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## A Good Friday

### Faith traditions bring churches, community together

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 30, 2018) - By noon on Good Friday, the clouds had cleared, and bright skies blessed the nearly 200 people gathered in the parking lot of St. Ann's Catholic Church. The second annual Good Friday prayer walk drew parishioners from a variety of faith backgrounds as well as a few whose spiritual path is less defined.

After an opening prayer, the pilgrimage headed south on Chicago Avenue, then west on Ridge Road, and finally north on Glen Terrace, pausing on the lawn of Trinity Lutheran Church before going inside for a "Bidding Prayer" service. Along the way, the congregants and the curious stopped 14 times for Scripture readings marking significant events in Jesus' path to the cross.

#### TRADITIONS

Observing the Stations of the Cross is more familiar to the Catholic tradition, though in recent years Protestant congregations

have taken up the practice. By physically involving themselves in a remembrance of the events of Good Friday, church members find new meaning in the familiar texts.

#### COMMUNITY

It was Rev. John Holyer of Trinity Lutheran Church who introduced the idea to Lansing last year and made it an outdoor, community event. Having developed a friendship through their membership in the Lansing Ministerial Association, Holyer and St. Ann's Father Bill McFarlane worked together on the details. Pastor Michael Eberly of First Baptist Church, who had never done the Stations of the Cross, also participated. "I didn't know what to expect," he remembers about last year's walk. "I was really encouraged by the amount of participation last year—from passersby who seemed to be interested in what was going on, and from the Lansing Police Department, who

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From left: Pastor Michael Eberly (First Baptist Church), Rev. John Holyer (Trinity Lutheran Church), Pastor Leroy Childress (Grace Church), Rev. David Price (First United Methodist Church), and Father Bill McFarlane (St. Ann's Catholic Church) prepare to lead Lansing residents in a Good Friday observance of the Stations of the Cross, down Ridge Road.



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# LARC welcomes Mayor Eidam

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 28, 2018) – At a meeting in the LARC conference room, Mayor Patty Eidam shared a story about the LARC crew that picks up litter around the Lansing Municipal Center. Whenever she sees them, she gets up from her desk, goes to the window, and waves. “They all stop what they’re doing and wave back to me,” she said, and this interaction has become a tradition. But on this particular morning, the Mayor was on the phone when the LARC crew arrived. When she hung up and turned around, there they were, outside her window, waiting for her to wave. “It was adorable!” she said, laughing at the memory.

Those kinds of interactions are exactly what LARC CEO Ernie Gonzalez is hoping to create more of. He wants LARC clients to be visible throughout

the community, contributing in whatever ways they can, and enjoying the small personal exchanges that many of us take for granted.

This kind of thinking is a change in paradigm that Gonzalez is bringing to LARC. “We have very good staff who are very caring and very protective of these individuals,” he said. But he is encouraging staff to care in a different way—to help clients set goals and develop skills that may take more of them outside the building more often.

The result, he hopes, will be a richer life for LARC clients and a richer community for us all.

## MEETING EACH OTHER

Mayor Eidam was already familiar with LARC—since 1956 the Lansing organization has been serving people with developmental disabilities. Their annual fish fry, golf outing, and Appreciation Dinner are well attended and successful in raising both funds and awareness. When the Mayor called to donate a silent auction item for the Appreciation Dinner, Public Relations

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Left: Mayor Eidam’s silent auction donation is a “Private five-course dinner for eight adults at the Lansing home of Mr. Bud and Mayor Patty Eidam.” (Photo: Mayor Patty Eidam)

Below: From left, Village Executive Assistant Ken Reynolds, LARC PR Director Ken Sadowski, Village Mayor Patty Eidam, and LARC CEO Ernie Gonzalez discuss LARC, life, and Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Ira Burton (left) shares his career goals with Mayor Patty Eidam (right), while Michael Myers—his supervisor and mentor—looks on. Ira wants a job in the community, and he recently interviewed at Strack & Van Til in Munster, Indiana. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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# TF South participates in national walkouts

Students express determination to “create a future that we want to see”

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (March 14, 2018) – Schools across the country participated in a national walkout in protest of gun violence in the United States. Students in Lansing, at Thornton Fractional South High School, were among the hundreds of participants.

Organized by Jady Newman, a junior at TF South, the walkout was held in front of the school from 10:00–10:17am, one minute per life lost at the recent Parkland, Florida, shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. With support from the school board and TF South staff, students were allowed to participate in the walkout to show their support of stricter gun laws in the U.S. Parents and other members of the community were also invited to attend the walkout and support the students involved.

Mason Henning, a TF South senior, began the demonstration by reading the names and ages of the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting, followed by a moment of silence. Henning then began speaking about gun violence, using his own story and personal life experiences.

## UP AND OUT

While addressing a recently circulated Facebook post that encouraged students to “walk up” rather than “walk out,” Henning recounted his own involvement with walking up, stating that encouraging students to walk up is not the solution to gun violence.

“‘Walk up’ really means ‘don’t be vocal and public with your fear of being killed in school because it makes me look bad for being pro-gun.’ I walk up every day of my life. I know what it feels like to be isolated by your entire class, to be bullied and have no one listen to you, the victim,” Henning said. “I walk up every day. I walk up to the people who have hurt me in the past and smile and ask how they’re doing.



Hundreds of TF South students participated in the walkout on March 14, one month after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The walkout gave students a chance to express their fears and their hopes. (Photo: Dan Bovino)

I walk up to kids sitting alone at lunch and join them, even if we don’t have anything to talk about. And most importantly, I walk up to my school, every morning, [at] 7 o’clock, with the notion that I will at least be able to keep my life, if not my confidence or self-esteem.”

Henning said that regardless of the personal pain he has experienced in the past, he “[does] not seek ownership of a gun” and has no desire to hurt anyone, despite no one ever “walking up” to him.

“So give us 17 minutes to walk out. Give us 17 minutes to walk safely into the world and raise our voices against the only guaranteed factor involved in school shootings: guns. Give us the rest of our lives, free from the fear of losing our time on this earth due to a careless government and a silent network of leadership,” Henning said.

## SPEAKING UP

After Henning spoke, Newman took the stage. She discussed the survivors of the Parkland shooting and the effect that they are having across the country. These students, the inspiration behind the national school walkout, also prompted CNN to host a nationally televised town

hall meeting, in which they were given the opportunity to directly address senators and representatives from the National Rifle Association. Additionally, these students have organized several marches and rallies and are utilizing social media to make sure their voices are heard.

“While many people may be surprised at how successful these students have already been, I’m not surprised at all, and you probably aren’t either. I’m here today for the same reason all of you are: because this is more than just a debate over guns. This movement, this spark turned to a flame, is about us. These students are initiating the change they wish to see,” Newman said.

Although the walkouts have been met with some criticism because of the students’ age, Newman pointed out that other young people have made huge influential changes throughout the world in recent years, such as Malala Yousafzai (Nobel Peace Prize-winning equal education supporter), Saira Blair (the youngest person to ever be voted into the United States government), and Joshua Wong (founder of Scholarism in protest of pro-communist education in China).

“Together we will create a future that we want to see. A future with safety, with equality, and with justice. I am so inspired to see students our age making changes. This is our chance to keep the movement going in our school, in

our community, and in our nation,” Newman said.

## YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

She encouraged her fellow students to register to vote and, if eligible, to start by voting in the Illinois primaries. Illinois residents can register to vote at the age of 17.

“We will vote because we are not just kids. We will fight because we are not just kids. We will make a change—we are not just kids. We’ll stand up, speak up, and stay strong. We are not just kids. We are not just kids—we are the future, and we choose what we decide to make of it. Get educated, get inspired, get to the polls, and get ready because this generation is capable of anything,” Newman said, to thunderous applause from the audience.

## INSPIRATION

As the demonstration came to an end, Newman thanked all those who supported the students and participated in the walkout, including principal Jake Gourley, whom Newman described as an inspiration and a fantastic principal.

Gourley responded, “Thank you so much, everyone, for coming out today. Jady, you have been a true leader in this event. I couldn’t be more proud to be your principal, and I’m glad that, when I look into your eyes, I see the future.”



Jady Newman (at podium) addresses the crowd of hundreds at TF South’s walkout. She encouraged her fellow students to vote to make the changes they want to see. (Photo: Dan Bovino)

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were very helpful in making the event possible." This year Sgt. Gabe Barajas organized the police escort, leading the procession with flashing lights while two other patrol vehicles shepherded the flock from the rear.

## PARTICIPATION

There are variations on the traditional Stations of the Cross, and at different points in history, 7, 12, 14, and occasionally 15 stations have been observed. The forms used often include a mix of Biblical and extra-Biblical accounts. For Lansing's Good Friday walk, Holyer and McFarlane used the Scriptural Way of the Cross, which observes 14 stations that have a Biblical foundation. Participants were given a small booklet as a guide for their journey, with the Scripture texts, prayers, and responses printed.

Though many Stations of the Cross observances use images to depict the events of Christ's passion, Lansing's community observance relied solely on the reading of the Word to convey the Way of the Cross. At each station along Ridge Road, one

of the participating ministers read the Scripture text and prayer, and the crowd prayed in response: "Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps."

Joining Holyer, McFarlane, and Eberly this year were Rev. David Price from First United Methodist Church and Pastor Leroy Childress from Grace Church. All Lansing churches were invited to participate, but Holy Week responsibilities can make new traditions difficult to add to a minister's schedule.

Participation was not limited to church adherents however. Keimon Crayton had come to Lansing to visit his mother. She wasn't home, so he stepped outside and happened to see the crowd, the cross, and the

police escort—and he decided to join the throng. "I truly think that I was meant to be here," he said.

Whether or not participants identify with a particular religious tradition, Pastor Eberly believes it can have meaning. "We're all asking who Jesus is," he said. "Different faiths answer that question differently. I would say that even non-Christians would get something out of this."

## FAITH

"My goal in doing it," said Rev. Holyer, "is, one, for people who are Christian to have a very solemn observance of what for us is the most important event in history. It's a very moving experience and spiritually enriching. For those who are already believers, this can deepen or strengthen their faith."

The Tellez family agrees. Members

of St. Ann, they followed the procession all the way to Trinity Lutheran, where they took a moment to pray at the cross before quietly leaving.

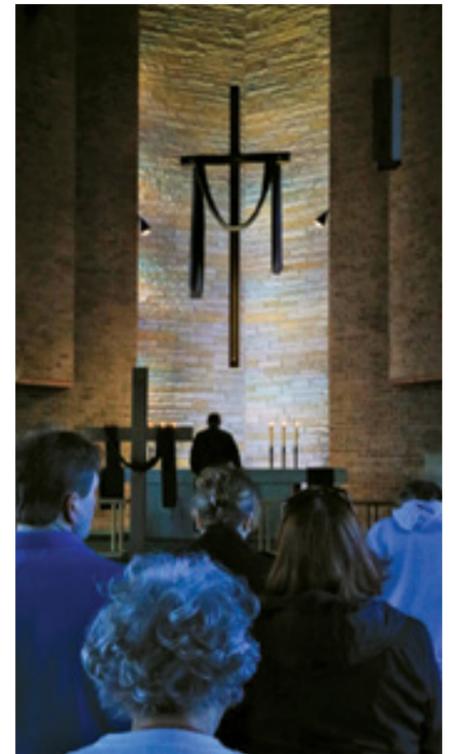
They participated because the observance affirms their Christian belief and their Catholic traditions. But they left with an extra blessing: "It's nice to see the community—and the religious community—come together," said Yoly Tellez.

Her husband John added, "Yes, we need that in this time."



Right: The cross was carried along the route by members of Trinity and St. Ann's—Luke Martinson, Charlie Gray, Jack Roe, Ted Gray, Tom Mosley, and Tom Graves. At each station, they positioned the cross upright for the Scripture reading and prayers, then shouldered it again to lead the pilgrims to the next station.

Below: In the parking lot before beginning the service, Rev. John Holyer and Sgt. Gabe Barajas discuss the route. Lansing police provided an escort for the Good Friday prayer walk, which involved nearly 200 participants following the Scriptural Way of the Cross, from Chicago Avenue to Glen Terrace, along Ridge Road. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



The pilgrimage ended with a prayer service in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, led by Rev. Holyer. (Photo: Dan Bovino)



Above: The crowd followed the cross down Ridge Road, from Chicago Avenue to Glen Terrace, with Lansing police directing traffic around them.



Left: The Tellez family—John, John, and Yoly—are pictured here with the palm branches and prayer guides they received at the beginning of the walk. The Good Friday prayer walk has spiritual meaning for them, but they also appreciate the way it brought both the religious community and the Lansing community together.

(Photos: Melanie Jongsma)

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# LFD receives grant for investigative equipment

## \$1,832 awarded by FM Global



From left: Tony Minkalis (VP of Local 37), Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich, Chief Ken Verkaik, and Firefighter Tim Kotecki accept a grant award from Kipp Caputo of FM Global. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 22, 2018) - The Lansing Fire Department received a \$1,832 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. The grant covers the cost of special equipment used by LFD's investigative teams, including a 7-foot portable lithium ion light, an evidence sampling kit, a liquid sampling kit, evidence markers, and a debris

shifting shovel. These items help fire investigators more efficiently investigate and determine the cause of a fire.

Firefighter Tim Kotecki applied for the grant last November. FM Global awards grants three times a year. This is the first time the Lansing Fire Department has received this grant.

Kipp Caputo, a Consultant Engineer with FM Global, arrived at Station 29 (formerly known as



The grant covers the cost of special equipment used by LFD's investigative teams, including a 7-foot portable lithium ion light, an evidence sampling kit, a liquid sampling kit (shown), evidence markers (shown), and a debris shifting shovel. (Images provided)



Station 3), 19300 Burnham Avenue, on Thursday, March 22, to congratulate LFD and present a plaque.

Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 40 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe. Locally, the company has awarded grants to a number of Illinois-based organizations.

FM Global invites fire departments to apply for grants every three years. Firefighter Kotecki has already marked his calendar and plans to apply again.

# Lansing seeks volunteers for Community Clean-Up Day

## Saturday, April 28, 10:00am–12:00pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF LANSING

LANSING, Ill. (March 20, 2018) – The Village of Lansing is seeking volunteers for the ninth annual Community Clean-Up Day, to be held Saturday, April 28, from 10:00am–12:00pm. "This is a great way for residents to get involved and make a difference in their community," said Clerk Vivian Payne, organizer of the event.

Residents have the option of volunteering individually or signing up with a group. Church groups, neighbors, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops have all been involved in past Community Clean-Up Days. This year the new Beautification Committee will be involved as well.

Every year, the Clean-Up Day brings out over 100 volunteers to pick up trash and litter in assigned areas. Garbage bags are provided and can be picked up at Village Hall the morning of the event. Gloves

will not be provided, but residents are welcome to bring their own.

Participants are invited to gather at the First Church pavilion for a grilled lunch at noon following the clean-up. First Church is located

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Anyone interested in volunteering must pre-register by calling Clerk Payne directly at 708-895-7207 or completing the online form.

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# Human Relations Commission: draft ordinance introduced

## Steps continue in embracing Lansing's diversity, but more applicants needed

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 2, 2018) – During the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, March 20, Mayor Eidam included in her Mayor's Report an update on the formation of a Human Relations Commission in Lansing. She had begun discussions on the topic about two years ago, before her election, and at that time the goal seemed fairly straightforward: "We wanted to create a Commission to help promote our community involvement for all Lansing residents," she reported to the Board. The draft ordinance included in the Board's packet was the result of a long process of information-gathering, and Mayor Eidam stressed that it is only a draft and that the work is ongoing.

### A NEW COMMISSION

Lansing has a variety of Boards and Commissions, and each one is guided by a Village ordinance that defines the purpose, size, and responsibilities of the group. It has been 21 years since Lansing formed any kind of new Commission, and the Human Relations Commission will have a unique, uncharted role in Lansing's development, so the process is necessarily complex.

Mayor Eidam invited Director of Communications Ken Reynolds to share with the Board more about the steps involved in forming the Human Relations Commission. Recognizing the significance of the proceedings, Reynolds read from a carefully prepared statement:

"Since Mayor Eidam took office in May of last year, both the administration and she have recognized the need for Lansing to embrace its diversity within our residential and business populations. What you have in front of you tonight is the first draft of what has the potential to be a powerful tool in helping the Village move toward this identified goal. The formation of a Human Relations Commission is one major step in helping to ensure that all Lansing residents feel valued and appreciated within their own identified cultures and as part of the Village as a whole.

"The initial planning for the Human Relations Commission began immediately upon taking office last May. As the Board knows, there was a high-profile incident last summer which caused the creation of a Human Relations Commission—and the topic of diversity as a whole in Lansing—to become an even greater focal point for our Village."

Reynolds continued by describing some of the events that influenced the formation of the HRC, including last August's community forum, meetings with residents and clergy, and two workshops comprising diverse members of the Lansing community. "These workshops were held at the request of several Lansing residents and clergy members who felt minority input was essential to the formation of any

ordinance dealing with human relations," said Reynolds. He later shared that the emotion at the workshops was high, and opinions were freely expressed—and he affirmed that this kind of engagement is necessary to the creation of a Commission that will be doing meaningful work.

### SKEPTICISM AND HOPE

The draft ordinance recommends that the Human Relations Commission consist of nine members. As of March 31, the Village has received 17 applications, and Reynolds would prefer at least 20 in order to ensure a diversity not only of race, but also of experience, age, economics, and connections. He wants applicants to recognize the difficulty of the work this Commission will be engaged in. More than simply planning the standard Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month observances, the hope is that Lansing's Human Relations Commission will impact daily life and business in Lansing, including the new opportunities that the Fox Pointe venue will make available.

Some are adopting a "wait and see" attitude toward the Commission, expressing doubt about whether the group will have any real authority. Reynolds acknowledges the skeptics and admits that a lot remains unknown. The Human Relations Commission will have no more or less authority than any other Commission in Lansing. The influence it is able to wield will depend in large part on what the appointed individuals bring to the conversation and what kind of synergy they achieve as a group. He does hope people will recognize that the entire process is a sincere and ongoing effort. "If the community doesn't see it as genuine, then it has no chance of success," Reynolds said.

### MORE APPLICANTS NEEDED

The Village is continuing to encourage new applicants for the Human Relations Commission. Commissioners will be committing to a multiple-year term, so Reynolds is specifically seeking applicants who are ready for that level of dedication to the long-range good of Lansing. The Human Relations Commission page on the Village website summarizes the purpose of the Commission, explains the application process, and includes links to the application.

Reynolds is even considering other ways to gather information from interested community members who may be more comfortable with a verbal presentation than a written application.

There is no firm deadline for submissions, but Reynolds would like to continue forward progress on creating the Commission, so interested community members are encouraged to contact him as soon as possible.

Mayor Eidam will oversee interviews of all the applicants in order to select a slate of Commissioners that will be recommended to the Village Board for their approval.

### EXPRESSING INPUT

Trustees are now reviewing the draft ordinance and are expected to discuss it at future meetings. All Lansing residents are invited to share input or ask questions about the Human Relations Commission (or any other municipal issues) by contacting their representatives directly—

- Mayor Patty Eidam: peidam@villageoflansing.org or 708-895-7208

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Director Ken Sadowski invited her to come in for a tour. She accepted the invitation and arrived on a Wednesday afternoon to meet staff and clients and learn more of what LARC is all about.

Gonzalez led the tour, but at each stop, it was clients who filled in the details—sometimes about work, sometimes about life in general. Margarita Pericolosi demonstrated the process she goes through to assemble specialty shipping boxes for BMW. Ira Burton discussed the skills needed to be a good worker. Jill VanderSteeg showed off a baby bib she's been cross-stitching. Eddie Schneider played April Fool's jokes. And Cheryl Perozzi made small talk about her plans for the evening.

"I've certainly enjoyed it every time I've come here, for different occasions," Mayor Eidam told Gonzalez at the end of the tour. "But there is a lot I didn't know about LARC. Thank you very much for inviting me!"

The Mayor plans to attend LARC's Annual Appreciation Dinner on May 4, and many LARC clients attend as well, so there is a good chance they will get to reconnect again there.

This year the dinner will be held at Lansing's Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stony Island Avenue. The event is a fundraiser supporting LARC programs. Tickets are \$55 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call 708-474-1540 to reserve tickets, make a donation, or sponsor a client to attend the dinner.



Above and right: Upon entering the main workshop area, Mayor Eidam is surrounded by members of the LARC family, eager to make a connection. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



Below: Margarita Pericolosi (far right) demonstrates the process she goes through to assemble specialty shipping boxes for BMW. LARC collaborates with several local businesses to provide work and a paycheck for their clients. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Above: "Oh, this is beautiful!" says Mayor Eidam (left) to Jill VanderSteeg about the baby bib she's been cross-stitching. "It takes a long time," says Jill. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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# Planning and Zoning Board recommends denial of special use permit

## Lily's Hot Stone Massage "a non-existent business entity," says Village Attorney

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 15, 2018) – The Planning and Zoning Board met on February 14 to hear the request of Lily's Hot Stone Massage, Inc. for a special use permit to operate a massage parlor at 3674 Ridge Road. An Sun Lee, manager of the business; Grace Kwon, owner; and translator David Choe were present at the meeting.

Because the location is zoned B-4, CBD Downtown, a special permit would be required in order to operate a massage parlor there.

Saad Abbasy chairs the Planning and Zoning Board, and he had researched the application from Lily's Hot Stone Massage prior to the meeting and informed the Board of his findings. Abbasy expressed concern that Kwon currently operates a massage parlor in Rhode Island that is (1) advertising sexual services, and (2) engaged in legal proceedings with the city of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, due to allegations of prostitution.

Kwon, with Choe translating, stated that those legal proceedings are the result of workers not having state licenses, and that the suggestive advertising used as evidence of prostitution was created by an advertising company whose work she had not seen previously. Kwon assured the Board that her business has nothing to do with sexual conduct.

Regardless of the nature of the business, Village Attorney Matt Ingersoll stated that Lily's Hot Stone Massage, Inc. is not listed as an incorporated or LLC business in either Illinois, Rhode Island, or Delaware and that a special use permit could not be granted to a non-existent business entity. Lee, through Choe, explained that incorporation was in process, and Lee provided a receipt showing that she had paid an attorney to get her business licensed in Illinois. However, neither applicant

had any other proof that the business entity had been formed.

The Planning and Zoning Board reached a unanimous decision to recommend that the Village Board deny a special use permit for Lily's Hot Stone Massage, Inc.

At the March 6 Committee of the Whole meeting, Trustee Brian Hardy reported on the Planning and Zoning Board's meeting, letting the Trustees know that Lily's Hot Stone Massage had requested a special use permit and that the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation was to deny that request. Village Attorney Matt Welch confirmed that because Lily's Hot Stone Massage was not a legal entity at the time of their request, there was no legal way to grant a special use permit. Trustee Hardy asked that the item be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting, so the

Board could vote whether or not to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board to deny the request.

During Public Comment, Attorney Christopher Smith spoke on behalf of Kwon, who was also present. He presented a letter from the Secretary of State approving their incorporation documents. "If that was the basis of denial," Smith said, "we'd like to have the Planning and Zoning Appeals Board reconsider that decision in light of this corrected information." Attorney Smith did not reference the concerns about the nature of Kwon's other business and its relationship with the city of Pawtucket.

At the March 20 Village Board meeting, the vote was unanimous to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation, and no special use permit was granted.

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Above, from left: Patricia Muhammad, Ernst Lamothe, Eric Crump, Jennifer Yos, Renae Fentress, Kris O'Connor, and Daisy Herrera participate in a panel discussion about the value a community newspaper brings to a community. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)

Below: "A real community newspaper is an independent source of information," says Eric Crump, founder of the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)



Left: Jennifer Yos peruses the newest issue before taking her place on the panel. Right: Daisy Herrera, manager of Three Roosters grocery store, believes a single newspaper can, with some effort, serve all the sub-communities within Lansing. (Photos: Ashlee De Wit)

# Themes at The Lansing Journal Open House include Information, Trust, Community

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (March 7, 2018) – Dozens of people from Lansing and beyond gathered at the Lansing Public Library for The Lansing Journal's Open House. The night's main event was a panel of seven people who have interacted with the Journal from different perspectives:

- Eric Crump, founder of the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle, which inspired The Lansing Journal
  - Ernst Lamothe, Director of Community Relations for Thornton Township and regular contributor to The Lansing Journal
  - Jennifer Yos, Lansing resident and reader of The Lansing Journal
  - Renae Fentress, local business woman (Troost Coffee & Tea) featured in a Lansing Journal article
  - Daisy Herrera, local business woman (Three Roosters) and informal advisor to The Lansing Journal
  - Kris O'Connor, local business woman (Classy Cuts) featured in a Lansing Journal article
  - Patricia Muhammad, freelance journalist and regular contributor to The Lansing Journal
- Managing Editor Melanie Jongmsa served as the panel moderator.

## PAYING ATTENTION

One of the main topics the panel discussed was the importance of every community having a newspaper. When Eric Crump moved to the Homewood-Flossmoor area about four years ago, he was shocked to find there was no newspaper serving the community. Crump had previously lived in an area that was home to several smaller towns—one with a population of just 1,500 people—each of which had its own paper.

"There's lots of information out there, but the difference is, a real community newspaper is an independent source of information," Crump said. "The newspaper's job is to pay attention to a whole community, pay attention to all sides of issues, pay attention to people whose stories aren't otherwise told or given any attention. Then you've got a real resource for your community."

## REACHING PEOPLE

The value of a local newspaper was also recognized by Ernst Lamothe, who works with both The Lansing Journal and Thornton Township (the largest township in

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# Renovations modernize library, add resources

Intentional design creates space for community

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) - If it's been a while since you've been inside the Lansing Public Library, you'll notice changes once you walk in the door. A major renovation project costing about \$1 million was completed early last year. The interior has a new look, and more resources are available to patrons.

## PLANNING AND SAVING

Planning for the project began in 2015, and work was done with minimal disruption to the public—the building closed for only two days during construction. "The staff was fabulous at adapting to temporary spaces along the way," said Albrecht. "The last piece of this project will be installed in the next few months—new signage for the entire building."

All of the work was done without a need to increase taxes to fund it, said Albrecht. "The project cost about \$1 million from funds we have been able to save over the last several years," she said. "We are well aware of how much in taxes folks are asked to pay, and we try to be fiscally responsible with all our tax dollars. Our goal is to provide a great collection of materials, wonderful customer service, and

dependable access to information for all ages in a warm, comfortable, patron-friendly building."

## DESIGNING AND REMODELING

Studio GC from Chicago designed the space. "Rick McCarthy and Darren Schretter (formerly of Dewberry Architects) worked with us when we remodeled the outside of the building," said Albrecht. "We also used Independent Construction Services, Inc. Norm and Dan Fallonardo have been indispensable for their assistance as owner's reps and acting as project managers."

The lower level received all new furniture, painting, and redesigning of the space. More seating areas were added, which Albrecht said disperses youths across a larger space and helps with noise. Work was limited due to HVAC problems and a need for the system to be replaced. Albrecht is hoping that project can be tackled in the next three to five years.

## COMMUNITY SPACE

The library building opened in 1976, and Albrecht was happy to be able to modernize it. "We added study rooms, and converted the board room to the Quiet Room and the old reference area to a large open space with easily movable furniture



The remodeled library creates community space that accommodates conversation as well as quiet. The "Quiet Room" is in glass, behind the tree. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

to serve a multitude of uses—from study, reading, and group activities, to full-blown stage productions. We now have a proper space for concerts. We have even added some stage lighting," she explained. "We brought all of the audio/visual materials onto the floor so patrons can browse our collection. We have all the laptops, hotspots, fax, scanner, and copiers in one area, with staff to assist you. We have added self-check-out stations for those who prefer to do it themselves."

The absence of a large front desk is the first adjustment patrons will likely notice. "We downsized our desk areas to make them friendlier. We do not want desks to be a barrier to service," said Albrecht. "We also were able to provide our staff with off-desk work space where they can work on projects. So when staff is on the floor they are devoted to those in the building." Feedback has been very positive, according to Albrecht.

Libraries have evolved from the days when patrons were expected to work in silence, but for those looking for that traditional quiet experience, they can utilize the "Quiet Room." The space that was

once used only for occasional board meetings and book discussions is now used daily by patrons.

The stage area is an improvement that was added in response to popular monthly concerts held at the library. The new stage area has portable furniture that can be moved to accommodate larger crowds and can also be used for community forums and other events with seating for about 150.

## MORE CHANGES PLANNED

- This spring the front entry will be redone.
- Concrete repairs will be done, as well as narrowing of the sidewalks.
- More plantings will be added toward the curb.
- Stairs will be removed and a ramp installed.
- Benches and lounge chairs will be added on the front grass areas.
- Lighting will be replaced in the front of the building.
- Stairs in the back parking lot will be repaired.
- The large planter boxes will be removed from the courtyard, and more seating will be added.



A large open space with movable furniture serves a multitude of uses—from study, reading, and group activities to full-blown stage productions. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

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Illinois, comprising over 17 different villages and towns). Lamothe explained that Thornton Township hosts many events and provides free services that, when advertised in The Lansing Journal, can reach even more people.

"With Thornton Township being the large organization that it is, it's really hard to reach everyone in that community," he explained. "We really want the community to be able to take advantage of our programs. We have so many programs. A lot of our services are free—that is, residents are paying for it with their taxes—and we want to give back to them as well. That's why once this idea [for a local newspaper] came, we definitely wanted to connect. It's been a fantastic partnership so far."

### BUILDING TRUST

That connection is seen throughout Lansing businesses as well. Kris O'Connor said, "In the [Classy Cuts] salon, a lot of clients love the paper. They talk about it all the time. I've lived here my whole life—I'm not telling you how many years that is—but you learn things that you didn't really know."

Both O'Connor and Renae Fentress

Copies of past issues were available at the Open House, and Micaela Smith was able to grab the issues she had missed before. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)

talked about what it was like to be interviewed and published by The Lansing Journal. "The reason I opened Troost, in part," said Fentress, "is because I love coffee, but also because I really love Lansing. I wanted that to be something that really came across in an interview and in an article. The Lansing Journal, Ashlee [De Wit] specifically, did a phenomenal job of making sure that that was written into it. I loved having someone from the community that I love interview me about the community that I love. It was a lot more personal. Of all the articles, the one from The Lansing Journal is the one that I'm putting in a frame."

Panelist Patricia Muhammad affirmed that personal connection. As a reporter for The Lansing Journal, she is intentional about connecting



with people. "For me, having a connection to the story is vital. I go to a special place when I write. That helps me connect with the story. There's a special connection that I have with what I'm doing. There's a connection that I have with those I interview. I believe, overall, that everyone has a story to tell."

### INCLUDING EVERYONE

Lansing is a diverse community, and Jongsma wants The Lansing Journal to serve the entire community. Daisy Herrera has offered invaluable help in building bridges to Lansing's Hispanic community. Her grocery store is a distribution point for the Journal, and she encourages Three Roosters customers to grab a copy. "I tell them, 'Don't you want to know what's happening?' And then they'll say, 'Oh, it's from here? It's from Lansing?' Yes!" Herrera believes that cultural and even language differences do not

have to keep people separated from each other. It takes some effort, but, "Definitely, you can have all of those connections in one paper," she said.

### INSPIRING OTHERS

During the Q and A session, members of neighboring communities Chicago Heights and Calumet City expressed curiosity about some of the mechanics involved in providing local news every day. Lamothe, Crump, and Jongsma took note of the interest and discussed it briefly after the Open House was over. Though no definite plans have been set, the three would like to encourage others to explore the possibility of starting their own newspapers.

"You may have started a movement," Jongsma told Crump after the event.

"I hope so," Crump replied. "Every community deserves a good newspaper."

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# Fetching Market returns to Ford Hangar

## Pam Dennis transitions from store owner to market founder

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (March 2018) - Pam Dennis of Lansing has always had a flair for decorating, a knack for finding that perfect artisan made item, an eye for spotting trends, and an entrepreneurial mind. For seven years, she owned a shop in Homewood called Bella Vita Home Accents where she used those talents and featured local and regional artisan made products.

Over the years, she built up a list of vendors who were small business owners and independent artists. "I enjoyed supporting small businesses, and it was a great way to introduce one-of-a-kind items to our guests," she said. "I also had numerous events in the shop featuring artists, always providing local foods and live music."

### MARKET-ING EXPERIENCE

If someone has never been to a Fetching Market, Dennis wants them to know that "it's more than a market; it's an experience." Unlike craft fairs or flea markets, Fetching Market is an elevated experience that combines shopping for unique, hand-made, up-cycled, and vintage items with gourmet food, educational opportunities, and live music—all in one place.

"Many of our vendors create



"It's more than a market; it's an experience," says Pam Dennis about Fetching Market. And the Historic Ford Hangar adds to the vintage ambience. (Photo: Michelle Hamstra)

one-of-a-kind wares for a living. We also have vintage purveyors that bring in unique finds from all over the country," Dennis explained. "Our vendors bring barn finds, silver, collectibles, vintage jewelry, vintage clothing, boutique clothing, barn wood, vintage signs, handcrafted jewelry, soaps, lotions, and more. We offer hands-on creative opportunities on Saturday markets at the hangar."

### THE VINTAGE VENUE

When considering a venue that

would extend the vintage vibe, Dennis had to look no further than her own community. The Ford Hangar, located at the Lansing Municipal Airport, was built in 1927 in the early days of aviation with an innovative cantilevered construction design by renowned architect Albert Kahn. In 1985 it received designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The Historic Ford Hangar is intriguing and lends a vintage atmosphere that works perfectly for what we do. We host markets in other towns, but returning to the hangar is like home to us," said Dennis. "We consider it our signature market, as this is where we began."

Dennis chose to host a market in Lansing because she really wanted to bring something unique to her community. The market was so successful that it became a twice yearly event. Fetching Market is now held at the Ford Hangar in spring and in fall. "If it was conducive to hot summer and cold winter weather, we would love to hold all of our markets there," said Dennis.

Fetching Market has grown to offer markets in other communities. A February market was held in Hammond at the Indiana Welcome Center, and a holiday market will take place November 16 and 17 at Lincolnshire Country Club in Crete. Fetching Market has also been officially endorsed by the Illinois Bicentennial being celebrated this year.

### CONNECTING CREATIVE MINDS

In launching Fetching Market, an added benefit was that Dennis connected so many of these artisans

and creators, providing a networking community for those who want to share their passions with others. In that spirit of encouraging others to embrace their talents and pursue their dreams, she also began hosting her Found & Shared Workshops for Entrepreneurs. This year two workshops are scheduled, both at the Indiana Welcome Center. Workshop dates are April 23 and September 24, 9:00am-1:00pm.

"We have put together these workshops to help encourage women with a dream of owning their own business or business women looking to cultivate goodness in an established business," said Dennis. "Fetching Market and various sponsors provide speakers, gourmet foods, creative opportunities, and networking. Everyone leaves with a tote bag of goodies."

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Dennis said that the biggest goal in starting the market was to bring something different to her community and create a destination to draw people in. "Why not spend your life doing things you love?" she asked. "So, I put my desire for event planning and the passion for small business, art, and vintage collections to create something that I know the community would enjoy. It's very gratifying to complete an event and know that everyone enjoyed it."

She's gotten tremendous feedback from customers and vendors alike, who return for market after market. "We have grown by leaps and bounds over the last four years," said Dennis. "We have over 400 vendors who have joined us at our markets from across the Midwest and have come as far as Arizona to join us. We reach over 20,000 folks from all over with our marketing and connections. Typically, we have guests come from surrounding communities as well as an 80-mile radius of Lansing. Some have never heard of Lansing before. They eat at our restaurants and stay in our hotels. Our vendors pay sales tax that benefits the Village of Lansing. I receive emails and messages all the time commenting on the quality of the market and how glad they are that we provide this opportunity to so many."

### NEXT FETCHING MARKET

Friday, May 18, 5:00-9:00pm, and Saturday, May 19, 10:00am-5:00pm, at the Historic Ford Hangar at Lansing Municipal Airport, 3239 Glenwood-Lansing Road in Lansing.

The Market will feature beverages and pastries from Troost, and food, brews, and cocktails from the Cottage on Dixie.

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# Choosing a high school education

Families of today's eighth-graders have more options



Amy and Bill Boerman-Cornell and their eighth-grade daughter Frances (center) recently made the decision to attend UCA, after considering the menu of high school options. (Photo provided)



For the Purnell family (from left: John, Timothy, Joshua, Charlotte, and Caleb), choosing a high school for Caleb is about balancing adventure and risk. (Photo provided)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (March 28, 2018) – There was a time when “high school” was not a decision that had to be made; it was just something that happened after eighth grade. You and most of the other members of your eighth-grade class all simply went to the same high school, the one down the street. “College” would be the first educational choice you really had to put thought into.

But for today's eighth-graders, a full menu of high school options is available. And in Lansing, with one of the two available high schools leaving the area, families are giving careful consideration to those options.

## EXCELLENCE

When a group of parents and educators began meeting four years ago to consider creating a new type of high school, giving people another menu item wasn't one of their top priorities. The group that eventually became the Board of Unity Christian Academy (UCA) wanted first to provide an excellent education. Since they were willing to start with a blank slate, they were able to re-imagine everything, asking, essentially, “What is high school for?” They let the answers to that question determine curriculum, staffing, schedule, and even tuition.

The result is Unity Christian Academy, a high school “redefined and redesigned.”

Even so, in these months leading up to the opening day (August 15), the new landscape of educational choice has become a part of the conversation with prospective families.

## CHOICES

“It used to be you just stayed with your friends,” said Bill Boerman-Cornell, father of one of UCA's first enrollees. His eighth-grade daughter Frances recently made the decision to attend UCA, after considering the menu of options.

“We're all going to so many different places now,” Frances said of her classmates at South Holland's Calvin Christian School. The options her cohort is scattering to include Illiana, Chicago Christian, Marian Catholic, Homewood-Flossmoor, and Thornwood. Frances did her own research and narrowed her choices to Illiana, Chicago Christian, and UCA. When UCA's Academic Dean Neil Okuley came and talked to her class, she was convinced that Unity was the best choice for her.

She had visited her two other choices, but UCA is, in real estate terms, blue sky—a vision, a plan, a lot of research, and an empty rented space. But starting something brand new is not intimidating to

Frances. “He [Neil] did a really good job of painting a picture about what it would look like,” she said.

## DIVERSITY

The fact that her father, Bill, is on the Board at UCA might also have been a factor in Frances's comfort with choosing a school that hasn't been built yet. His excitement about creating something new—in community with other professionals with a diversity of experiences—was infectious.

“This is not the brainchild of a single visionary,” said Bill. “It's a community of people who care about the same stuff. Unity has a really committed Board and Board of Governors who are all committed to this.” Bill believes that broad base of diverse input gives Unity a foundation for longevity that typical start-up schools don't have.

## STABILITY

That foundation might be comforting for Charlotte Purnell to hear about. She and her husband John are the parents of Caleb, another eighth-grader who has chosen UCA. Caleb is excited about being part of something brand new. Charlotte would prefer the stability that comes with a school that's been around a few years. “There's a fear of the unknown,” she admitted. Where Caleb sees adventure, she sees risk.

John, too, is part of UCA's Board of

Directors, and while he is eager to recruit new enrollees into the first UCA class, he encourages his wife to voice her concerns, even at UCA marketing events. “If she has those fears,” he said, “I know other people have them too. Once they give voice to those fears, we can answer them.” For families who are worried about the stability of a start-up, he makes this point: “The school itself is new, but the people running it are not novices. They have a lot of experience in established schools, and they've done the research about what works and what doesn't. Unity Christian Academy is cutting-edge, but it's not unproven.”

## COMMUNITY

Diversity and community are intertwined in South Holland, as they are in Lansing. And diverse community is a key part of UCA's DNA. Not only are they creating a community within the school—a place where bullying is resolved through character formation, where differences are explored rather than feared, and where students and teachers challenge each other to greater excellence—but they want the school to impact the broader community as well.

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## OBITUARIES

### DYKSTRA

A funeral service for Frederick Dykstra was held March 27, 2018, at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home in Lansing, IL, with Pastor Cal Aardsma officiating.

Mr. Dykstra was born June 22, 1931, and passed away Saturday, March 24, 2018. Husband of Joyce (nee DeVries). Father of Terri and Tom Stallinga, Fred and Eve Dykstra. Grandfather of 10. Great grandfather of 3. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Richard and Christine Dykstra and his brothers and sisters.

Interment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing, IL.

### FERGUSON

A memorial service for Charlene Ferguson (nee Dennis) was held Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Steve Miller officiating.

Mrs. Ferguson was born May 19, 1937, and passed away February 8, 2018. Wife of the late Robert Ferguson. Mother of Susan (Donald) Piffier and Brian (Sandra) Fullerton. Grandmother of five; great-grandmother of four. Sister of Donald Dennis, Elizabeth Abbott, and the late Betty Cessna.

Inurnment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

### KOSTER

A funeral service for Frances Koster (nee Zeilenga) was held Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home, with Rev. Heino Blaauw officiating.

Mrs. Koster was born March 17, 1922, and passed away March 26, 2018. Wife of

the late Edward G. Koster. Mother of Pamela (Chris Oldanie) Castellanos, Glen (Annette) Koster, Patricia (Daniel) Norton and Marc (Joann) Koster. Grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of four. Preceded in death by 11 siblings.

Interment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

### MARTIN

A funeral service for Cora Martin (nee Boersema) was held Thursday, March 29, 2018, at Lynwood United Reformed Church in Lynwood, IL, with Rev. Nick Alons officiating.

Mrs. Martin was born March 29, 1940, and passed away March 26, 2018. Wife of Wayne Martin. Mother of Cindy (Brian) Yonkman, William (Ruth) Martin, and Michael (Michele) Martin. Grandmother of eight; great grandmother of five. Sister of Richard (late Jeannette) Boersema, Ben (late Lois) Boersema, Inez (late Siebrand De Young and late Marv Koldenhoven), late Benjamin, late Edward, late Albert (late Linda), late Marty (Alice), and late Anjean (late Harry).

Interment was at Skyline Memorial Park, Monee, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

### YAVENUE

A funeral service for Richard Nicholas Yavenue was held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Woodlands Community Church in Homewood.

Mr. Yavenue was born July 2, 1925, and passed away March 12, 2018. Husband of Beatrice (nee Betustak). Father of Richard Jr., Amy (John) Wyand, and the late Tom. Grandfather of Ellen and Matt Wyand.

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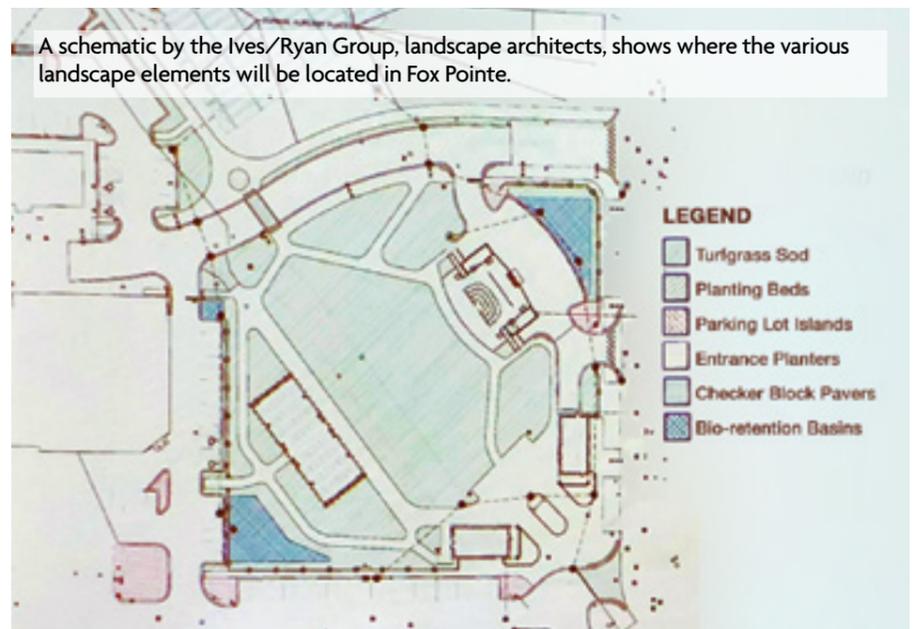
## Fox Pointe landscaping updates

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 23, 2018) – Though the Village of Lansing had made arrangements last spring with the low bidder for landscaping at Fox Pointe, paperwork problems prevented an official contract from being awarded. Robinson Engineering's Jeff Pintar, who serves as Village Engineer on a variety of projects, explained at the March 20 Committee of the Whole meeting that this has given the Village an opportunity to rethink some of the landscaping plans.

The main grass area will now be sodded rather than seeded, and an irrigation system will be added. More detail has been added to the bio-retention areas—which are designed to help divert storm water from unnecessarily entering the sewer systems. Parking lot islands will consist of low-maintenance plants and crushed granite. The entryway will mirror the History Plaza, using the same materials and color concept.

Bidding for the landscape work opened on Tuesday, March 27, so that a contract can be awarded by the Board at the April 4 Village Board meeting. Landscaping work is then scheduled to begin in mid-June, with hardscaping work (such as brick pavers) following in mid-July.



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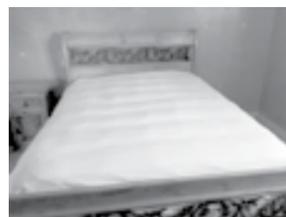
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Copper chef square pan, glass lid, fry basket and handle, steamer tray with legs. Also a frying pan, never used, \$50. 219-617-8583

## High school, continued from page 14

have opportunities to learn about local businesses—and businesses will impact the curriculum of the school. Project-based learning means that students will understand how math and science and art are not separate disciplines in the real world, but are skills that can work together. And a special partnership with South Suburban College not only makes advanced lab courses available to UCA students, but also gives them exposure to higher education and a wider range of people and cultures. “The city will be my son’s classroom,” said John.

Bill also includes community and social justice in the list of UCA characteristics that are important to his family. “Our daughter is not going to grow up in a world where people all look like her—and that’s a good thing,” he said. “Authentic diversity

is a gift. School should reflect that.”

The concept of community also refers to the geographic location of a school. The Boerman-Cornells have had connections to Illiana for generations. They love Illiana, but Illiana’s move to northwest Indiana would make the daily commute difficult. So UCA’s location was a factor in their choice. “I love that it’s a Christian school in our community,” said Bill. And Amy agreed: “This is a need in this area.”

### ADVENTURE

Both Frances Boerman-Cornell and Caleb Purnell seem to be the type of kids who are unfazed at the prospect of charting new territory. “There’s some apprehensiveness,” Frances admitted, “but I honestly am more excited at this point.” Her interests include writing, the arts, music, and athletics, as well

as strong academics, and she likes the idea that she will be invited to help shape a curriculum that feeds those interests. The curriculum will almost definitely look different from what her friends experience at the high schools they’ve chosen—while they participate in choir, band, or a Music Appreciation class, she might be writing music for a jazz ensemble or reviewing concerts at South Suburban College. Rather than framing these as things she’s “missing out on,” Frances is eager to explore opportunities she hasn’t even imagined yet.

Caleb, too, recognizes that his love of baseball will most likely find a different expression at UCA—depending on the number of kids in the first class who also play baseball, Unity might not be able to field a team in year one. But Caleb is on a travel team too, so he’ll get his baseball fix that way, and he didn’t want athletics to be a factor in his academic choice. “School is school,” he said. And his dad, John, agreed. For their older son, Joshua, the Purnells included baseball on the checklist of things they were looking for in a high school. “But the checklist was different for Caleb than it was for Joshua,” said John. “For Caleb we wanted strong academics and unique experiences. Caleb just likes trying new and exciting things. The more he found out about Unity, the more he was like, ‘Cool.’”

### DEADLINES

The timeline for decision-making is different at a Christian school than at a public school, and John Purnell wants prospective families to be aware of that. Public school families might not realize that private school families are making their enrollment decisions now,

before the end of the school year. Space is limited, and families who have grown

up in that tradition understand that, so they sign up early. John remembers that when he transitioned his oldest son from public school to a Christian school, he almost didn’t get in because the deadline had passed. He doesn’t want public school families to make the same mistake when considering UCA.

“They might think they have plenty of time,” he said, “but it may be too late if they wait until summer to make their decision. There are only 30 slots. Total. That’s not a lot.”

### COST

And for families who wish they had a different high school choice for their kids, but who think they can’t afford a private school, John wants them to know about UCA’s distinctive “means-based” funding model. “They will be surprised at how it works,” he said.

Bill translates that cost into the value of seeing the effect choice can have on a child. He recalls a conversation the UCA Board had with a family whose son had experienced bullying at school and who was anxious about starting high school—entering a bigger population where he would be on the bottom of the totem pole again. As Neil Okuley described UCA’s smaller setting, and the emphasis on community, and the attention to character formation, Bill recalls watching the impact of that vision on this prospective student: “You could just see his shoulders relax and his whole posture change. When you hear about what the school is going to be, it’s a relief for students who might have fears about high school. So I encourage families who have any questions at all, come on in, take a look around, talk to us.”

The next public opportunity to do that is Saturday, April 14, at an Open House from 9:00am–12:00pm. The UCA campus is at 16341 South Park Avenue in South Holland. For more information and to RSVP, visit [WeAreUCA.org/openhouse](http://WeAreUCA.org/openhouse).



The Boerman-Cornell family (from left: Amy, Bill, and Frances) enjoy the prospect of charting new territory. (Photo provided)

## Lansing Beautification Committee holds first meeting

BY MATTHEW SPLANT

LANSING, Ill. (March 30, 2018) - On March 12, the newly formed Lansing Beautification Committee convened. Led by Village Clerk Vivian Payne, this initial meeting was to go over the goals of the committee, review the planting schedule and locations, and let the members get to know each other.

The creation of the committee fulfills a campaign promise made by Payne: “As part of my ongoing efforts to keep Lansing clean, I would like to initiate and facilitate a hands-on Village Beautification Committee. This committee would generate a stronger sense of community pride and improve the aesthetics of our Village.”

The goals of the committee include:

- acting as an Advisory Committee to the Village;
- being responsible for planting and maintaining (except

watering) flowers and shrubs in flower pots in the downtown business district, the area around welcome signs, History Plaza, and Fox Pointe. This includes summer and fall flowers as well Christmas decor in pots;

- spearheading Spring Clean-Up Day on April 28, 2018, and possibly other clean-up efforts throughout the village;
- holding the annual property beautification contest.

Summer flowers are scheduled to be planted by the committee between May 14 and May 31. Flowers planned for the History Plaza include Petunia Pink Wave, Petunia Easy Wave Blue, Coleus, Kingwood Torch, and Melampodium Jackpot Gold.

Flowers planned for large and small pots throughout the village include Prince Tut Grass, Calliope Dark Red Geranium, Dorotheanthus Mezzo, Scaevola Bombay Dark Blue,

Calibrachoa Cruze Yellow, Canna Bronze Orange, Coleus Gays Delight, and Setcreasea Purple.

In addition to Payne, members of the committee include Mayor Patty Eidam, Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich, Trustee Mike Manno and his wife Kathy, Dan and Susan Bovino, Tavin Brooks, Diane Lund, Mary Beth Palka, Salvador Reyes, Richard Smits, Matthew Splant, and Dana Wood.

For further information about the Beautification Committee, contact Vivian Payne, Village Clerk, at 708-895-7207 or [vpayne@villageoflansing.org](mailto:vpayne@villageoflansing.org).



One of the Beautification Committee’s responsibilities will be planting and maintaining flowers and shrubs in the areas around welcome signs throughout Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

SPECIAL SERIES: UNDERSTANDING LANSING

# What does the Youth Center do?

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (April 2018) – So far, the Understanding Lansing series has introduced readers to the overview of Lansing’s government structure—the elected and appointed positions, the nine village department heads, and which Trustee is assigned to each department. We also described the work of three of the nine Village departments: Building Department, Public Works, and Economic Development.

Those stories are posted at [www.thelansingjournal.com](http://www.thelansingjournal.com) in the Understanding Lansing category.

This month, we’re moving on to another department—one that serves our younger demographic.

## THE PATTI LEACH YOUTH CENTER

The Village of Lansing owns the Patti Leach Youth Center, and is also responsible for hiring its director—one of the nine appointed department heads. The current director is Jenna Comer-Hill, and she has held that position for almost 10 years. She reports directly to Village Administrator Dan Podgorski.

As Youth Center Director, Comer-Hill is responsible for planning



Left: The Patti Leach Youth Center is more than just a safe hangout for Lansing youth. Director Jenna Comer-Hill also looks for opportunities for Lansing youth to make a difference in the broader community. Last year they donned red noses as part of Walgreens’ Red Nose Day and helped raised awareness of less fortunate youth throughout the country. (Photo provided)

Below: The Center is located at 18123 Burnham Avenue, and is open weekdays from 3:30–8:00pm. Call 708-418-8050 to learn more. (Photo: Patricia Muhammad)



and overseeing activities at the youth center. She also manages the budget and the facility, and she hires staff to assist her. Aside from Comer-Hill, the staff is currently composed of nine part-time employees—and they’re looking to hire a couple more.

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

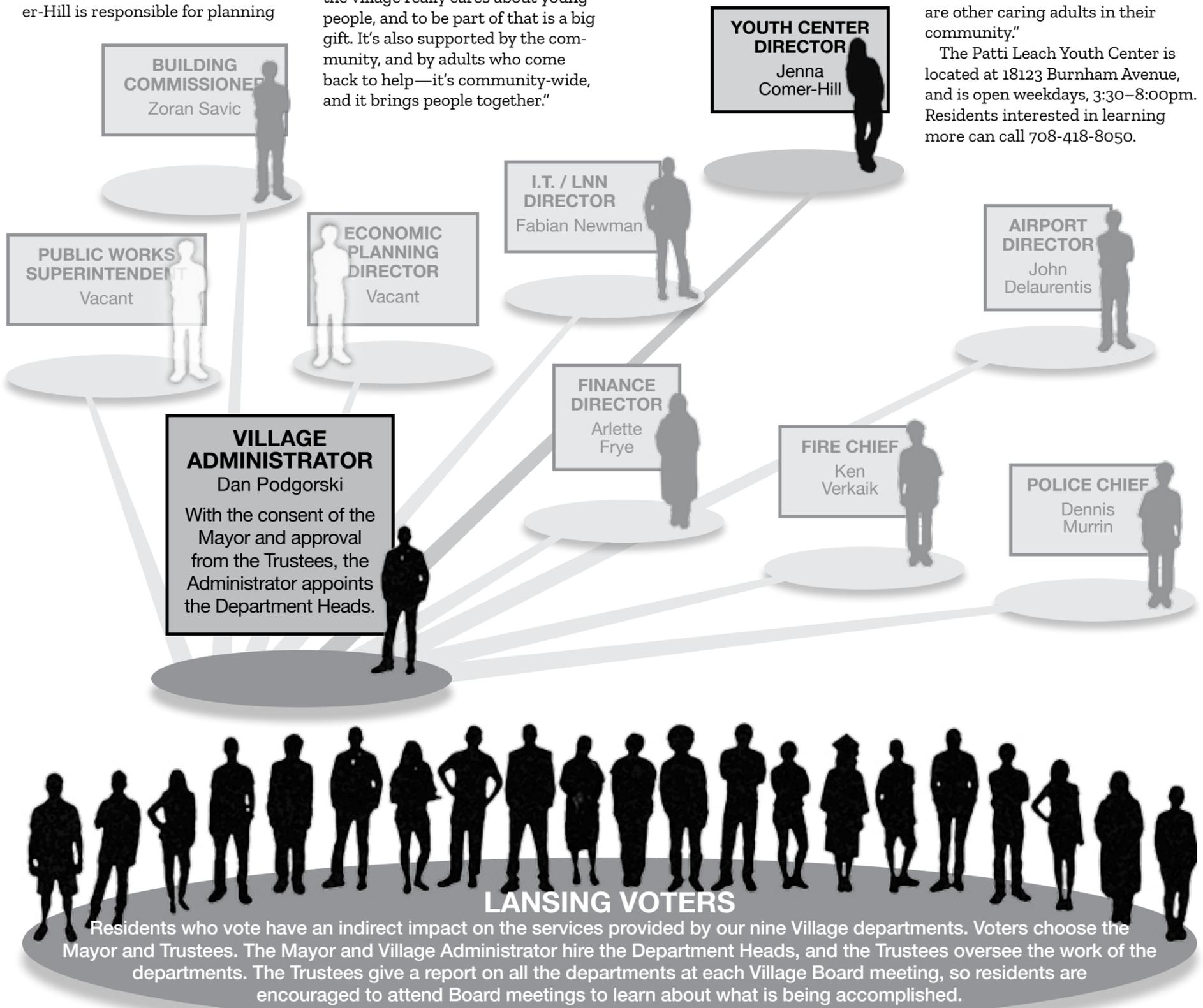
“I think it’s extremely unusual for a village to invest in something like the youth center—it’s really unique thing,” Comer-Hill said. “It says that the village really cares about young people, and to be part of that is a big gift. It’s also supported by the community, and by adults who come back to help—it’s community-wide, and it brings people together.”

Each day, 40–50 students visit the Youth Center. The majority come from Memorial Junior High School or TF South High School. The students have many activity options when they attend: they can play video games or ping-pong, buy snack food from vending machines, or use the computer room to do their homework, for example.

“I love my job because I enjoy working with the kids,” Comer-Hill said. “I get to be that person who’s

not their parent, but still listens to them, who shows them that there are other caring adults in their community.”

The Patti Leach Youth Center is located at 18123 Burnham Avenue, and is open weekdays, 3:30–8:00pm. Residents interested in learning more can call 708-418-8050.



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**Across**

- Carried luggage or supplies
- Chief Pontiac, e.g.
- Veto
- Blotto
- Potherb leaves
- Stifled, with "down"
- Deuce topper
- Cleared as profit
- "\_\_\_ Maria"
- Afflict
- Appearance
- Beam
- Bottom of the barrel
- Princes, e.g.
- Produce
- Mr., in India
- Sleeping sickness transmitter (2 wds)
- Cut down
- Brewer's equipment
- Specializing physician
- Ring bearer, maybe
- Injured, in a way
- A chip, maybe
- Big bore
- Jewish month
- European language
- PC "brain" (acronym)
- "Dear" one
- City government heads
- Attempt
- Bullhorn
- Having the most froth
- Temper, as metal
- Mark
- In a wise manner
- Blushed

**Down**

- Bad way to go?
- Egg-producing organs
- Noisy partier
- "Iliad" city
- "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- Archaeological site
- Charity dependent
- Preordain
- Ancient
- Contemptible one
- Actor Arnold
- Dress
- Having snout beetles
- Number next to a plus sign
- Male hormone
- Having natural talent
- Female sibling
- Antares, for one
- "Absolutely!"
- Fill
- \_\_\_ Zeppelin
- \_\_\_ Jones, of film fame
- Coming close
- To such an extent
- Precambrian time
- Comeback
- Baked buckwheat dishes
- Hit golf ball lightly toward hole on green
- Before the due date
- Breakfast, lunch or dinner
- Beach, basically
- Locale
- "Malcolm X" director
- \_\_\_ Squad, 1960s TV show

**On This Date: April 5**

- 1827 Joseph Lister, physician who promoted aseptic surgery, is born
- 1856 Booker T. Washington, pioneer of education, is born
- 1900 Spencer Tracy, actor, is born
- 1908 Bette Davis, actress, is born
- 1937 Colin Powell, general, is born
- 1973 Pharrell Williams, musician and producer, is born

**SOLUTIONS**

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## Siblings support St. Baldrick's

Above (from left): Tammy, Jamie, Connor, and Ian Ahern attracted a large crowd by deciding to participate together in the March 31 St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser hosted by the American Legion at 18255 Grant Street in Lansing. The siblings had gathered \$735 in pledges by the time they donned their capes.

Left: Connor, Ian, Tammy, and Jamie pose for a post-shave photo. Their mother had tried to talk them out of the stunt, but they seemed to enjoy the experience—and the cause. As the St. Baldrick's website says, "When you sit in the barber's chair and put on that cape, you transform into a hero for kids with cancer. As a shavee, you're not only raising funds researchers depend on to cure childhood cancer—you're also spreading awareness every time you show off your bald head."

Below: The Ahern siblings pose with fellow shavee Molly Borst, who was surprised with a novelty medal for raising the most money—nearly \$2,500. Since 2005, St. Baldrick's events have helped raise \$234 million for lifesaving childhood cancer research. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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# April events in local forest preserves

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

SOUTH HOLLAND and LANSING, Ill. (March 21, 2018) – The Forest Preserves of Cook County have released their Spring Guide to events and programs in nature centers throughout Cook County.

Events close to Lansing residents include the following:

- **Outdoor Adventures: Following Migration**—Saturday, April 28, at 10:00am–1:00pm at Jurgenson Woods (18300 Cottage Grove in Lansing)—The brochure description says, “Embrace your inner birder and help search for spring migrants. Learn why birds migrate, basic bird identification, and more. Enjoy bird hikes and bird-themed games and artmaking projects. All ages. Equipment provided.”
- **Spring Wildflower Walk**—Saturday, April 28, 1:30pm at Sand Ridge Nature Center (15891 S Paxton Avenue in South Holland) The description says, “Join us as we take a walk to look for and learn about some of our amazing native ephemeral wildflowers that are in bloom.”



First United Methodist Church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue—just north of TF South High School and just east of the ballfield. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

## First United Methodist Church hosts rooftop viewing of Rebel baseball

Season opens Tuesday, April 24, 3:30pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LANSING, Ill. (March 30, 2018) – The TF South baseball season opens in April, and the first varsity home game is scheduled for April 24, against Oak Forest. First United Methodist Church, located just east of the field, is offering baseball fans a unique viewing experience. Their rooftop is 1,000 square feet and provides an excellent view of the diamond. The church has also converted one of the upstairs classrooms into a “skybox,” with the game telecast on closed circuit TV.

Free hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, hot chocolate, and coffee are offered to viewers. And people who are less interested in baseball have the option of playing ping pong, foosball, and bags instead.

Following the game, the baseball team will stop over for a meet-and-greet with fans. Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam is expected to be among the rooftop viewers.

Door #8 opens at 3:30pm on April 24. Rain date for the game is Tuesday, May 1. First United Methodist says, “We invite the local high school students, faculty, band, and booster club to watch the varsity baseball games in the spring from our rooftop.”

First United Methodist Church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue in Lansing. Call 708-474-1144 for more information.

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# Lansing man part of championship indoor rowing team at Fitness Pointe

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

MUNSTER, Ind. (March 2018) - As more people head outside to take advantage of spring weather, one Lansing man is spending a lot more time indoors. Ken Morton is part of an indoor rowing team at Fitness Pointe in Munster that is currently competing for a 10th consecutive win in the World Rowing Competition.

Sponsored by Concept2, a manufacturer of indoor rowing equipment, the challenge runs for a 30-day period that began on March 15. In 2017 Morton's team rowed a whopping 24,549,595 meters, beating out 67 other international teams entered in the Health/Fitness division. The team had close to 200 rowers comprising Community Healthcare system employees, facility staff, and members.

This is the third year that Morton is participating. Last year he contributed 577,154 meters. He's hoping to up that number this year.

The most serious of the indoor rowers spend day after day at the rowing machines. A handful have surpassed a million meters, and one

team member last year rowed 2.3 million. Morton has been at Fitness Pointe to log his meters every day since the competition started. He gets there at opening time, 5:00am, and rows for about five hours, with some short breaks during that span for an energy bar and some water.

Morton has been a member for many years, usually working independently on machines and participating in water aerobics classes. When he heard about the rowing team, he thought it would be a good opportunity to meet new people. "I didn't know many people there, other than those in the water aerobics," said Morton. "Rowing was something you could participate in as a group. You're rowing individually, but trying to get a good score for the team."

Morton's favorite part of the rowing competition is the potluck at the end of the season. "We

celebrate together what everyone has done," he said.

He finds inspiration in seeing the wide range of people who make up the team. "There are people who are bent over and using canes, but they'll get on the machines and go for two hours or longer," he said. "It's nice to see them participating, and it makes you feel like no matter what happens in the next few years as far as health, maybe I can continue to participate in my later years."

The retired tool and die designer had some hip problems after last season and worried about how that

would affect him this year. However, a physical therapist suggested some stretching exercises, and he's found that so far he's feeling better. "I think it helped loosen everything up even more," he said.

He's grateful for the employees who coordinate the program, including some that provide musical entertainment and trivia for rowers one morning a week. "Cindy is the one who runs it for Fitness Pointe and does such a nice job," he said. "She has to keep track of all the scores, and I'm sure that's a humongous job."



Ken Morton of Lansing (far left) is pictured with other members of an indoor rowing team at Fitness Pointe that is currently competing for its tenth consecutive win of the World Rowing Competition. (Photo provided)

## Little League opens April 21

"Still a few openings," says Ray Nommensen

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 23, 2018) - Ray Nommensen wants kids to play baseball. Even though registration for Lansing Little League is officially over, he's willing to take latecomers and get them on a team. "I would take the kids up to Opening Day," he said. "If they want to play baseball, I want to let them play."

"But we do have to order jerseys and hats," he added, so he appreciates it when families sign up as soon as possible.

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So far there are 199 kids in the program this year, down from 225 last year. Nommensen is in the process of forming the teams and getting the

managers lined up. He doesn't like to put more than 12 kids on a team because he wants everyone to have plenty of playing time. Right now he has five teams in the Majors, with openings for a few more 12-year-olds. There are four full teams in the

Minors, but with enough interest another team could be added, which would make room for a few more 9-11-year-olds.

The Pee Wee Division (7- and 8-year-olds) has four full teams, but they could expand to five teams of 10 players each, and that would open up a few more slots. "Late sign-ups make us juggle things around," he laughed, but Nommensen is happy

to do the juggling if it means more kids can play.

Lansing Little League also includes Tee Ball for 4-, 5-, and 6-year-olds.

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Though official registration is over, families who want to enroll their kids can call Ray Nommensen directly: 708-212-6700. The cost for Tee Ball is \$150, and the Pee Wee, Minor, and Major Divisions are all \$200. That fee includes the player's jersey and hat, plus 20 raffle tickets that the player can sell for \$5 each and keep the money.

Enrollment is limited to Lansing residents. Opening Day is April 21, and Nommensen is unwilling to mention a cut-off date. "We'll do what we can do to get them on a team," he said. "It never hurts to call and see if there's room."



Most Lansing Little League games are played at the Sports Complex on Chicago Avenue, though some are played at Lions Stadium (not Lions Park). (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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