-knit community. "I love that our neighbors watch out for us, and living on a busy road it's nice to just talk to people walking by," she said.

CHOOSING TO MOVE HERE

Megan and Cam Harvey moved to Lansing when Visible Music College, Cam's employer, opened a campus here. Although the couple had the option of living in one of the many surrounding communities, they decided to make Lansing their home.

"We moved to Lansing for my husband's job in 2014. It was important to us to live near his workplace so we could be involved in the same community," said Megan. "He walks to work, and I have a Chicago-based job that allows me to work from home. We love that Lansing is a diverse community with a small-town feel that is also close to the amenities of the city. I think life in Lansing is what you make of it, and



as transplants we take advantage of community events to go out and meet new people."

It was also work that drew Jenna and Anthony Comer-Hill to Lansing. He grew up in the west suburbs, and she grew up in rural Ohio. They came to Lansing in 2009 and with Jenna's job as Director of the Patti Leach Youth Center came a residency requirement.

"I love my job," said Jenna. "We were initially looking to rent, but because of the affordability, we were able to purchase our first home here. We liked the idea of a nice and quiet neighborhood still close to the city."

The couple are parents of a four-year-old named Walker. "We enjoy raising our son here. It feels safe here, and there are local parks and playgrounds. It's important to us that we see people in our community that reflect our family," said Anthony.

Block parties and neighbors that know each other and help each other out are some of the things Jenna likes most about living here. The family enjoys walks in the community with their dog—and they are looking forward to the opening of Lansing's first dog park. Walker is also gearing up for his first season of T-ball and is very excited.

A REALTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Alyssa Keene has a unique perspective as someone who was raised in the village and is now a realtor. She and her husband are realtors with the McColly office in Schererville (she is a realtor in both Illinois and Indiana), and they reside in Lansing.

Alyssa's family moved to Lansing from Calumet City in 2002. Aside from some moves between 2013 and 2017 due to her husband's active service in the Marine Corps, she been in Lansing ever since. "We decided to move back to Lansing when he hit the end of his active service in 2017," she said. "Lansing is a great place to live, with the best access to both Illinois and Indiana. The improvements to Ridge Road, the parks, and the schools make us feel confident in investing in a home in Lansing."

Because she spent much of her childhood in Lansing—attending the public schools and utilizing such village services as the library and youth center—Keene is able to assure potential home-buyers of Lansing's many amenities and positive attributes. "I feel Lansing has good resources. I loved Reavis School and Memorial and TF South. I was always involved in clubs, but it seems there are more diverse

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Jenna Comer-Hill (center) works for the Village of Lansing. She and husband Anthony (right), and their son Walker, consider Lansing "a nice and quiet neighborhood still close to the city." (Photo provided)

Millennials, continued

activities available now, which is amazing. As a kid I was at the library and youth center a lot. I use the gym facilities at the Eisenhower and am looking forward to the new dog park and of course Fox Pointe."

Keene now lives near the elementary school that she once attended, a neighborhood that she describes as "quiet with friendly neighbors."

When she is talking to potential buyers, she emphasizes the expressway access, the schools, and the parks. "There are many hidden gems in Lansing that have had beautiful remodels," said Keene.

The amenities combined with affordability give Lansing an edge over neighboring communities. "For

all its amenities, I would suggest Lansing is the best value to a buyer client looking in the area. There is also more inventory compared to Indiana," she said. Median sales prices have remained more steady in Lansing over the last three years than in its neighboring communities of Homewood and Munster, which is good news for buyers.

Beyond prices and parks and school buildings, Keene said she also touts Lansing's community events to clients. "I love talking about cruise nights and Lansing Autumn Fest and the Good Neighbor Day Parade. Mostly, there is so much being changed or refreshed, it's a very exciting time to live here."

"SOMETHING SPECIAL"

Although he grew up in East Hazel Crest, Adam Barker got to know Lansing through attending church in the village. "When I was around 13 years old, my family began attending Living Word Church, and from that time on Lansing has had a significant place in my life," he said.

Barker attended college at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and he lived briefly in the Avondale neighborhood before relocating to



Alyssa and Chris Keene are realtors and Lansing residents. Alyssa can speak from personal experience when she recommends Lansing's schools, parks, and community events. (Photo provided)



Adam and Alli Barker already enjoy Lansing's parks, trails, businesses, and eateries. They are looking forward to raising a family in Lansing. (Photo provided)

Lansing. "Throughout my last year of college and the summer following it, I was involved in a weekly basketball gathering at Living Word called The Church Hoop," he said. "Through this I had built friendships with dozens of young people in our community, and those friendships were what initially drew me to Lansing. I saw something special happening here, and I wanted to be part of it."

He and his wife look forward to raising a family in Lansing. "Friends

of ours speak highly of their experience with the school system, and we enjoy Lansing's parks, trails, and all the great businesses and eateries in town," said Barker. "One of the things we love most about Lansing is the diversity of its residents. It's a real treasure to live and someday raise our kids in a place that reflects the beauty of so many different cultures."

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OBITUARIES

BONK

A memorial service for Ginger M. Bonk (nee Spry) was held Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

Mrs. Bonk was born December 20, 1977, and passed away February 26, 2018. Wife of Joseph Bonk. Mother of Joseph, Dominic, and Jersey. Daughter of Dinah Martin and step-daughter of Rodney Martin. Sister of Jennifer (Miguel) Troche and Jodie Watters.

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

GLOWACKI

A funeral service for Barbara Glowacki (nee Burmester) was held Monday, March 5, 2018, at Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland, IL, with Rev. Michael Udoekong officiating.

Ms. Glowacki was born December 28, 1957, and passed away March 1, 2018. Companion of Jim Johnson. Mother of Nicholas (Heather) Burmester, Joseph Glowacki III, and Michael Glowacki. Daughter of Edith and the late Hans Burmester. Grandmother of three. Sister of Sylvia (Andy) Tsengouras.

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

HAYWORTH

A funeral service for Grace Hayworth (nee VanDeursen) was held Monday, March 5, 2018, at Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland, IL, with Rev. Mel DeVries officiating.

Mrs. Hayworth was born January 14, 1930, and passed away March 1, 2018. Wife of the

late John Hayworth. Mother of the late Robert Hayworth. Brother of the late Nell (late Christian) Mulder, late Bastian (late Margaret) VanDeursen, late John VanDeursen Jr., and the late Simon (Evelyn) VanDeursen.

Interment was at Washington Memory Lane Cemetery, Glenwood, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

REIDENGA

A funeral service for Russell J. Reidenga was held Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN with Rev. Jerry Norman officiating.

Mr. Reidenga was born April 27, 1936, and passed away February 25, 2018. Husband of Lois Reidenga (nee Boer). Father of Jeff (Lori) Reidenga, Mark (Ruth) Reidenga, and Russ (Lisa) Reidenga. Grandfather of eight. Great grandfather of one. Brother of Dale (Penny) Reidenga.

Interment was at Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

STANIEC

A Funeral Mass for Henrietta T. Staniec was offered on March 3, 2018, from St. John the Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Romanski officiating.

Henrietta T. Staniec died on February 27, 2018. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Bertha (nee Kaczmarek); sister of the late Evelyn, Sophie, Delphine, and Louise; aunt to many nieces and nephews.

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

Career Fair introduces TF South students to job possibilities

More than 60 businesses answer questions about work, life, and industry trends

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 28, 2018) – Susan Barnhart was hoping for at least 50 businesses. When she heard back from more than 60, the Career Fair was relocated into the big gym. The larger space accommodated six rows of tables and about 200 students at a time.

Barnhart is a Business Ed teacher at TF South and the primary organizer of TF South's first Career Fair.

THOUGHTFUL ARRANGEMENT

Each business was given a table and a sign, and businesses were welcome to enhance their "booth" with banners, brochures, samples, and additional signage. The businesses were grouped according to industry, so students with a specific area of interest could visit as many as possible within the limited time they had.

PART OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The Career Fair was scheduled into the school day in a way that allowed all students to participate. Since gym class is a part of every student's school day, the Career Fair replaced gym. Approximately

200 students were in each "class" or Career Fair session.

Between sessions, the gym would empty out as students went to their next class. This gave the business representatives about eight minutes to restock brochures, grab refreshments, and interact with each other before the next group of 200 students arrived.

REQUIRED INTERACTION

Students had the freedom to visit the tables of any businesses that interested them, but they were required to visit at least four tables during their 40-minute session. Each student was given a "Career Passport" that would allow them to take notes on the businesses they interacted with.

COMMUNITY AND VARIETY

Barnhart was intentional about choosing businesses that would showcase the variety of career opportunities available within the Lansing community and the surrounding area.

Many of the businesses at TF South's Career Fair were represented by people who are able to speak passionately because they love their

work. "I could probably retire," said a vet tech during a break, "but I love it, so I keep coming in every morning!"

"You have to find a path that's right for you," said an engineer. And being able to talk with people

from trades, finance, marketing, the sciences, the military, technology, government, and academia reassured students of the wisdom of matching their skills and interests to whatever professions they choose.



A crowd gathered to hear barbers and business owners Kumasi Barfield and Kermitt Alexander talk about life and work and meaning. "Don't let anyone tell you your dreams are too big," they encouraged the kids. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



George Vincent (seated) from Unlimited Service Auto tried to convince students to go into the trades. "You can start working in your chosen profession right away," he said. "And earning money." (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Approximately 200 students were in each "class" or Career Fair session. By the end of the 7 sessions, more than 1,800 students had experienced the Career Fair. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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More photos and information about TF South's Career Fair are included in the online version of this story, which was posted February 28. Visit thelansingjournal.com/news, and type "Career" in the search field to bring up the article.



Rev. Michael Eberly (far left) from First Baptist Church of Lansing, Fr. William McFarlane from St. Ann Catholic Parish, and Pastor John Holyer from Trinity Lutheran Church of Lansing pause at Ridge Road and School Street during last year's Good Friday prayer walk. The pastors took turns reading the stations as volunteers carried a cross and members of the community followed in prayer. (Photo provided)

Lansing churches plan Good Friday prayer walk

Stations of the Cross designated along Ridge Road

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LANSING, Ill. (March 4, 2018) – Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Ann Catholic Parish are planning a Stations of the Cross Prayer Remembrance Walk scheduled for Good Friday, March 30, 2018. The commemoration is open to the public and is planned with the assistance of the Mayor's office and the Lansing Police Department.

Participants will gather outside the front door of St. Ann Catholic Church (3010 Ridge Road) at noon on Good Friday. Congregants will walk south on Chicago Road and continue westbound on Ridge Road, stopping along the way to remember each of the traditional 14 stations of the cross. The walk will conclude at Trinity Lutheran Church (2505 Indiana Avenue) with a short prayer service.

At last year's Good Friday prayer walk, Pastor John Holyer from Trinity, Fr. William McFarlane from St. Ann, and Rev. Michael Eberly from First Baptist Church of Lansing took turns reading the stations as volunteers carried a cross and members of the community followed in prayer.

Ministers in Lansing are invited to participate in this year's ceremonies as well. For more information, call Pastor Holyer at 708-474-7997.

Dog park update

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 19, 2018) – The final designs and budget for Lansing's dog park have been approved, as reported by Sharon Desjardins, Senior Superintendent of Strategy and Operations for the Park Board. Construction drawings are in process and will be reviewed by the Board soon.

Desjardins reported that because the dog park is now a full acre, the drawings must also be approved by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). MWRD's involvement could delay the project, but the Park Board remains hopeful that any delays will be minimal. They are still anticipating an April groundbreaking date.

Jazz, blues, and seniors

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 22, 2018) – The theme was "Solid Gold" at Wednesday's Bloom Township senior lunch, and the musical stylings of The Teacha' Band included soulful background music, familiar singables, and groovy dance numbers.

The Teacha' Band consists of 10 members, but it was the three brass players who performed for the luncheon. Twin brothers Antwon and Dawon Washington on saxophone and trumpet often form a trio with Royce Harrington on trombone. "We have a cohesive blend," said Harrington.

Finding entertainment is Sheryl Ford's biggest challenge when planning the monthly lunches. Ford is Bloom Township's Senior Director, and she serves men and women of various ethnicities, diverse backgrounds, and a 40-year age range. Booking lunch entertainment that will please everyone is an impossible goal—particularly on a limited budget—so she offers enough variety throughout the year to include something for everyone. Some lunch attendees like to dance, some

like music they can sing with, and others prefer to simply socialize at their tables.

The monthly Bloom Township lunch serves seniors from 12 communities, including Lansing. Cost for Bloom Township residents is \$6.00. Out-of-township residents are also welcome for \$12.00. Tickets are on sale at the Bloom Township Senior Department, 425 S Halsted Street in Chicago Heights.

The lunch is always held at the Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stoney Island Avenue in Lansing. For more information about the March lunch, contact the Bloom Township Senior Department at 708-754-9400, x7270.

To see photos and videos of the "Solid Gold" lunch and The Teacha' Band, view this article on our website. Visit thelansingjournal.com/news, and type "Jazz" in the search field.

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Village Clerk Vivian Payne included among Women of Honor

Payne, Joyce Forbes, Sallie D. Penman, and Rose McGill honored at March 3 Thornton Township brunch

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 3, 2018) — “She has spent much of her life focusing on helping people in a very selfless way,” said Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli about Vivian Payne. “She truly loves Lansing and the southland and does everything she can to make her community better.” These are the reasons Payne was chosen as a 2018 Woman of Honor.

The annual Women of Honor event is an invitation-only brunch during Women’s History Month that celebrates community and local heroes. This year’s event, the tenth, was hosted by the Thornton Township Human Relations Commission and Supervisor Zuccarelli at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing on Saturday, March 3.

The celebration included a brunch buffet and musical entertainment, followed by an introduction to and presentation by each of the four Women of Honor.

As each honoree received her trophy, she took the podium for a few minutes to share words of acceptance and gratitude.

LANSING’S VIVIAN PAYNE

Payne began her speech with a quote from poet Maya Angelou: “I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able

to throw something back.” “That is how I’m choosing to live my life,” said Payne, “—with a giving spirit.”

Payne continued, “I had to think long and hard about who I am and why I would even be considered for this award. The answer became simple—I’m a Woman of Honor because of the people in my life who’ve inspired me to be the best wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, public servant, and colleague that I can be.” Payne named several of those people, starting with her husband “and best friend” Steve, and her children, Nick and Kristin. She concluded with a story about her parents, who emigrated from Croatia to the United States, enduring hardship and danger. Payne credits them with teaching her hard work, discipline, independence, and gratitude, and she dedicated the award to her parents, “the most honorable people I’ve ever known.”

In her roles as Executive Assistant to former Lansing Mayor Norm Abbott, Deputy Clerk, Freedom of Information Officer, Traffic Compliance Administrator, Zoning Board Secretary, Community Clean-Up Day organizer, and Beautification Committee founder, Payne interacts with hundreds of Lansing residents. In addition to serving as Village Clerk, she also represents Lansing on the Board of Trustees at South



Vivian Payne and Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli pose for photos after the ceremony. “She does everything she can to make her community better,” said Zuccarelli about Payne. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Suburban College. She is a member and former president of the Lansing Business Women’s Association, an organization that provides women with professional development opportunities through leadership, education, and networking.

Payne was born and raised in Thornton and is now a 24-year resident of Lansing.

OTHER HONOREES

Payne was joined by three other Women of Honor with impressive credentials of service. Joyce

Forbes’ has held a variety of public service positions, and even in retirement she found herself filling a need and running for Township Trustee. She told the crowd, “As women, we do all have a role, and we all make a difference to people around us. Some of us are celebrated; others just tirelessly work in the background. You all are to be commended.”

Dr. Sallie D. Penman’s resumé includes a variety of political and volunteer positions, including nearly 14 years as South Holland’s Village Clerk. She acknowledged that women don’t typically seek honors and accolades; they just do what needs to be done. “Today we’re being honored,” she said. “And we’re here representing all the women in the world today who are always doing what they know needs to be done. We see you. And we appreciate you as well.”

Rose McGill was unable to attend the event in person due to health problems, but the crowd was filled with people who had been impacted by her spirit of community activism. Supervisor Zuccarelli shared some fond memories and affirmed McGill’s legacy: “Rose, we look for all the good things you’ve done for us to be repeated in all the lives of the people you’ve touched.”

EVERYONE HONORED

The annual event is an opportunity to reflect on the ways a single person can impact community, and to express thanks for the people who have been an inspiration to us.

Saturday’s celebration ended by early afternoon and guests were honored with a parting gift as they left the hall.



The honorees at Saturday’s brunch, front row, from left: Lansing Village Clerk Vivian Payne, Janet Rogers (receiving the award on behalf of Rose McGill), South Holland Village Clerk Sallie D. Penman, and Hudson Township Trustee Joyce Forbes. Back row: Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli and Thornton Township Trustee Joyce Washington, event coordinator. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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Roas Lawn Maintenance Spring cleaning, planting grass, cutting, edging, snow removal, sod, gutter cleaning, power raking, tree removal. Call Tomas. 708-825-4292

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Custom pickup/Delivery Service: Single items; small moves; classified ad items; thrift store; auction; appliances. + furniture assembly. TV recycling. Daily to 9pm. 219-433-9457

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Problems at your kitchen sink? Water heater on the blink? For plumbing troubles one and all, here's the number you should call. **Witvoet Plumbing.** 708-331-7335

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Garage Sales in Dyer

March 10, 9-2
740 Seminary Drive, Dyer, IN Moving sale. Kitchen table/chairs, living room furniture, 2 refrigerators, elliptical machine, misc. household

Condos/Townhomes/Duplexes For Sale

Lansing Condo. Rent/Sale. 2bdm., 1bath, carport, main level, no pets, near expressway/shopping. Pay only electric. Security deposit, \$985. 708-439-7736

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2-bdrm. located 167th & Wentworth, side-street, \$775/mo. + sec. \$25/credit-check. No pets, will be ready shortly. Call for inform. 9a-6p only. 708-868-2590

Apt. Calumet City, \$750-3bdrm. 2nd fl., \$650-2bdrm., appliances, laundry facility, tenant pays gas and electric. Calumet City \$750 plus security. 708-589-5720

Apt. for rent: Richton Park, 1bdrm. 1bath, includes gas, water and appliances. \$750/mo. + lmo. security. No pets. Call. 708-465-4446 or 708-206-1939

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Calumet City, Beautiful. 3bdrm., 2bath, full basement, 1-car garage, appl. included. stove/refrig./washer/dryer. \$1350/mo.+sec. Section 8 welcome. 773-443-6117

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3bdrm., 2bath, Townhouse, 2-1/2 car garage, \$1000/mo. + \$1000/sec. deposit. 21836 Peterson, Sauk Village, IL. Call. 708-672-0043

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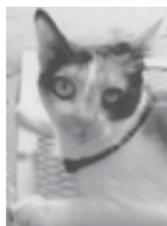
Room for rent: Large room in my house. Clean, quiet, fully furnished. In room TV with cable, electric, gas included. Full kitchen, laundry, 3 baths. Public transportation at each end of street. \$120 per week. 708-382-1335

Pets

New 55 gallon aquarium tank \$55; best offer bird cages, all sizes, reasonable, some with stands, special vision cage. 708-877-6577

Lost & Found

Lost: Brown Tiger cat, domestic short hair, female, declawed. Lost Ridgewood Ave., Lansing. February 26th. Please call. 708-895-0641 or 708-642-1306



Lost/Stolen Cat: Calumet City. Cheyennise 5 yrs. Calico, white, black, rust, beige, beige heart around mouth. Miss her please return. 708-801-9442

Wanted

Wanted: Diabetic Test Strips Freestyle Lite One Touch Accu-Chek Contour and Others, Must be sealed, unopened, unexpired, unused boxes. 708-474-3941

Wanted: Don't throw it away! I am buying old stuff. Toys, signs, advertising, oil cans, and much more. Please call or text Doug. 219-616-9342

Wanted: Electronic piano keyboard with 88 keys. 708-705-3096

8mm movie projector light bulb, model DFC or DFN 150 watt. 708-837-9814

16 inch rim for a 2005 Ford Crown Vic. 708-532-8337

Small automotive parts washer. 708-532-8337

Old fashioned baby glass bottles with lids. 708-532-8337

Plywood partials or scraps. 708-532-8337

Wanted: Fishing boat and trailer, reasonably priced, no 16 ft. 708-210-1711

Automobiles

2005 Chevy Impala \$2,500; 2005 Buick Century \$2,500; 2004 Lincoln LS \$2,500; 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix \$3,500; All run good. 708-351-9906

1998 Toyota Camry \$1,500; 2003 Toyota Camry \$3,000; 2004 Toyota Camry \$3,000; 2009 Toyota Camry \$5,500. All run good. 708-351-9906

For sale: 2000 Toyota Avalon Camry. 200K miles, power-steering-seats-brakes. Fully loaded, everything works. Good winter car. Gold color, \$3,000/obo. 708-460-6035

For sale: 2006 Blue Dodge Caravan, DVD, Leather seats, sun roof, 106k miles, only \$2500. Call. 708-574-4317

For sale: 2008 Chevy Malibu \$4500; 2009 Chevy Malibu \$4500; 2008 Pontiac G6 \$3500; 2009 Pontiac G6 \$4000. Clean and runs good. 708-351-9906

For sale: 2004 Lincoln LS \$2500; 2004 Pontiac Vibe \$2500; 2001 Toyota Camry \$6500; 2009 Toyota Camry \$6500. Clean and runs good. 708-351-9906

For sale: 2009 Chevy Sliverado 1500 Work Truck Deep Ruby Metallic \$13,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2015 Chevy Equinox LS, Summit White, \$18,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2014 Chevy Cruze LZT Rainforest Green, metallic \$15,495. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2011 Chevy Impala LT Fleet Cyber Gray metallic, \$7,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2014 Chevy Cruze LTZ Blue Ray Metallic, \$12,495. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2009 Chevy Impala LT \$4,995, Silver. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2016 Chevy Corvette Stingray Z51, shark gray metallic, \$59,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2017 Chevy Impala LT White \$19,995. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2012 Chevy Impala LT Champaign, \$5,995. Call Bob 855-949-6000

For sale: 2007 Acura MDX SH-AWD w/Sport AWD Black, \$10,995. Call Bob 855-949-6000

2000 VW Passat, only 43,000 miles, \$2,900; 2002 Chevy Malibu 66,000 miles, \$2,800; 2005 Buick Lesabre \$3,500; 2005 Chevy Equinox \$3,500. Call 708-474-0957

Auto Parts

Looking for spare rear tire cover for Toyota Rave 4, silver, 2 boxes kleen wheel rim inserts, new black color. 708-877-6577

For sale: 2 Pirelli tires 255/40R19 100vms, lots of miles left \$50 for both. Leave message Calumet City area 708-209-7532

Lincoln Navaitor chrome license plates frames, front rear Navaitor on both \$50 new, now \$20, like new. 708-841-8884

Motorcycles

For sale: 1998 Honda Goldwing Aspencade. 48,000 miles. Excellent condition \$5,000/obo. 219-688-5103

Trucks

Truck for sale: 1999 Chevy Silverado Pickup. Runs good \$1000 or best offer. Call anytime. 708-220-7576

Miscellaneous Items For Sale

Factory Discount Store. Mattresses, \$79, \$89, \$129. Bunk beds, futons, daybeds. Furniture for all rooms. EZ Credit to \$3,000. EZ Layaway. 708-371-3737, www.factorybeddingfurniture.com Like us on facebook

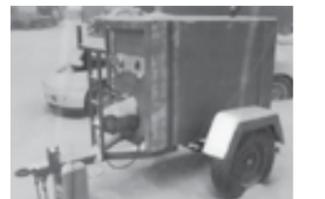
For sale: Medium size ski outfit. Pants, jacket and hat, \$35; Goggles \$6; 3 pair of men's gloves, \$6/ea.; ladies mittens \$6, all perfect cond. 815-320-6178

For sale: Mikasa dishes Garden Club pattern, complete service for 8. Includes serving bowl, cream, and sugar bowl. Perfect cond. \$40. 815-320-6178

For sale: Electronics, Tablets, Earphones, etc. www.theonestopshop.store/7616



For sale: Fishing boat 1959 IL6158FB Mercury. \$1300. Call Bob. 219-316-5176



For sale: Lincoln Welder adjustable \$1600. Call Bob. 219-316-5176

Washer/Dryer, \$275; Kenmore, white etc. dryer, whirlpool, \$160; Snowblower \$100; Whirlpool washer, \$150; gas/dryer, \$100; wheelchair, \$100. 708-715-2348

For sale: Beautiful light beige/pink chiffon mother of the bride dress. Below the knee length. Size 16. Paid \$1200. Final price \$300. 773-503-1956

For sale: Dining set, Pier 1: Table, 6 chairs. Bamboo/Glass/Wood. Great condition. \$600 or BEST REASONABLE OFFER.



For sale: 42 inch round cherry wood table, with 4 chairs, glass top protector. 1yr. old, \$300. Carla. 708-596-5624

Misc paint supply \$2; drapery drapes: set full length \$25; 23"x42" new vinyl blinds \$5; asst. wall art \$5 ea. 708-460-6035

Always in fashion

Fashionette has been dealing in 'classy classics' for 65 years

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

This article is part of a series featuring businesses that have at least a 50-year history in Lansing. To submit a local business for consideration, email info@thelansingjournal.com.

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) — Jackie Protsman describes her mother, Florence Aumick, as a smart and fashionable woman who happened to make a trip uptown in the early 1950s to buy curtains and ended up buying a shop. That shop became Lansing Hosiery and was located on Ridge Road, supplying local ladies with stockings and accessories. After a decade, it moved a few doors west to the building that is now Active Edge. Another decade later, her family purchased Dr. Polowski's office, tore the building down, and built a new structure at 3334 Ridge Road that still houses the business today. The business shifted years ago from hosiery to women's clothing and is now called the Fashionette.

PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Aumick's daughter, Jackie, is still running the place at age 90, working five days a week and giving the same friendly, attentive, personalized service she always has. "We try to make sure we never let anyone leave angry," said Protsman. "We make sure they are happy."

Fashionette has been offering affordable fashions from their Ridge Road location since the 1970s. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

CLASSY CLASSICS

In the store you'll find affordable fashions that she refers to as "classy classics," that are a step up from a department store, but not as expensive as they'd be in a boutique. "We carry quality stuff, classics that you can wear today and tomorrow. It's not just for old ladies," she said.

Currently in the store you'll find winter inventory that will soon switch over for spring. Racks of sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, and dress shirts hang with plastic covers over the shoulders to protect them from all the fingers that touch them—brands like Southern Lady and Jenny. Protsman lifts up a hanger and tugs at a fragile looking jacket that she says has been laser cut and is more durable than it looks. "Things change and you've got to change with the times," she says.

Glass cases are filled with scarves, handbags, embroidered handkerchiefs and jewelry, including clip-on earrings. The back portion of the shop has racks of nightgowns, robes and aprons. Protsman said she gets new items in each month. Near the front of the store are hand-knitted baby blankets and caps that a friend makes, charging only for the yarn she purchases to make the items.

On a recent afternoon, a woman came in to purchase a purse. She was a return customer who already had a couple in the same style and color, but who wanted a "fresh"

Owner Jackie Protsman works five days a week at the Fashionette. "I love what I do," she says. "I can't think of anything in the world that I'd rather be doing." (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

one. Protsman pulled out a little slip from a drawer—a typed poem with a "lucky penny" taped to the back, something she gives to customers who buy a new handbag so that they can carry a bit of good luck with them.

FRIENDS AND FASHION

She has five part-time girls who help out at the store. "I've learned that I need to delegate some things," she said. "And you have to have the right person for the job." She enjoys each of the ladies, who are employees, but also friends and she said they have quite a good time when it comes to holiday parties, like their recent Christmas get-together at Teibel's.

Always seen in a well-coordinated outfit, with bright polished nails and not a hair out of place, Protsman wears only clothes that come from her store. Her fashion sense runs in the family. Protsman recalls her mother's stylish outfits and remembers vividly the first time that her mother wore a pantsuit. It wore a lavender pantsuit that matched well with her silver hair that she wore to one of the big social events of the year, the Lions Club Steak Fry.

Hand-knitted baby blankets and caps are also available at the Fashionette. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)



COMING AND GOING

She's seen styles come and go, and she saw the summer sidewalk sales, once a very popular event in the village, go away. When it comes to technology, however, Protsman hasn't followed the trends. She still types business documents and gift cards on the manual typewriter in her office—one that she can no longer buy replacement ribbons for, so she buys a brand of printer cartridge at an office supply store with a ribbon that is similar in size and spools in into her typewriter.

The Fashionette has now hit 65 years in business, and retirement is a word that isn't even in Protsman's vocabulary. As long as she's able to get to work, she'll be there. "I love what I do, and I can't think of anything in the world that I'd rather be doing," she said. "It's a lot of hard work, and I hope it shows."



Cell phones, from page 8

school, it is unknown what can be accessed on the phone, especially if a child has a phone belonging to a parent or other adult. She said that there's also the possibility of inappropriate use of a cell phone while in school. "I like the idea of letting us do the technology. You don't know what is coming into the school if they use their own technology."

For those parents concerned about being able to be in contact with their children, Heiberger said, "We're still talking about young kids. They are never left unsupervised and if they need to get ahold of a parent, we can do that. It's truly a distraction for young ones."

With young children also comes the likelihood of an expensive device being broken or lost—so school policies indicate that the school is not responsible when a phone is lost, stolen or damaged.

GOOD SUCCESS

According to Heiberger, they have had good success with students complying. When a cell phone is seen, it usually only takes a reminder from a teacher to put it away.

More information on disciplinary procedures for inappropriate cell phone use can be found in the District 158 Board of Education Policy Manual under section 7:190, which is available online at d158.net. The cell phone use policy can also be found on page 68 of the Student-Parent Handbook.

SPECIAL SERIES: UNDERSTANDING LANSING

Update: New Building Commissioner appointed

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 22, 2018) – Last month’s Understanding Lansing installment began focusing on the nine Village departments that influence the lives of Lansing residents. We started with a group of three positions that interact regularly with each other on existing structures and new developments—the Building Department, Public Works, and Economic Development. At the time of that writing, the department head positions for all three of those departments were vacant. Within the past two weeks, however, one of those vacancies has been filled. Zoran Savic was hired as Building Commissioner and officially began on February 22.

DOING WELL AND MOVING FORWARD

“Lansing is very special to me,” said Savic at the February 20 Village Board meeting where his appointment was unanimously approved. “I’m here to serve all of you. I look forward to working tirelessly on a daily basis to continue to make Lansing a wonderful place to live.”

Savic has been an Electrical Inspector with Lansing’s Building Department for the past five years and worked with previous Building Commissioner TJ Grossi. Savic expressed appreciation for the work Grossi did for the Village, and he hopes to build on that foundation.

“We already have a Building Department that is doing well,” he said in an interview that morning. “Now we just need to move forward from there.”

The Building Department’s main purpose is to ensure the safety of Lansing residents. To that end, their responsibilities include reviewing construction drawings, issuing permits, conducting inspections (including health inspections of restaurants), managing vacant properties, and enforcing village codes that apply to property maintenance. As the head of this department, Commissioner Savic manages a team of four inspectors.

The Building Department can have a positive or negative impact on economic development in Lansing, because businesses and contractors prefer to work with a Commissioner and inspectors who are fair, efficient, responsive, and customer-friendly.

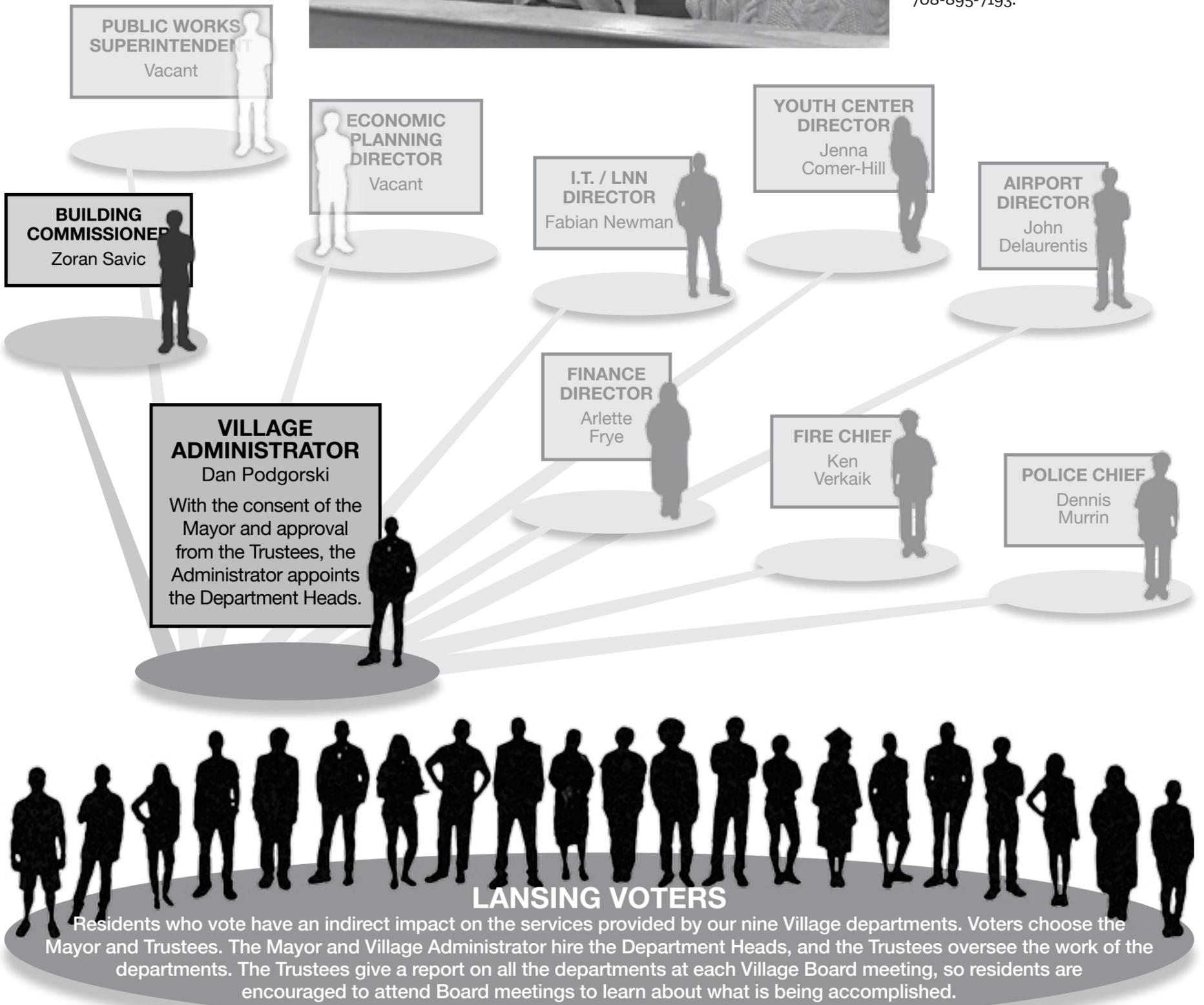
“We want to help the community grow,” affirmed Savic. Savic hopes to sit down with Mayor Eidam, Village Administrator Podgorski, and Village Trustees to learn about their hopes for the Building Department, particularly relating to the opportunities that the Fox Pointe development will make available.

Commissioner Savic can be reached at the Building Department offices, which are located within the Village of Lansing Municipal Center, 3141 Ridge Road. The Building Department phone number is 708-895-7193.

Right: Zoran Savic accepting his appointment as Lansing’s Building Commissioner.



Below, from left, Zoran Savic’s daughters Anastasia and Andjelina and his wife Danijela document the occasion. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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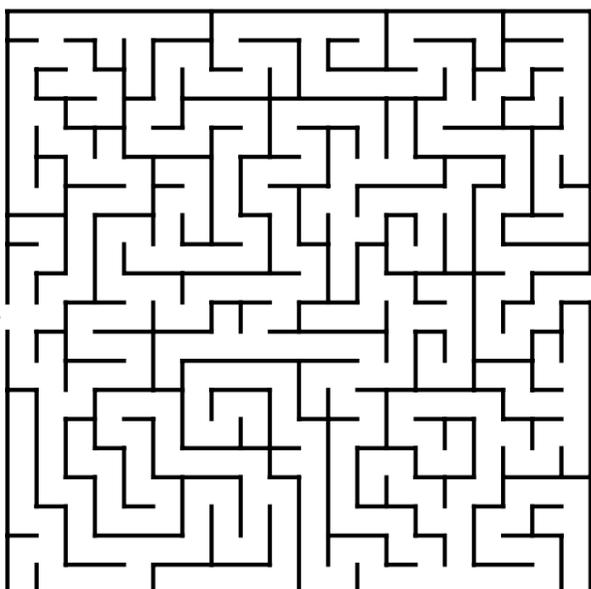
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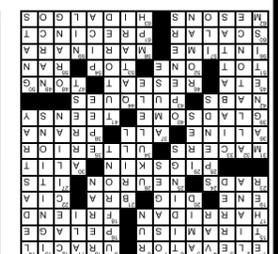
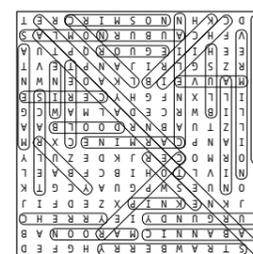
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Turn of Phrase: Drummed Out

Meaning to be expelled from a group, the metaphor goes back to the 1700s. It was once the practice to dismiss a disgraced officer from the military to the beating of a drum. He was literally "drummed out of the service."

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Jesse Howard art exhibit coming to South Suburban College

March 9–April 16 in the Dorothea Thiel Gallery

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (February 27, 2018) – The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College will present a solo exhibition by Jesse Howard, on display in the Dorothea Thiel Gallery March 9–April 16, with an artist reception on March 20 at 1:00pm in room 4333.

Since the 1980s, Jesse Howard’s socially-concerned drawings have focused on the plight of the homeless and the disenfranchised, particularly African Americans in urban environments. Informed by his own upbringing on Chicago’s West side and his life experience as a black man, Howard is sensitive to the way these populations are viewed, treated, and often dismissed.

Howard explains, “At times, [a black man] is a prisoner within himself and/or the neighborhood he’s trapped in, usually because of his race or circumstances; one could argue that he was dead before birth.”

Produced in charcoal, watercolor, and collage, Howard’s figures are typically distorted, reflecting the pressure and anxiety the individuals feel inside as well as the perceptions and expectations imposed upon them by society. In addition, the physical presence of urban life is often evident through bits of newspaper, receipts, or various other scraps affixed to the surface of the portraits.

The public is welcome to visit art exhibitions and receptions at no charge. The Thiel Gallery is located on the fourth floor and is open Monday–Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm. The galleries are closed on weekends and holidays.

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



“Old School Activist,” by Jesse Howard, depicts an older activist observing the activities of young Millennials. (Photo provided)

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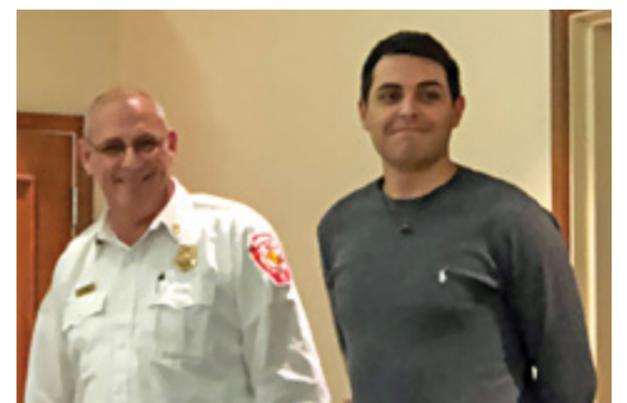
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Firefighter Nick Vukelich joins LFD

LANSING, Ill. (February 24, 2018) – “This is your Village Board, and these are the people you serve,” said Chief Ken Verkaik to the newest member of the Lansing Fire Department, Nick Vukelich. The February 20 meeting of the Village Board gave Verkaik an opportunity to let the Board and community meet Vukelich, but Verkaik also likes to make a point of letting his guys see their elected officials and fellow residents face to face.

Vukelich previously served with fire departments in Burnham, Dolton, and Flossmoor. He was sworn in as a Lansing firefighter on January 22. He is a firefighter and a paramedic.

After the introductions, Verkaik told Vukelich, “Our hope is that you have a long and prosperous career here.”



Chief Ken Verkaik (left) introduces Nick Vukelich to the Lansing Village Board and members of the public at the February 20 Board meeting. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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Scenes from the Roundball Classic

Oak Glen wins the championship game; the Lansing community wins much more



BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 13, 2018) – The ninth annual Lansing Roundball Classic ended with 6,730 food items donated to the Lansing Food Pantry, thousands of dollars donated to Lansing charitable causes, and awards for all the kids who played. In addition, the Oak Glen Grizzlies defeated the Heritage Nationals, and Brianna Rosas won the halftime Hot Shot contest.

Organizers Rick Seymour and Sally Reynolds have designed the event to be more than a fifth-grade basketball tournament—it’s a community-building exercise. Donations from local businesses and

individuals cover the costs, and proceeds from ticket sales are donated to Lansing charities.

This year, Seymour and Reynolds also received a \$5,000 matching grant from Curtis Granderson’s Grand Kids Foundation—which effectively doubled the \$5,715 raised from the community.

Jayden Spann (#1) out-leaps Zion Gordon (#52) for the shot. Talan White (far left), Jaiden Mason (#30), and William Bass (#50) also join the tussle.



After all the medals and trophies are handed out, the two teams gather for photos and smiles.



Above: At a Village Board meeting the week after the championship game, Ernie Gonzalez (far left), Executive Director of LARC, accepted a donation. “It restores my faith in humanity to see a community that teaches its young people about giving back,” he said. The Roundball Classic also presented donations to the Lansing Food Pantry, the Family Giving Program, and Meals on Wheels.

Right: Hot Shot finalists Bryn Leonard from St. Ann and Brianna Rosas from Oak Glen pose with Mayor Eidam after their shootout. In a tie-breaker, Rosas out-shot Leonard for the win.





From left: Heidi Ketterring as Truvy, Landree Fleming as Shelby, Myesha-Tiara as Annelle, Joslyn Yvonne Jones as Ouiser, and Jeannie Affelder as Clairee discuss life's triumphs and tragedies in *Steel Magnolias*, now playing at the Theatre at the Center in Munster's Center for Visual and Performing Arts. (Photo: Michael Brosilow, copyright Theatre at the Center)

Steel Magnolias – a perfect ‘girls night out’ during Women’s History Month

Show runs through March 25 in Munster

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

MUNSTER, Ind. (March 5, 2018) – The all-female cast of *Steel Magnolias*—currently playing at the Theatre at the Center—combines laughter, tears, and Southern charm as they discuss life’s transitions and hopes. It’s a fun performance, and Heidi Ketterring is particularly authentic.

Experiencing the story as a play rather than a movie allows audiences to focus on characters and conversation. It’s a quieter, more reflective show than the 1989 movie by the same name.

Previews began February 22 with Opening Night on February 25 for the show’s run through March 25.

Performances are 2:00pm on

Wednesdays and Thursdays; 7:30pm on Fridays; 3:00pm and 7:30pm on Saturdays; and 3:00pm on Sundays, with select Thursday and Sunday night performances.

Individual ticket prices range from \$42–\$46. To purchase individual tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or Tickets.com at 800-511-1532. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Gift certificates are also available.

Theatre at the Center is located within The Center for Visual and Performing Arts at 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana. For more information on Theatre at the Center, visit www.TheatreAt-TheCenter.com.

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