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## LANSING REPRESENTED IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

# Charreada: more than just a rodeo

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

BEECHER, Ill. (July 29, 2018) – Ernesto Acevedo has been riding horses since he was a 13-year-old boy in Mexico. But it's only in the past five or six years, here in the States, that he has been riding competitively. This past weekend he and his son Ricardo participated in *Campeonato Estatal Charro*, the state championship Mexican rodeo. They are both members of a team called *Camperos de Beecher* (the Beecher Ranchers), the home team competing in the state competition.

### UNDERSTANDING CHARREADA

"Mexican rodeo" is the most commonly used English term for *charreada*, but that term is deceptively simple. While *charreada* and American rodeo both involve horses and bulls, and some of the events are similar, the two sports are quite different. Typical American rodeo events are scored for speed and duration; many *charreada* scores are based on precision and grace. While both sports evolved from a history of ranching, *charreada* also conveys some

military prestige, as the *Charros* (cowboys) were also an auxiliary arm of the Mexican Army. The costumes, music, and ceremony of *charreada* all pay honor to that military past.

### THE LANSING CONNECTION

Acevedo owns Lansing's Three Roosters produce store, and they have been the beverage vendor at the state competition for as long as it has been held at Rancho el Consuelo in Beecher, Illinois. Three Roosters Manager (and Acevedo's niece) Daisy Herrera serves beer and *michelada*, a beer-based cocktail made with chile and other spices. Acevedo and Ricardo compete.

The first round of this year's state competition began on July 21, but morning rains that day caused delays. When the dirt

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Ernesto Acevedo (left) and his son Ricardo at the state championships in Beecher, Illinois. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

## Lansing Little Leaguers get opportunity of a lifetime

### White Sox host Village of Lansing Day

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

CHICAGO, Ill. (July 29, 2018) – There are a good number of Little League players who have dreams of one day being able to step out onto the field of a major league ballpark. A handful of Lansing Little League players got a taste Saturday of the excitement of jogging out on the field to take a position.

It was Village of Lansing Night at Guaranteed Rate Field, and nine youths from the Lansing Little League program had the opportunity to accompany White Sox players to their position before the start of the game. And, as a bit of icing on the cake, the opposing

team was the Toronto Blue Jays, giving those youths a chance to see a former Lansing Little Leaguer in action. Toronto's Curtis Granderson grew up in Lynwood, but played in Lansing's Little League program and later graduated from TF South. About 175 tickets were purchased



Nine Lansing Little Leaguers got photo ops on the field when the White Sox hosted Village of Lansing Day. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

through a discounted ticket promotion for Village of Lansing Night. From those who purchased tickets, nine youths were selected to take the field and stand beside the position players during introductions. They each ran out clutching an official Major

League Baseball, exiting the field with an autograph on it.

Additionally eight ticket purchasers from Lansing were able to get a photo on the field before the game. Dave and Jenn Neibert were two of them along with their four-year-old son, Matthew. Their sons, Josh, 7, and Nick, 10, were among the group of Little Leaguers who had a chance to go on the field. "They were very excited to get out there and see the players and go on the field," said Jen.

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# 7 things you might not realize about newspaper content

BY THE LANSING JOURNAL

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## 3 ARTICLES ARE OFTEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ADS.

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## 4 ADS SOMETIMES LEAD TO ARTICLES.

Sometimes we become aware of news because an organization approaches us to buy an ad. We often spend significant time with our advertisers, helping them craft their ad message and design. Through that process, sometimes we get story ideas.

## 5 WITH A SMALL, LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IT CAN BE EASY TO CONFUSE ADVERTISING WITH ARTICLES.

At a larger newspaper, the line between advertising and articles is very clear. The two departments are staffed with different people, and they are often located on opposite ends of the building. If you have a story idea, you contact an editor. If you want to run an ad, you contact a sales rep at a different phone number and email address. Large newspapers are careful about making a distinction between news and ads, for the reasons explained in point 2, above.

At a small, community newspaper, it's more difficult to keep that distinction clear because many of us are doing more than one job. If someone interviews you for an article, and then later stops by to pick up a check for the ad you want to run, it can feel like you bought both the article and the ad. We apologize for that confusion, and we admit we're not sure how to avoid it right now.

## 6 ADS PAY FOR ARTICLES.

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## NAVIGATING NEW HORIZONS

It has been a long time since Lansing had a local newspaper, and the media

landscape has changed, so things are more confusing than they used to be. We appreciate your input as we navigate these new horizons.

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# Village Board approves summer street repairs

Approximately two miles of roads to be improved this summer for \$670,873

Left: 177th Street is one of the locations on the list for resurfacing this summer. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma, June 13, 2018)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 19, 2018) – At the July 17 Village Board meeting, Engineer Jeff Pintar presented a list of street resurfacing projects that will take place this summer. The list includes:

1. 176th Street, from Walter to Henry
2. 177th Street, from Walter to Henry
3. 177th Street, from Wentworth to Maple
4. 186th Street, from Forest View to Stony Island
5. Old Farm Road, from 185th Street to Hearth Circle
6. Hearth Circle, from Old Farm Road to the cul de sac
7. Kettle Court, from Old Farm Road to the cul de sac
8. 184th Street, from Glen Oak to Oak
9. Community Street, from 186th Street to Adams
10. Oakwood Avenue, from 186th Street to 188th Street (including the bridge, which will require some specialized equipment and the installation of a special waterproof membrane)
11. 188th Place, from Lorenz to Greenbay
12. Lorenz Avenue, from 188th Place to 189th Street
13. 189th Street, from Park to Lorenz

In addition, 177th Place is being fully reconstructed as part of the water main improvement program. That project will start within the next two weeks.

Pintar explained that many of the listed streets were chosen not only because of the condition they are in, but also because they are highly trafficked thoroughways that impact a larger geographic area than just

the immediate neighborhood. With all of the above repairs, the Village will also address drainage problems. Not only is improper drainage an annoyance to residents, it also increases the rate at which a street deteriorates. "We want to make sure the water is getting to the sewers and not just sitting on the streets," said Pintar. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to award the bid for the 2018 Street Resurfacing Program to Iroquois Paving, whose bid came in at \$670,872.70.

"This is probably at the very top of my list of exciting things that have happened in this Village in the last 15 months," said Mayor Eidam after the presentation. "I know we can't please all the people, but I hope we're going to make a lot of people really happy with this. This is great."

## Water meter replacements continue

### Non-responsives receive increasingly strong notices

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 15, 2018) – Residents who have ignored or not yet responded to letters and postcards sent by Village Administrator Dan Podgorski about the water meter replacement program are now expressing some alarm at the recent round of communication. Letters received last week explain that non-compliance could result in fines and/or increased water bills.

#### ABOUT THE NEW METERS

Many water meters in Lansing are more than 20 years old and may not be functioning correctly, which can result in lost revenue for Lansing. The Village contracted with Calumet City Plumbing to replace 9,500 water meters with updated meters at no cost to Lansing residents. The new meters will provide more accurate tracking of water usage, more efficient billing, and reduced operational costs.

The upgraded meters will allow data to be collected remotely, so the Village is moving away from a water meter reading system that was based on personal visits to each residence. Residents who prohibit the Village from installing the remote-capable meters are increasing the expenses associated with administering Lansing's water billing system, so the Village plans to increase those homeowners' bills in order to cover the additional expenses incurred.

#### ABOUT THE NOTICES

Water meter replacements must be done inside the home or business, so the Village mailed a

first-round letter inviting people to call the scheduling system or go online to make arrangements for Calumet City Plumbing to come install the new meter. The online calendar allows people to choose a day and select morning or afternoon. An adult must be present when the installation is done.

Residents who have already had their new meters installed report that the scheduling process was easy and the actual installation took only 15–30 minutes.

Because the scheduling system is automated, residents who disregard the first communication receive a follow-up letter and/or postcards reminding them to schedule their free water meter upgrade. The most recent letter in the series makes this recommendation: "To avoid doubling your water bill, please schedule immediately."

The letter further explains that appointment scheduling can take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by phone or website. Appointments are available on Mondays–Thursdays as well as Saturdays.

#### ABOUT SCHEDULING YOUR INSTALLATION

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# Lansing CAP cadets attend Civil Air Patrol Summer Encampment in Indiana

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CIVIL AIR PATROL

EDINBURGH, Ind. (July 2018) – Several cadets from Civil Air Patrol's Thunder Composite Squadron in Lansing attended a Civil Air Patrol Summer Encampment in Edinburg, Indiana, in July. The week-long encampment takes place at Camp Atterbury, an active U.S. military and civilian training base about 30 miles south of Indianapolis.

"The Civil Air Patrol summer encampment is the chance for cadets to experience a sort of mini boot camp where they can learn and put into action the leadership skills we teach in the cadet program," said Major Barbara Buckner, Commander of Thunder Composite Squadron.

"We encourage all cadets to attend one during their first year in the program to experience interacting with cadets from throughout the state as well as outside Illinois. After cadets have attended their first encampment, they are encouraged to return as a staff member to take their leadership skills to the next level."

Attending an encampment is a requirement for advancement into the officer ranks of the cadet program. The week culminates with a graduation ceremony on the final day and presentation of awards to honor a top-performing cadet from each flight. Cadet Senior Airman Arjon Odom received the Cadet of Encampment Award for Alpha Flight.

"The encampment is a great program because it teaches leadership

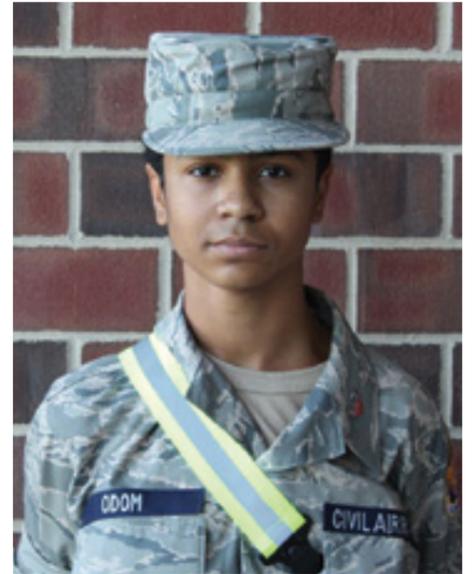
and confidence. All the cadets are away from home and learning what it's like to live with each other with different personalities and ultimately solving problems as a team," said Major Rick Zalud, who served as the medical officer for encampment.

Attending the Indiana Wing Encampment were:

- C/MSgt John Morgan – Echo Flight Sergeant
- C/SrA Jeremiah Van Beveren – ATS – Advanced Training School Flight
- C/A1C Madison King – Delta Flight
- C/SrA Arjon Odom – Alpha Flight
- C/SrA Franco Zapien – Echo Flight

Two of Thunder's cadets attended to serve as part of the Cadet medical team after receiving their Red Cross First Aid and CPR training from Major Rick Zalud, the Unit's Deputy Commander for Cadets. C/2Lt Lucas Vanderwoude and C/MSgt Ian Steinweg served with Major Zalud at the encampment and were also recognized for their quick thinking and attention to a cadet who had become severely dehydrated.

Additionally, C/SMSgt Saylor Santori attended the Illinois Wing Encampment in Marseilles, Illinois, in July where she served as a staff member this year. Cadet Senior



C/SrA Odom was named Cadet of the Encampment. (Photo provided)

Master Sergeant Santori attended her first encampment last year, returning to serve as a Flight Sergeant. She was awarded the Honor Cadet Staff Member for her flight.

## Beautifying Thanksgiving for 300 seniors

### Tiny's Flowers is planning to deliver flowers to local nursing homes



"I just love seniors," says Tiny Noble, owner of Tiny's Flowers. (Photo: Melanie Jongasma)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 2018) – "I just love seniors," says Tiny Noble, owner of Tiny's Flowers on Torrence Avenue. She wants to put her love into action by using her creativity, personality, and resources to make Thanksgiving Day a little more beautiful for seniors this year.

Her plan is to spend the next three months putting together 300 floral arrangements to be delivered to nursing homes and senior living communities in Lansing, Dolton, Calumet City, and South Holland. She's already enlisted the help of her mom and her mom's friends to start organizing the materials.

And she's enlisted the help of the Lansing community by asking for donations of vases, flower pots, and rolls of ribbon. "Please drop off donations Thursday and Friday from now until 11/23/2018," says the flyer. She's hoping for a variety, because she can work with anything to make a beautiful centerpiece for a senior. Tiny and her family will spend time during Thanksgiving week making those 300 deliveries.

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# American Legion's artillery refurbishment project nears completion

Removing, replacements, refurbishing, and re-installation being done by the Veterans Garage

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 2018) – For more than 70 years, a large piece of artillery was situated outside the front entrance of Lansing's American Legion, Edward Schultz Post #697. It looked something like a cannon, but it was actually a U.S. Army 1943 M5 Anti-Tank 3" Gun, on loan from the United States Army Donor Program.

Last year the American Legion recognized that the gun needed some attention. Though they had occasionally sanded and repainted the gun, and annually submitted reports to the US Army Donor Program about its condition, 70 years of time and weather gradually exceeded the maintenance the Legion was able to provide. Former Post Commander Ron Line agreed to serve as point man for the restoration project.

In a letter explaining the need, the American Legion wrote, "...It's time to take more comprehensive steps to ensure [the gun's] longevity. ...The appropriate steps include removal from the site, complete media blasting, replacement of several corroded steel components, two coats of industrial epoxy primer and finish coat of period-correct color (Olive

Drab – Early WWII), and re-installation at the display site in front of the American Legion Post." The gun had at one time been painted battleship gray, and at another time camouflage, but the Veterans Garage, who is doing the restoration, researched the gun and learned that the original color was olive drab.

## THE VETERANS GARAGE

As the Veterans Garage website explains, "We are Veterans and Patriots proudly dedicated to the restoration, preservation, maintenance and display of Historic Military Vehicles and Equipment." They include a photo of Lansing's gun on their Restoration Projects page, describing it as "in good condition, but needs to be media blasted, some rusted steel repairs made and paint professionally applied."

The Veterans Garage is a 501(c)3 organization, staffed by volunteers. Some of the restoration—such as blasting, fabrication, and painting—had to be turned over to qualified contractors, who did the work at significantly reduced cost. The projected total to complete the restoration is \$10,000, rather than the \$20–25,000 that such a project would typically run.

## BRINGING THE M5 HOME

Much of the refurbishing has been completed, but Line wants to improve the display area before the gun is returned. The existing pavers will be pulled up, and a fresh concrete slab will be poured and surrounded by iron fencing. Line would also like to include a story board with educational information about the gun and tributes to donors who help cover the cost of refurbishing it. If that work can be completed this summer, Line hopes to have a dedication ceremony when the gun is returned and unveiled, possibly around Veterans Day.

The American Legion understands that the 1943 M5 Anti-Tank 3" Gun is meaningful to local veterans and others throughout the Lansing community, so they have initiated a contribution campaign that will allow people to make donations offsetting the expense of restoration. They have set up the following contribution levels:

- General (\$1,000)
- Captain (\$500)
- Lieutenant (\$250)
- Patriot (\$100)

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Ron Line wants to improve the display area before bringing the M5 home. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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# 50 years of flowers

## As Lansing's only florist, Lansing Floral Shop still delivers

BY ALEX WONDAAL

LANSING, Ill. (July 28, 2018) - On August 1, 1968, three-year Korean War Veteran Steve Mayerak used his three years of experience as a flower designer to start his own floral shop. Fifty years later Lansing Floral Shop is still bustling.

The company occupies a small shop on Ridge Road that was purchased in 1968 from another flower shop. Two years later, a greenhouse and a larger shop were built directly behind the front building. Today the front section is a showroom while all of their business is done in the newer buildings.

When the business was just beginning, there were two other shops

in Lansing to compete with. Current owner and son of Steve Mayerak, Jim Mayerak said, "[Starting the company] was a struggle at first, but with hard work and perseverance we kept going."

Lansing Floral Shop is now the only floral shop in Lansing.

The shop has had to make many changes and overcome many challenges in the last 50 years. Steve Mayerak explained how in order to stay competitive flowers are now imported from South America and Europe rather than shipped from California and Florida. Orders via phone call have decreased while orders via online ordering have increased. Rising property taxes have made it difficult to keep prices low.

However, Steve Mayerak said one thing has remained the same: "We've always tried to treat our customers good—and that seems to keep them coming back."



Lansing Floral Shop is located at 3420 Ridge Road in Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

### Dog park update



As of late July, the entrance to Lansing's new dog park was starting to take form. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Steve's sons, Jim and Sherm, have, for the most part, taken over the company, though their father hasn't retired just yet. Between the three of them and their employees there is over 180 years of designing experience.

Steve's sons began working for the company as drivers but soon learned design from their father.

Jim Mayerak said two jobs the company is very proud of were supplying flowers for the 2003 U.S. Open in Olympia Fields and the

All-Star Game at Comiskey Park. Mayerak and his co-workers are not doing anything in particular to mark their August 1 milestone. "[The 50 year anniversary] will be just another day at work," he said, "but we are very thankful for the last 50 years."

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# OBITUARIES

## COOPER

A funeral service for Raymond J. Cooper was held Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland, IL.

Mr. Cooper was born September 10, 1938 and passed away July 28, 2018. Husband of Gail F. Cooper (nee Peacock). Father of Keith (Carol) Cooper, Todd Cooper, Dawn (Gerald) Schmidt, and Jill (fiancé Larry) Riedstra. Grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of 4. Brother of Betty (late Sid) DeBoer, and late Robert (Gert) Cooper.

Arrangements were entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland, IL.

## DILLON

A Funeral Mass for Catherine M. Dillon will be offered on August 2, 2018, from St. Francis of Assisi Church with Rev. Art Sowa officiating.

Mrs. Dillon was born August 27, 1931, and died July 29, 2018. She was the wife of James J. Dillon; mother of James J. Jr. and Debbie Dillon; sister of John (Patricia) and Pat (Marilyn) Lanigan.

Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

## PURCELL

A funeral service for Gerald L. "Jerry" Purcell was held Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

Mr. Purcell was born August 27, 1943, and passed away July 28, 2018. Husband of Charlene Purcell (nee Wills). Father of Michele (Carl Cleaver) Purcell, Michael Purcell, and Jennifer (Robert Rasmussen) Purcell. Brother of Nancy (Fred) Johnson, and the late Thomas (Sharon) Purcell. Uncle of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home James E. Janusz Funeral Service, Dyer, IN.

## VADAS

A funeral service for John E. Vadas will be held Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Schererville, IN, with Pastor Dan Lewis officiating.

Mr. Vadas was born July 31, 1931, and passed away July 26, 2018. Husband of the late Shirley Rita Vadas (nee Pallick). Father of John (Pam) Vadas, and James (Stacey) Vadas. Grandfather of 6; step-grandfather 4; great-grandfather of 13. Brother of MaryAnn (late David) Cederholm and the late Raymond Vadas. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.



## KATHLEEN DE MAAR

Kathleen De Maar, 65, went to be with the Lord on July 19, 2018, in Grand Blanc, Michigan, after battling cancer. Visitation was Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at Hillside Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8941 Kleinman Rd, Highland, IN 46322. Funeral Service was held Thursday July 26, 2018, at Faith Church-Highland, Indiana, campus (8910 Grace Street, Highland, Indiana 46322).

Kathleen was born on August 18, 1952, in Blue Island, Illinois, to Clarence and Wilma (Dykstra) De Haan. She earned a teaching degree from Trinity Christian College and had a successful career as a teacher at Lansing Christian School. She married Larry De Maar on June 13, 1979. They raised three children. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Carol De Haan. She is survived by her husband Larry De Maar; daughter Lora (Jon) Postma; son Michael (Nichole) De Maar; son Ben (Katelyn) De Maar; 5 grandchildren, sister Joyce (Allen) Patterson; nieces Anne, Faith, and Jennifer; and nephew David Patterson.

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For additional information, please contact Hillside Funeral Home & Cremation Center Konnie Kuiper-Kevin Nordyke by calling us at 219-838-0800 or by visiting us at [www.hillsidefh-cares.com](http://www.hillsidefh-cares.com).

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PASS does not use any of its funds politically. Instead, they focus on what Dilbeck called the "front lines of the pro-life movement."

In addition to the Lansing location, PASS has centers in Chicago Heights, Tinley Park, and South Holland. PASS receives no government funding, so the organization depends on donations from the community. According to Executive Director Tim Dilbeck, 79% of funding goes directly towards programs, which is 14% higher than the national average for non-profit establishments.

In Lansing, PASS is located at 3116 Ridge Road.

## PASS helps new parents work through options

### Prevention, intervention, education, and restoration help women and men

BY ALEX WONDAAL  
WITH MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 2018) – The large green house on Ridge Road used to be home to the Meeter family of Lansing, and Marge Meeter, an interior decorator, lived there her whole life. She never married or had any children, so she bequeathed the property to First Church PCA (next door) upon her passing. Now First Church PCA is using the house to help young women prepare for motherhood. The large green house on Ridge Road is the Lansing location of PASS—Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs.

The PASS website explains, "PASS pregnancy care centers are here to support you while you make decisions regarding your pregnancy. We are here to listen and offer help whether you choose abortion, adoption, or parenting."

PASS takes a holistic approach to pregnancy assistance, offering four categories of services—prevention, intervention, education, and restoration.

Prevention includes a class called "Impact" taught to high school students in an attempt to prevent unwanted pregnancies outside of marriage. These classes are taught in over 30 schools in the south suburbs, private and public.

Intervention is offered to women who are already pregnant and who need to make decisions about their pregnancy. As the PASS website explains, "Whether you're considering terminating a pregnancy or have already done so, abortion is a serious matter that can have a lifelong impact on you and even those who are important to you.

At PASS we won't judge you for your decision, but we do believe you deserve to have everything you need to make an informed decision; a decision that you won't ever look back on and regret." PASS offers ultrasounds to pregnant women, and Dilbeck says nationally, 78% of women who see their ultrasounds decide not to abort. However, at the three PASS locations, 88% of women who see their ultrasound decide against abortion. PASS provides information about parenting or adoption for women who choose not to terminate their pregnancy.

The education category of services includes Abundant Life, a parenting education program. These classes involve fathers as well as mothers, and the new parents are taught relationship skills and basic life skills. Fathers are even given welding and CDL training, so that they can help support a family. The expectant parents are encouraged by counselors, and given supplies and goods needed to raise a baby.

The final section is restoration, because PASS recognizes the dramatic impact pregnancy and abortion can have on a young couple's life. The Hope & Healing Program is specifically designed for both women and men who have gone through an abortion experience. The program is confidential, and it is led by women and men who can speak from their own personal experience.

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# Governor Rauner receives Fletcher Award from National Black Chamber of Commerce

## “No elected official has done more for Black-owned businesses”

WASHINGTON, DC (July 19, 2018) — The National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) today gave its prestigious Arthur A. Fletcher Lifetime Achievement Award to Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner. The award is conferred on leaders who, in NBCC's estimation, have demonstrated an undeniable commitment to diversity in the procurement sector.

The award was presented by Larry Ivory, a previous Fletcher Award winner and the CEO of the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce.

“In this decade, there has been no elected official who has done more for the development of Black-owned businesses than Gov. Bruce Rauner,” said Harry Alford, NBCC co-founder and CEO.

“His example is one for all elected officials to emulate,” added NBCC co-founder Kay DeBow. “His sheltered markets program and his recent executive order addressing procurement fairness for Black-owned businesses in Illinois demonstrate his dedication to diversity and the role that business plays in achieving enterprise and, ultimately, social objectives.”

Rauner told attendees gathered for the 26th Annual NBCC Conference in Washington, D.C., that business development transforms people,

families, neighborhoods, and communities through ownership and employment.

“It is a strategy we are using in Illinois to help lift quality of life as well as reduce poverty and violence,” he said. “It is a three-pronged strategy that involves education, enterprise development, and capital access. The idea is to build employment by preparing people for work in the 21st-century economy and building minority businesses to hire them.”

During the program, a number of Rauner's initiatives were highlighted. His education program has pumped \$1.4 billion of new funding into Illinois school systems. The increase came along with a new school funding formula that distributes state funds based on need.

He created sheltered market programs in the state so that only businesses owned by women, minorities, and people with disabilities could bid on contracts in sectors where minorities were

grossly underrepresented. Rauner signed an executive order this year stipulating that state contracts be canceled if minority participation goals are not met.

With the fairness moves, Rauner has added programs to help Black-owned businesses compete more effectively for state contracts. He's also helped to support entrepreneurs and expand career pathways for disadvantaged youth through technical education, apprenticeships, and community college and workforce training programs.

Finally, the governor has moved to make capital more accessible through low-interest loan programs, investment programs to strengthen startups and small businesses, and greater participation in the state's capital access programs for business.

The governor's programs are producing results. At the Illinois Tollway, total payments to African-American-owned professional

office. At the state's Central Management Services Department, African-American businesses have seen \$32.7 million in growth under its business enterprise programs.

Ivory commended the governor for his pro-Black business stance. “We have made substantial progress in Illinois,” he said. “The governor has worked with us every step of the way. He understands what we need to overcome barriers and he is helping us get the tools we need to succeed.”

“We have a long way to go; our job is far from done,” Rauner said. “The levels of unemployment in Black neighborhoods are unacceptable. We need to get the Illinois economy growing faster to accomplish our minority business goals faster.”

There are 2.6 million Black-owned businesses in the United States. Black businesses account for over \$138 billion in revenue each year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The National Black Chamber of Commerce® is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African-American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States.

NBCC has approximately 151 active chapters in the United States; 40 are in the developmental stage, and 50 chapters are offshore.

services firms has increased by 142 percent since 2015, when he took



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# Local experts offer one-day Family Matters Conference, Saturday, August 18

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 23, 2018) – “It’s not a ‘If-you’re-a-Christian-come-to-this-conference’ thing,” explains Pastor Leroy Childress. “This is a ‘If you’re married, if you’re single, if you’re trying to figure out dating,



Leroy Childress

come get some practical things.” Childress is pastor of Grace Church in Lansing, and he’s describing the Family Matters Confer-

ence that Grace will host on August 18. The day’s 15 workshop sessions include advice about marriage, blended families, finances, self harm, dating, technology, loss and grief, parenting teens, parenting as a grandparent, and more. While there will definitely be “Christian undertones” to the conference, Childress wants it to be a community resource, for anyone who wants practical help with real-life issues.

He gives an example: “How do you argue when you’re married? You can’t ‘win’ an argument when you’re married, because if you win, your spouse loses, and then you lose too! So how do you argue?”

## LIFE SKILLS FOR TODAY

It’s those kinds of practical life skills that Childress has populated the Family Matters Conference with. He recognizes the dearth of training that people receive for important life matters. He also recognizes a shift in values that has contributed to confusion. In finances, for example, “We were taught about budgeting and house buying when we were comin’ up: ‘Don’t spend

more than a percentage of your income on your house; you won’t be able to afford it.’ Now [the mentality is], ‘If you can get approved, for any amount, go ahead.’ There’s backwards thinking out there right now that is setting people up for failure.”

In addition, today’s families face new types of issues, issues that previous generations and sources of wisdom aren’t familiar with. Technology is more accessible than ever, and kids are introduced to it earlier. Navigating the effects of screen time on relationships, education, and social interactions is a life skill that is still being developed—so that’s a topic that will be included in the Family Matters Conference.

## ALL THIS FOR \$10

The Family Matters Conference will consist of an opening session by Childress that all registrants attend, and then three sessions of workshop sectionals that people can choose from. The conference will end with a closing session by Dave Prince for all attendees.

Most of the presenters are from Lansing, with two or three from the broader community. Bios of the presenters are still being finalized and will be posted to Grace Church’s website.

Descriptions of all 15 workshop sessions are available on the Events page of the Grace Church website. Online registration is open now through August 17. Childress says pre-registration is not required, but it does help church staff determine which sessions will need bigger rooms and more chairs.

## MORE INFORMATION

Grace Church is located at 2740 Indiana Avenue in Lansing. For more information about the Family Matters Conference—or to register—use the form on this page or visit [www.gracechurchlansing.org](http://www.gracechurchlansing.org).



The Family Matters Conference is being hosted by Grace Church, and it is designed for anyone who wants help developing practical skills for handling important life and family issues. Local experts will be speaking about a variety of topics (see ad this page). Grace Church is located at 2740 Indiana Avenue in Lansing, next to the Lansing Library. The Family Matters Conference is August 18. Pre-registration is helpful but not absolutely required. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

# FAMILY MATTERS Conference SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018 REGISTRATION

8:15 AM – 1:30 PM

Registration cost (\$10 individual; \$15 couple) includes—

**Continental Breakfast**

**Opening Session**

**Workshop 1 (choose one)**

For descriptions of all sessions, visit [gracechurchlansing.org](http://gracechurchlansing.org)

- How To Love Your Wife (Presenter: Leroy Childress)
- How to Respect Your Husband (Presenter: Eunice Childress)
- Help Me, I Have a Teenager (Presenter: Renae Fentress)
- Single Parenting (Presenter: Shelby Smith)
- Financials (Presenter: David Childress)

**Workshop 2 (choose one)**

- Dealing with Cutting and Self Harm (Presenter: Bethany Casson)
- There is a Screen Attached to My Teen (Presenter: Renae Fentress)
- Arguing in Marriage: How do we just get along (Presenter: Shelby Smith)
- Am I the Grandparent or Parent (Presenter: Steve Wright)
- Dating Smart

**Workshop 3 (choose one)**

- Dealing With Loss and Grief (Presenter: Bethany Casson)
- I’m a New Parent (Presenter: Jeremy Boss)
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# District 158 School Board adjusts plans to accommodate chimney swifts

Board chooses temporary fix now, with plans for permanent solution later

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 21, 2018) – In the space of five weeks, School Board 158, JMA Architects, and dozens of Lansing residents have become chimney swift experts and, to varying degrees, chimney swift advocates. The July 18 School Board meeting was the second to have swifts as an item for discussion, and the Board spent more than 30 minutes listening, asking questions, discussing ideas, and reviewing

timelines and budgets before voting to direct JMA to:

- construct a temporary chimney as soon as possible,
- reinspect the old chimney for fledglings on August 6, and
- cap the old chimney if the fledglings have left, with the hope of redirecting the swifts into the temporary chimney.

That will solve the immediate need—to demolish the old structure in time for the start of the school year. And the temporary

chimney will buy the Board some time to incorporate a permanent chimney into the design of the new school building.

## INSPECTING THE CHIMNEY

In his presentation to the Board, Architect Jim Maciejewski first thanked Reichelt Plumbing, who agreed to use their sewer camera to allow JMA to inspect the chimney. Because a sewer camera has a long cable and is designed to survey



long, dark, narrow spaces, it turned out to be perfect for seeing inside the Coolidge chimneys. "They [Reichelt] agreed to do it," Maciejewski told the Board, "somewhat in excited fashion, because they've never used their equipment for something like this before."

"It gave us a decent view of the chimney all the way from the top to bottom," continued Maciejewski. He described the bottom of the chimney as "rather messy" after decades of roosting by hundreds of birds.

The sewer camera was able to capture a photo of the nest that had been discovered in the smaller chimney on June 19. That nest is now home to two young swifts that were estimated to be 5-7 days old at the time.

The larger chimney, which is the main

See "Swifts," page 18



Left: Architect Jim Maciejewski addressed the Board to share various impacts of changing the construction schedule. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma) Below: Using a sewer camera from Reichelt Plumbing, JMA Architects got photos of the two chimney swift fledglings that are in the smaller chimney. (Photo provided)





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# Lynette D. Stokes, Ed.D., named incoming South Suburban College president

## Fall Registration also in progress

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (July 19, 2018) – The South Suburban College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Lynette D. Stokes, Ed.D., as incoming President of South Suburban College.

Dr. Stokes will be the first woman President in SSC's history.

Stokes, currently serving as Vice President of Academic Services at SSC, will officially assume leadership of the college when current President Donald Manning retires on October 1, 2018.

"The entire Board of Trustees and I believe that Lynette is exactly the kind of leader our college requires as we move forward," Board Chairman Frank Zuccarelli said. "She is experienced, energetic, and collaborative, and she places a high value on partnering with the community. She has been a youth advocate in the child welfare system—passionately involved with Ada S. McKinley Foster Care Services—an elementary school teacher, and active in equal rights organizations. ...Every Trustee on the Board and I are enthusiastic about working closely with Lynette to advance our mission and serve our community."

Stokes earned both Master of Arts and Doctoral Degrees from Roosevelt University in Public Administration and Educational Leadership. She was the recipient of Roosevelt University's "Most Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award" in 2005, the "Kathy Osterman Award for Outstanding Public Service Supervision," and the 2014 Chicago Defender's "Women of Excellence Award." She resides in South Holland with her family.

Stokes will succeed President Manning, who led the college for six years and who announced his retirement last March. Under Manning's leadership the college saw increased academic programming options and the transformational revitalization of the Oak Forest campus.

Manning said, "Lynette will advance a bright future for this important and critical institution, serving the needs of the south suburbs in so many ways."

Chairman Zuccarelli thanked President Manning for his 31 years of service: "We will miss Don's energy, expertise and dedication. The entire Board and I want to extend our best wishes to Don, as he and his wife Jill move on to this new chapter in their lives. Don, thank



Dr. Lynette Stokes

you so much for your work, your leadership, and your friendship."

### FALL REGISTRATION

Open Registration for the Fall 2018 Semester is in progress. Fall classes begin Monday, August 20, at the college's Main Campus in South Holland as well as at the Oak Forest Center. Prospective students should complete the online application at [www.ssc.edu](http://www.ssc.edu) to begin the enrollment process. New students will receive an SSC email account and a "My SSC" Username & Password via

email which will allow access to the online schedule and class registration. The My SSC portal also allows students 24-hour access during college closed periods.

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Carrie Seymour Szubryt (right), 17-year resident of Lansing, and Robert Szubryt, brand-new Lansing resident, pose for a selfie after their wedding. Carrie wrote: "Taken after dinner at our Hotel RIU Palace. Married on July 1st in Chicago. Honeymoon July 3-10."



Above and below: Craig and Sabrina Gillis fishing on Lake Michigan on Fourth of July and enjoying Navy pier fireworks with granddaughter Evelyn Austra. "The kids said it was the best Fourth ever. I was in tears as a dad and granddad," wrote Gillis.



Left: In Eagle River, Wisconsin, Lansing resident Tina Funchion did the "Pool-ar Plunge" (a summer version of the Polar Plunge) to raise money for Homes For Our Troops. Funchion and her friends and family raised \$1,600 to see her jump into a pool filled with ice water. The total raised by all participants in the July 7 event was \$12,779. (Photo: Emma Janis, fellow Lansing Resident)

Below: Lansing residents Karen Kijewski, Jim Kijewski, Joann Kijewski along with family members Cassidy Cosgrove, Vicki Kijewski, Lynda Green, Jeff Cosgrove, Becky (Kijewski) Cosgrove and Savannah Lopez traveled to France and brought their copy of The Lansing Journal to the Palace of Versailles. (Photo: Lansing resident Paul Lopez)



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Kevin Dolinar catches up on Lansing news from the beautiful shores of Lake Bled in Bled, Slovenia, on July 5. (Photo: Ann Cashin)



Below: Yoga instructor Cheryl Mabry took a shot of the morning view from her back yard in Lansing on July 9.



Carol Schultz, Paul Schultz, Theresa Worries, Terry Rice, Mike Fish, Elly Clousing, Sue Bovino, Joyce Mulder, and April Lococo are among the "Swifties" who have been gathering at Coolidge Elementary this summer to watch the chimney swifts, as reported in the copy of The Lansing Journal they are holding. (Photo: Dan Bovino)

Left: In a rare moment in front of the camera, photographer Dan Bovino also catches up on the news at Coolidge. (Photo: Sue Bovino)



Left: Lansing Village Clerk Vivian Payne catches up on Lansing news while spending time with family on the island of Krk in Croatia. (Photo: Kristin Payne)



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## White Sox, from page 1

About a half-hour before game time the group was led out a gate where they stood in foul territory near the White Sox dugout, getting an up-close view of the ceremonial first pitch and the singing of the American and Canadian National Anthems. As they made their way from the reception area, they were greeted with high-fives from Gail Tucker, Senior Director of Corporate Partnership Activation for the Chicago White Sox who declared herself "a proud TF South graduate."

Melvin Lee, 11, who plays first base and pitches in the majors for Lansing Little League's Lions Demolition team was all smiles as he waited for his big moment. "It's great," he said. When he learned he'd have a chance to be on the field before the game and meet one of the White Sox players, he said he was "very happy and surprised."

Christopher Gales, 13, shortstop for the Lions team, said before heading out to the center field spot, "It's pretty cool. I'm excited."

Michael Bailey, 12, was setting foot on the diamond for his second time. He said he had the opportunity to be part of a tournament there in 2014, but that didn't diminish the

excitement for him. "It's just a really fun experience," he said. Bailey plays center field and pitches for the Lions.

Village of Lansing Night was arranged by Sam Lawson, Manager of Group Sales Development for the Chicago White Sox. He approached Ken Reynolds, Director of Communications for the Village of Lansing, about organizing a special promotion for Lansing residents. The two settled on a night when the White Sox would be playing the Toronto Blue Jays so that the group could see Granderson play. "We are looking forward to a fun event and hope all the residents who purchased tickets have a very enjoyable evening," said Reynolds before the game.

Granderson is a 1999 TF South graduate who went on to play in the major leagues, first for the Detroit Tigers and then for the New York Yankees, New York Mets, and Los Angeles Dodgers before being signed this year by the Toronto Blue Jays.

He made history by being the third major league player to join the 20-20-20 Club (hitting 20 doubles, triples, and home runs, and stealing 20 bases in a season). He is a three-time All-Star and the recipient of the Silver Slugger



Nick Neibert appears on the large scoreboard screen as he takes the field before the game at the shortstop position. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

and the Roberto Clemente Award. Granderson attended University of Chicago and has made significant financial contributions to both his former high school and college. His parents, both retired educators, still live in Lynwood.

In Saturday's game, Granderson was the lead-off batter, singling in his first at bat and scoring the first run of the game. It wasn't until the fourth inning that the Sox got on the board on a 379-foot home run by third baseman Yolmer Sanchez. The White Sox rallied in the 8th inning, scoring six and earning a 9-5 victory over the Blue Jays, giving the Lansing audience an exciting evening that ended with

an elaborate fireworks show set to music. Attendance at the game was 29,442, one of the highest numbers this season.

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# Ann Landers comes to life in *The Lady with All the Answers*

Janet Ulrich Brooks captures Landers' personality and professionalism

BY KATIE ARVIA

MUNSTER, Ind. (July 17) – Ann Landers was before my time. Although I had heard her name, I was unfamiliar with her work. So for me, *Ann Landers: The Lady with All the Answers*, at Munster's Center for Visual and Performing Arts, became an opportunity to learn more about the trailblazing writers who paved the way for the next generation of journalists.

The play, written by David Rambo, tells the story of Esther "Eppie" Lederer, better known by her pen name Ann Landers. The entire play takes place in Ann Landers' Chicago apartment in 1975, where Landers is faced with writing the most difficult column of her career.

Janet Ulrich Brooks plays the title (and only) character. When I realized that *The Lady with All the Answers* was a one-woman show, I was skeptical about how interesting it could possibly be. How in the world could anyone carry an 80-minute show on her own? But after 20 minutes of glancing hopefully at the stage doors, waiting for a supporting cast to join Brooks, I realized I was enjoying this solo performance.

Brooks' portrayal of Landers is excellent: her seamless audience interaction, perfect comedic timing, and range of emotion are just a few elements that make *The Lady with All the Answers* so enjoyable. As a writer,



Janet Ulrich Brooks as advice columnist Ann Landers shares some of her favorite letters with the audience. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)

I could particularly relate to Ann's struggle to find the right words for her column. As a person, I could relate to her struggle to redefine herself after a life-changing problem.

Landers weaves a story for the audience—her readers—of her early childhood, sharing insights on growing up with an identical twin sister, Pauline "Popo" Phillips, who went on to write the Dear Abby column as Abigail van Buren in 1956. She also shares some of her favorite letters from advice seekers, and the audience laughs at both the question and Landers' friendly, matter-of-fact

answers. The proper way to hang toilet paper, whether it's ok to vacuum in the nude, and Landers' appearance on national television explaining the movie *Deep Throat* are just a few of the anecdotes that Brooks delivers with expertise.

Serious moments transpire as well, especially when Ann recounts her time in Vietnam visiting wounded soldiers. Brooks' performance in the last 10 minutes of the production is a validation

Phil Potempa (pictured) has a collection of memorabilia that includes Ann Landers' typewriter and other mementos from celebrities and journalists. (Photo provided)



of her wonderful acting skills, and it's a tribute to Landers' real, human connection to her audience too.

In the end, the story comes full circle. The play began with a reader reaching out to Ann Landers, and it ended with Ann Landers reaching out to her readers. Act II reminds the audience that it's okay to be vulnerable, even if you do have 60 million readers. Sometimes it's okay not to have all the answers.

*The Lady with All the Answers* runs at the Theatre at the Center until August 12. In addition, a free exhibit is on display in the theater lobby until September 3. "Making Headlines: From Ann Landers to Walter Winchell" features treasures such as Landers' personal typewriter, autographed memorabilia, and other rare artifacts from the personal collection of Phil Potempa, Post-Tribune columnist.

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# 2019 theater season includes *Million Dollar Quartet* and *White Christmas*

Artistic Director Fortunato announces “exciting season” of five fun shows



Linda Fortunato, artistic director at Theatre at the Center (photo provided)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THEATRE AT THE CENTER

MUNSTER, Ind. (July 16, 2018) – Irving Berlin’s *White Christmas—The Musical*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, and *The Pajama Game* are among the 2019 Season favorites announced by Linda Fortunato, artistic director at Theatre at the Center, the only professional theater company in Northwest Indiana. Fortunato will direct and choreograph *White Christmas* as well as two other shows for next year.

“Our season is bookended with two shows that I’ve wanted to bring to our audience for several years—*Million Dollar Quartet* and *White Christmas*. The balance of the season has three funny and charming productions in three very different styles—a 1930s-style tap dance musical, a touching family story, and a classic American musical. It promises to be an exciting season full of laughter, dance, memorable characters, and great music.”

## **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET (FEBRUARY 14–MARCH 24, 2019)**

Inspired by a real event from December 4, 1956, *Million Dollar Quartet* chronicles when Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for what became one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This thrilling musical, written by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux, invites audiences into the recording studio for the true story of one unforgettable night. These four legends bring down the house with hits including “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Great Balls of Fire,” and “Walk the Line.” *Million Dollar Quartet* will be directed by Daryl Brooks.

## Swifts, from page 10

attraction for “Swifties” who come to watch the birds return each evening at dusk, does not contain any eggs, fledglings, or even nests. Apparently the hundreds of swifts who have been observed diving into the chimney are using it for roosting only, not mating.

### CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS

Maciejewski outlined options for the Board, and School Board President Robert Bonifazi asked whether it would be possible from an engineering standpoint to remove the chimney from the 1928 building and somehow incorporate it as a stand-alone structure on the Coolidge campus. Maciejewski explained that the chimney was not designed to be freestanding, and if it were repurposed in that way, new building codes would come into play, resulting in costs potentially into seven figures.

A related idea, discussed after the meeting, was to simply repurpose the bricks of the old chimney into a newly constructed chimney swift tower.

### FINDING A SOLUTION

The questions raised by various Board members indicated their struggle to find a solution that would balance costs, schedule, and concern for the birds. In the end,

Bonifazi summarized the discussion and proposed the following:

1. Under the guidance of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, quickly construct a temporary chimney and position it near the existing chimneys to give the swifts a chance to acclimate to it.
2. Potentially proceed with demolition of the 2003 addition in preparation for paving yet this year.
3. Reinspect the chimneys on Monday, August 6.
4. If the re-inspection shows that the fledglings have left the nest, cap that chimney and proceed with demolition of the 1928 building in an effort to ensure a safe environment for the beginning of the school year on August 22.

In addition, Bonifazi suggested that at a later date the Board consider a permanent structure that could be incorporated into the design of the new campus.

The motion was made and seconded, and the vote showed unanimous approval.

### COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Gathered outside the District 158 offices, members of the public discussed the outcome. They had attended the meeting to voice their

concerns and hear the discussion, and the general consensus was positive. The meeting had disbanded before dusk, so several attendees headed over to Coolidge to share the news with other Swifties. By the following day, news of the School Board’s decision had been posted on social media, and celebratory comments were posted in response. “Wonderful news,” “Congratulations, Swifties!” and “Nice to hear people here in Lansing care about wildlife” were among the opinions expressed.

New District 158 Superintendent Nathan Schilling’s comments at the Board meeting serve as an affirmation of the outcome: “As a school district we do acknowledge the importance of the chimney swifts to our ecosystem and to our community as a whole. They have definitely brought people together. We acknowledge the

role of these birds as a protected species whose numbers are declining, and we also do very much recognize the educational curricular value they bring to our students.”

The Coolidge chimney swifts spend all day in flight, and they return to Coolidge

each evening at dusk. The viewing area where most of the Swifties gather is near the corner of Henry and Adams. The swifts can be viewed nightly from now until October, when they will return to Peru for the winter.

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## Orchestra

Bass	Cymbals	Oboe	Trombone
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Bugle	French Horn	Piano	Tuba
Carillon	Gong	Piccolo	Tubular Bells
Castanets	Guitar	Recorder	Vibraphone
Celesta	Harp	Tambourine	Viola
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- Fire extinguishing agent
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- Allergic reaction
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- Gulf V.I.P.
- "Your majesty"
- Professed
- Farm equipment
- Add up
- Accomplishments
- Increase, with "up"
- Experienced
- Gland in neck
- Most crowded
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- Itemized summaries of expenditures
- God, with "the"
- Bouquet
- Ship's small boat
- Traditional literature theme
- One of The Three Stooges
- Andy's radio partner
- Space formed by two intersecting lines (2 wds)
- Bakery buy
- Crescent
- Personnel director
- The "A" of ABM
- Bothers
- Basket material
- Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
- Home, informally
- Pig grunts

## Down

- "Beat it!"
- Beans
- Came down
- "The \_\_\_\_ Ranger"
- About
- Anticipated
- Armed fighting
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- Medical clinic
- Handy
- New England catch
- Muscular strength
- Cold war foe
- Social
- Attempt
- By way of, briefly
- Checked out
- Portent
- Change the look of
- Bread spreads
- "Empedocles on \_\_\_\_" (Matthew Arnold poem)
- "Heartbreak House" writer
- Be a snitch
- Shut off
- Heartfelt
- Bat droppings
- Golden Horde member
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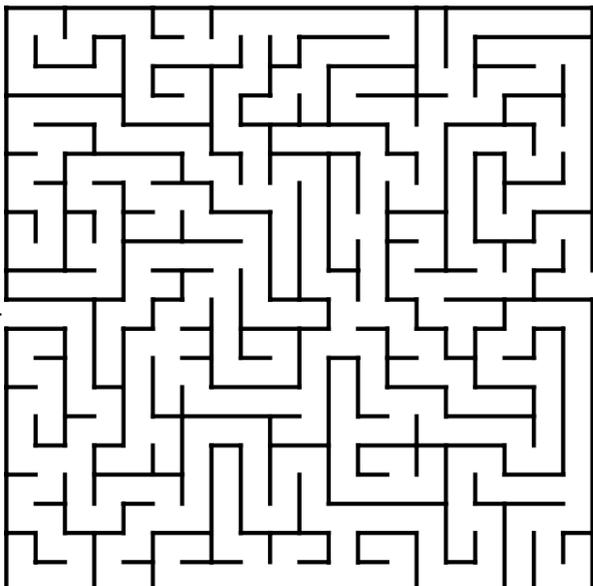
### Sob Story

According to reporter Ishbel Ross, in 1907 four female journalists were covering a murder trial. Known for the sentimental angle of their writing, when a male reporter spied them sitting in the courtroom, he gave them the nickname of the "sob sisters." From that came the habit of calling such writing sob stories. Over time, sob story has come to mean a tale of woe meant to evoke sympathy, especially when given as an excuse.

## On This Date: August 2

1776 - Formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence by 56 people • 1790 - First US census conducted; the population was 3,939,214 which included 697,624 slaves • 1819 - First parachute jump in US • 1865 - Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" is published • 1887 - Rowell Hodge patents barbed wire • 1892 - Charles A Wheeler patents a prototype of the escalator • 1909 - First Lincoln head pennies minted • 1952 17 year-old heavyweight Floyd Patterson wins Olympic gold medal with a 1st round KO

# SOLVE THE MAZE



## SOLUTIONS

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# LARC's Joey Glowacki medals in Olympic bowling

"Mom wanted to see me in Seattle, and I made it," says Glowacki

BY MADDIE HOLESINGER

LANSING, Ill. (July 28, 2018) - Joey Glowacki has a smile that can light up any room and a talent that he's been working hard to develop. His talent: bowling. Glowacki is 29, and he has been practicing bowling for 10 years.

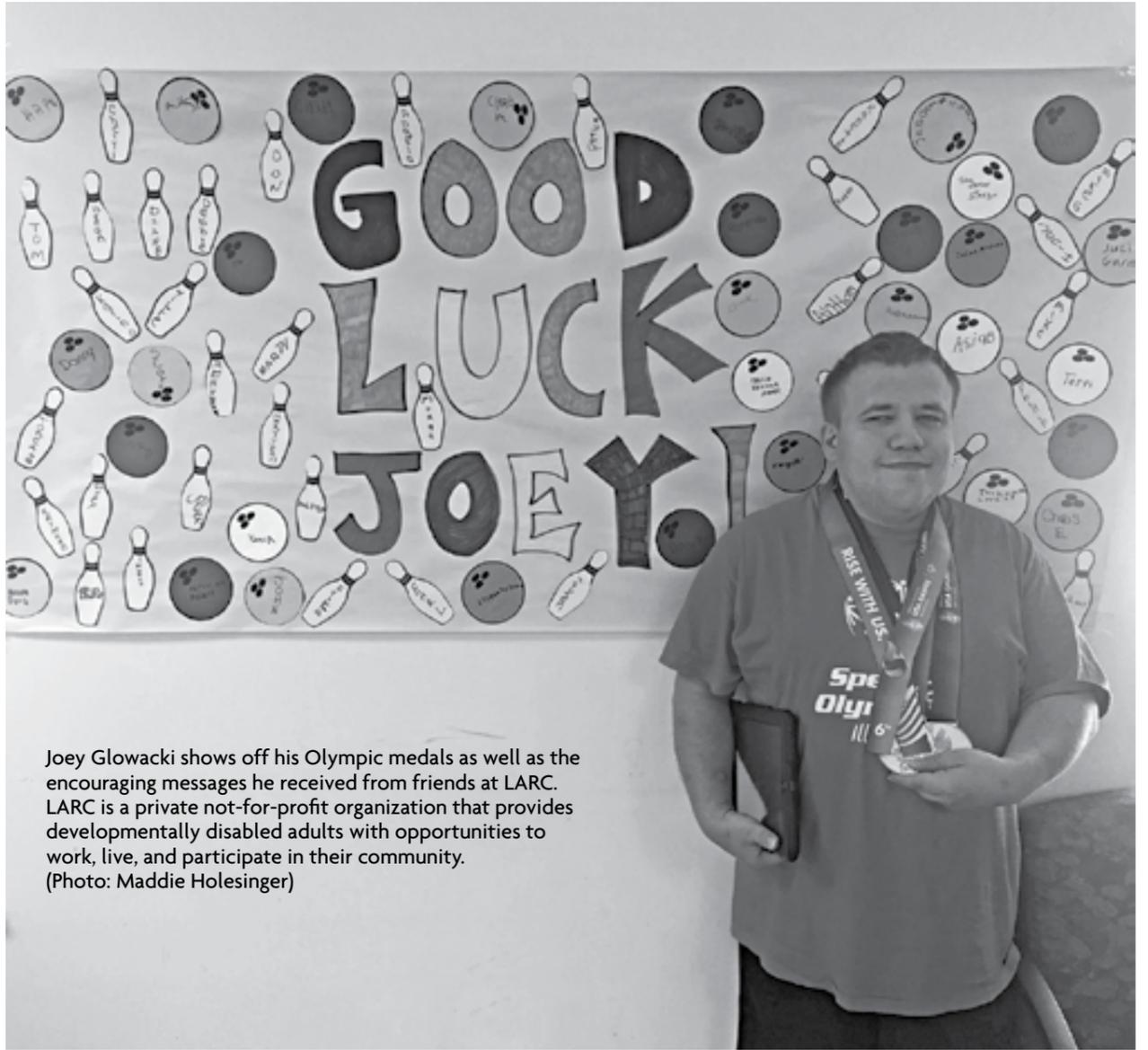
This year, Glowacki's hard work paid off, and he was asked to compete at the Special Olympics U.S. Games in Seattle, Washington, in July. The Games are held every four years, and more than 4,000 athletes—children as well as adults, from all 50 states—participate in the 14 sports that are offered. Glowacki competed individually and on a team composed of three other bowlers, all from Illinois. He finished in sixth place in the individual event and came home with two gold medals and many new friends from all over the U.S.

Glowacki's mom passed away in early March, but she was present at a ceremony last September when her son was selected as one of only 46 Illinois athletes who would travel to Seattle for the USA Games. Glowacki kept practicing with the hope of honoring her memory.

"I'm hanging tough for her," said Glowacki. "Her dream has come true. She wanted to see me in Seattle, Washington, and I made it."

Joey Glowacki says his favorite word is "awesome," and that's a good description of his support base, which includes his dad (his number one fan) and his friends at LARC, the non-profit organization that provides work opportunities for Joey and other developmentally disabled adults.

This year's Games celebrated not only the skills that the thousands of



Joey Glowacki shows off his Olympic medals as well as the encouraging messages he received from friends at LARC. LARC is a private not-for-profit organization that provides developmentally disabled adults with opportunities to work, live, and participate in their community. (Photo: Maddie Holesinger)

individual competitors have fostered, but also the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics movement. The overarching theme in Special Olympics is inclusion and acceptance.

LARC is located at 19043 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing. For more information about the work, life, and community opportunities they provide, call 708-474-1540 or visit [www.larclansing.com](http://www.larclansing.com).

# Ultimate Dodgeball Championship returns to Orland Park

## August 2–5 at Sky Zone Trampoline Park (yes, it's on trampolines)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

ORLAND PARK, Ill. (July 20, 2018) – Sky Zone, creator of the world's first wall-to-wall trampoline court, will be hosting the 2018 Ultimate Dodgeball Championship Finals in Orland Park, Illinois. The world's 35 best co-ed and women's dodgeball teams from Sky Zone Trampoline Parks across the US, UK, Canada, and Australia will descend upon Sky Zone Orland Park on August 2 through August 5 for the Seventh Annual Ultimate Dodgeball Championship.

Competing teams will dodge, throw, and jump their way through over 265 matches to compete for a spot in the Final 8, where they will go head-to-head for \$65,000 in cash prizes—the largest prize pot in dodgeball tournament history.

"The Chicago Southland is perfect for events like this due to our variety of sports venues available, reasonable prices, interstate accessibility, proximity to downtown Chicago, and a wide variety of support services we offer," stated Jim Garrett, President/CEO for the Chicago Southland CVB, which is based in Lansing, Illinois. "We are excited about the Sky Zone Dodgeball Championship and all sporting

events coming to the area."

Jeff Platt is CEO of Sky Zone Trampoline Park, which is hosting the tournament. He said, "Ultimate Dodgeball has been gaining traction across the globe over the past few years, and our Ultimate Dodgeball Championship has continued to flourish right along with it. It's quite an exhilarating experience to watch teams from all over the world



compete and put their skills to the test for the sought-after title and \$65,000 in cash prizes."

The 2018 Ultimate Dodgeball Championship will be held at Sky Zone Orland Park, located at 66 Orland Square Drive, B, Orland Park, Illinois. More information on the tournament, rules, and future tournament

dates can be found at [SkyZone.com/UDC](http://SkyZone.com/UDC). The final matches will be available for viewing online via Sky Zone's YouTube channel—Ultimate Dodgeball—and on television at a later date.

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*Charreada*, from page 1  
 floor of the arena is muddy and puddled, it is too dangerous for the horses, who depend on intricate footwork for many of the events. Throughout the morning, cartloads of a sand-and-sawdust mix were rolled in and raked over the mud, and by 1:00pm conditions were favorable enough to run a few events. The schedule had to be adjusted because of the late start, so Acevedo did not compete last Saturday, But Ricardo did. In fact, he gave the crowd a scare when his horse lost control in the *Coleadero* event and fell hard—on Ricardo. Ricardo was shaken, and his memory of the fall is gone, but he rode again in the next round of competition on July

28. He felt he did well enough to advance to the final round on August 4 and 5, but at press time that had not been confirmed. Charreada consists of 10 events, and all involve skills that are part of ranch life—horsemanship, roping, controlling a herd, and riding untamed broncs. The winning team at the state competition will go to Mexico to compete there. Rancho el Consuelo is located at 744 Church Road in Beecher. Doors open at 10:00am on the two remaining days of the championship, August 4 and 5. Call 708-913-7591 for more information. To see more *charreada* photos and video, subscribe to the daily digital edition of The Lansing Journal: [thelansingjournal.com/news/subscribe](http://thelansingjournal.com/news/subscribe).



Extra points are given for rope tricks in some of the *charreada* events, and ranchers learn them early. During the rain delays that interrupted the first round of competition, a youngster passed the time by showing his roping skills to his friends. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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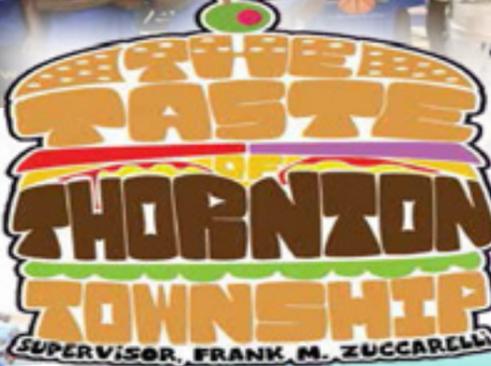
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# Taste of Thornton Township starts with second annual police-and-teen basketball tournament

## Lansing team hopes to maintain championship

Below: Last year's Lansing team won first place. (Photo: Nate Field Jr.)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THORNTON TOWNSHIP

THORNTON TOWNSHIP, Ill. (August 1, 2018) – Police and teenagers from various communities will team up together in the second annual Taste of Thornton Township Basketball Tournament. The tournament, which takes place on Friday and Saturday, August 24–25, features teenagers and police officers playing on the same team and focusing on working with each other for the pride of their town or village. Often, communities have police officers and kids playing against each other in a basketball tournament; however, Thornton Township officials decided the alternative made more sense.

Lansing Police Department and teens won the tournament last year. (See August 2017 story, "Lansing team wins basketball tournament.")

"Last year was an incredible success and people really understood that kids and police officers should be playing together instead

of opposite team," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor. "We felt like it brought the community together even more, and those are the kinds of programs that we support in Thornton Township. This year we are looking to make it even bigger."

The five-on-five basketball tournament, which will once again take place at South Suburban College, is an extension of the Faith, Dignity, and Respect Initiative. The program's goal is helping communities, giving police officers and teenagers opportunities to work together.

"When teenagers are able to see police officers out of the uniform and have meaningful interactions with them, that carries a lot of weight when they eventually see them in uniform," said Ernst Lamothé Jr., Thornton Township communication manager, who oversees the basketball tournament. "Every police officer we talked with last year saw the tournament as an important way to interact and reach teenagers, and that gave us



the feedback we needed to have the tournament again. They really saw it as a unifying event."

The basketball tournament will be the opening act to the 17th annual Taste of Thornton Township. The Taste features a one-day family atmosphere with more than 1,500 people attending. In addition to a variety of food vendors and a large selection of crafts, the Taste will

include free book bags with school supplies, free back to school haircuts for kids, a petting zoo, Bingo, and a classic car show.

The headliner will be Lakeside, and other acts include our own Trish Grandberry, who is a contestant on America's Got Talent, the Chicago Boyz Acrobats, Visions of Santana, and Past Life.



# Storms shorten LOOP ride without dampening spirits

## Rain-soaked riders complete Phase 1

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (July 20, 2018) – Most of Friday, July 20, the weather couldn't make up its mind about what it wanted to do. At 5:00pm, during a steady rain, the Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce was using social media to assure Lansing that the LOOP bike ride would proceed as planned. More than 150 people had pre-registered for the annual event. The ride involves the Lansing Police Department, airport personnel, and dozens of volunteers, so rescheduling it is not possible.

The fickleness of the day's weather kept some registrants from showing up, yet there were also some "walk-ins" who decided at 6:30pm to take a risk and sign up. At 6:45pm, patches of blue sky looked encouraging.

But at 7:00pm—go time—the rains began again.

Undaunted, the pack of pedalers set out from Park Plaza, heading toward the forest preserve bike path. The steady rain grew steadier, and eventually became a downpour—a downpour that did not let up for the full hour of Phase 1.

Finally, Chamber Board President Susan Thompson announced that Phase 2 of the LOOP was being canceled. The heavy rains had caused minor flooding in areas along the LOOP route, presenting potential hazards. Pedals and puddles are not a good combination in a group biking event.

In spite of the rains, LOOP bikers all seemed to enjoy the adventure. Many stayed at Park Plaza at the conclusion of Phase 1, joking with each other and enjoying the bag lunches that had been prepared. A few expressed surprised that the second half was being canceled. It is unknown how many of these soggy cyclers went ahead and completed the circuit on their own.

Since riding the runway at Lansing Municipal Airport is a highlight of the LOOP each year, Lynnne Que's Airport Bar and Grill had put a coupon in the LOOP backpacks, offering a free drink after the ride. A number of bikers did show up there post-race, and Lynnne laughed about having to put towels under the bar stools.

The date for LOOP 2019 has not yet been set.



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