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“EXCITED ABOUT A NEW BEGINNING”

New Superintendent sparks excitement, change

Teresa Lance welcomes District 215 staff and faculty at August 16 convocation



Superintendent Teresa Lance used statistics and her personal background to motivate District 215 staff and faculty at convocation. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 16, 2018) – The sharp crack of snare drums echoed in the TF South red gym Thursday morning as District 215

teachers and staff passed through a student drum line to their seats as part of the first school district convocation in 10 years.

With school starting on Monday, August 20, for TF North, TF South,

the Center for Academics and Technology, and the Center for Alternative Learning, new Superintendent Teresa Lance felt it important to communicate a message of support to teachers: “I want students to be successful, and that really starts with our teachers. I want teachers to know I believe in them, and I want them to believe in themselves.”

COMMUNICATION

Lance was the primary speaker during the convocation, giving her address after two high schoolers shared advice and gratitude for their teachers. The New York native began her speech by pointing at the crowd and explaining that because the district does not have a communication director, “You are it!” She then encouraged teachers and staff



Superintendent Lance invited staff and faculty to use social media to communicate the good things going on in District 215. #TeamPhenomenal215 is the official district hashtag for this year. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

to take selfies and post them on social media.

Lance joined District 215 in July, replacing Dr. Creg Williams, who held the position for 10 years. Lance earned her Master’s Degree in Health Education from State University College in Cortland, New York, and is working on obtaining a doctoral degree from the University of Phoenix by the end of the year.

ENERGY

Lance’s passion and energy were

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Dog park opens September 17

Memberships on sale now

LANSING, Ill. (August 28, 2018) - Opening Day at Paws ‘n Play Dog Park (in Bock Park) is scheduled for Monday, September 17. The park will be open from dawn to dusk to anyone who has purchased a membership. Membership packets are available online at lanoakparkdistrict.org and in person at the Eisenhower Center, 2550 178th Street. Registration and payment are required in person. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled at a later date.



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EDITORIAL

A newspaper for all of Lansing

BY MELANIE JONGSMA,
MANAGING EDITOR



LANSING, Ill. (September 2018) – When The Lansing Journal launched last September, we made bold claims about “Serving Lansing’s diverse community.” At the time we were thinking in terms of identifiable ethnicities—Black, White, and Hispanic are the three largest racial percentages in our village. We were intentional about seeking out diverse stories, but also including diverse contributors.

In the process of becoming a newspaper for all of Lansing, we learned some new things and confirmed some things we already believed:

1. THERE IS NO “BLACK NEWS” OR “HISPANIC NEWS” OR “WHITE NEWS.”

There is only “news”—and different people are interested in different stories for different reasons. For example, last month our cover story was about *Charreada*, or “Mexican rodeo.” Were Lansing’s Mexicans interested in that story? Yes. But for many of them, it wasn’t news. They already knew about the rodeo in Beecher! But for most of Lansing’s Blacks and Whites, the story was news—they didn’t know about the state-wide competition so close to home, they didn’t know it was a Mexican tradition, and they didn’t know that a Lansing businessman and his son participate. Is *Charreada* Hispanic news? Maybe. But more significantly, it’s Lansing news.

2. DIVERSITY IS NOT ONLY ABOUT RACE.

And “diverse” is not code for “Black.”

When we use the word *diversity* in The Lansing Journal, we intend its literal meaning: *variety*. Lansing is a community made up of various races, ages, faith backgrounds, income levels, professions, and traditions. We work hard to make sure we cover it all. We’ve included stories

about established Lansing organizations, as well as newcomers and start-ups, Joe Labella as well as Joey Glowacki, the grade school science fair and the high school job fair, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, a 111th birthday and various obituaries. All this variety, all this *diversity*, is Lansing.

3. WE WANT DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS TOO.

We are always looking for more journalists to help us cover Lansing news. And we believe we would be a stronger newspaper if we had more diversity in our writing team. Please understand what I mean by this—I’m not looking for a Black journalist to cover all the “Black stories” in Lansing, or a Hispanic journalist to take the “Latino beat,” or a senior citizen to cover all “senior news.” I need journalists who are different from me—in age, race, faith, and experience—because they will have networks of contacts that I don’t have. They will share story ideas that I’m unaware of. When those networks and ideas and stories become part of The Lansing Journal, we are a better newspaper, and Lansing benefits.

4. WE WANT GOOD JOURNALISTS.

Our first consideration when adding people to the writing team is the quality of their research and

writing. Professional journalism is a very specific craft that requires a mastery of certain skills—getting accurate information, conducting a professional interview, organizing all your material into a story that makes sense to a diverse readership, meeting deadlines, pitching new story ideas that are important to Lansing. And yes, correct grammar and spelling are skills that need to be mastered too.

5. YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE A JOURNALIST TO HAVE A VOICE.

You do have to be a journalist to write articles for The Lansing Journal, but there are other ways to contribute that are open to anyone:

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- **Story ideas:** Use the “Submit news tips” form on our website to share ideas or ask questions.
- **Photos:** Our recent “Lansing

Journal Journeys” feature is an invitation for anyone to submit photos and captions.

- **Ads:** We love seeing a diversity of businesses, churches, organizations, and events in our pages, and we appreciate your support!

As we enter year two of serving the Lansing community with balanced, professional, local news, we are grateful for all the support we’ve received throughout year one. You have given us a solid foundation, and we are excited to keep building on it.

I am hoping many of you will join us in the work, using the ideas listed in Point 5 (or contacting me directly if you’re a journalist!). As I said in our launch article last September, “We are eager to keep learning and exploring new ways of gathering and sharing information, so Lansing residents can have the newspaper our community deserves.”

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Mexico en el Corazón gets standing ovation from Lansing crowd

“We go where we have friends,” says NCFJ President Sergio Suárez

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. – (September 1, 2018) Crowds surged through the doors of TF South High School’s auditorium Saturday as *Mexico en el Corazón* took to the stage to entertain about 800 area residents with mariachi music and traditional Mexican dances.

Featuring the dance group *Ballet Folclórico Guadalajara* and the band *Mariachi Juvenil Colotlán*, the *Mexico en el Corazón* (“Mexico in the heart”) performance included two hours of nearly non-stop music and dancing from talented professionals dedicated to preserving the cultural traditions of Mexico, particularly those of Guadalajara.

This is the second year the group has visited Lansing as part of its tour through the United States, which comprises 16 shows in cities across the country including Las Vegas, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, and Dallas.



Mexican “folk ballet” dancers wear traditional outfits representing various states and regions in Mexico. Musicians accompany the dance numbers with trumpets, violins, clarinets, baritones, trombones, drums, guitars, tuba, and harp. (Photos: Josh Bootsma)

Last year, Memorial Junior High School hosted 700 guests who viewed the show in the school’s gym on bleachers and folding chairs. This year, the 800 viewers were treated to comfortable chairs, a bigger stage, and better lighting in TF South’s auditorium, a space capable of seating around 750 while allowing room for some standing guests.

After a brief introduction and some acknowledgments by the group’s emcee, Lansing resident Martha Vargas took the stage, thanking guests, her team, TF South, and the Village of Lansing for their roles in making the event

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Tiny's Flowers survives crash and misprint

Lansing's newest florist "still standing" after difficult beginnings

BY JENNIFER YOS

CORRECTION: In the August 4 issue of *The Lansing Journal*, we ran a story about Lansing Floral Shop with a subhead claiming this was "Lansing's only floral shop." While that claim had at one time been true, with the addition of Tiny's Flowers earlier this year, Lansing Floral Shop is no longer the only floral shop in Lansing, but they are the longest-running. We regret the misinformation.

LANSING, Ill. (August 2018) – Tiny's Flowers owner Tiny Noble welcomes a floral design challenge. Whether she is arranging an heirloom mother-of-pearl Bible into a cascading bridal bouquet or tinting roses a perfect Tiffany blue, Noble strives to personalize her silk and fresh floral creations with that "Wow factor." "People work hard for their money," she stresses. "They should get what they want."

Tiny's Flowers officially opened its Torrence Avenue doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 27 of this year. Noble had researched places to move her online floral business to a brick and mortar store, and she ultimately chose Lansing because it earned, what she calls, a "Badge of Acceptance." Noble explains, "Lansing is diverse, multi-cultural, accepting, and something is always going on!"

This was more true than usual on Thursday night, August 23, when a car veered off Torrence Avenue and drove into the front window of Tiny's Flowers. Noble had just left the shop minutes before the crash.

The damage was significant, but not structural. Noble was shaken, but not defeated. She returned the next day to clean up and continue filling orders. Within a week she was promising "a fabulous window display" again, something she has gained local fame for since moving into the storefront.

BIG PLANS FOR TINY

In spite of the setback, Tiny's Flowers has big plans for the coming months. Noble is planning a mini bridal showcase October 12, a promotional presentation that will give local brides-to-be the red carpet treatment and an understanding of the diverse bridal services Tiny's Flowers has to offer. Future brides who sign up for a package will be offered an exclusive complimentary Tiny bridal bouquet.

Noble has also begun working on the "Thanksgiving Warms the Hearts of Seniors" event in which she plans to present floral creations to 300 local senior citizens through local churches and nursing homes. As of this writing, she has received over 200 donated vases for this community event.

Next year she hopes to offer an internship to any local high school student interested in learning hands-on about the floral design business. Noble maintains a Tiny's Flowers II Facebook page and a website to keep everyone current on her plans, creations, and products.

Tiny's Flowers is open 364 days of the year, closing only on January 1. (Noble says that is the day "You will find me in church to pray the new year in and the old year out.") Visitors and customers will often find Tiny's family and friends helping

at the shop as well—her sisters Sonya and Gia, her mother (who nicknamed her Tiny because "I was the tiniest and the bossiest"), her best friend Angela, and her faithful beagle Daisy.

Tiny's Flowers is located at 18055 Torrence Avenue in Lansing, Illinois. The shop is open daily from 9:00am–6:00pm. Visit www.tinys-flowers.com or call 708-394-3661 for information about fresh and silk flower arrangements, papyrus recycled greeting cards, Bridge-water candles, and more.

Rancho Grande to relocate to Golden Crown

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 28, 2018) - Rancho Grande Tacos and Burritos applied for a Class 8 tax incentive in order to remodel and move into the building that formerly housed the Golden Crown restaurant (17904 Torrence Avenue). Owner Jorge Grujillo plans to keep his restaurant on Ridge Road open, but he hopes to relocate his Torrence Avenue restaurant, currently at 2394 172nd Street, in order to gain more visibility and traffic. He estimates the renovations—plumbing, electrical, furniture, and an updated facade—will cost \$500,000.

"The inside would be totally redone," explained Grujillo. "The property is over 50 years old. I could probably open it right now, but that's not ideal. We really want to develop the property. It's a great location."

"This is a clear case of a small ma-and-pa operation that this [Class 8] incentive could really affect," said Trustee Brian Hardy to his fellow Board members at the August 21 Committee of the Whole meeting. "We want to help these businesses that do want to stay in Lansing, and it's a great tribute to our village that these business owners do want to invest here."

Grujillo also formerly had a location in Highland, but since closing that he has seen many of those patrons come to his Ridge Road Lansing restaurant. By moving his other Lansing restaurant closer to Ridge Road, he can relieve some of the increased burden on his Ridge Road store.

At a special Board meeting on August 28, the Board did vote to approve Class 8 incentive, to help make the redevelopment possible.



Rancho Grande owner Jorge Grujillo answered questions from the Board about how a Class 8 tax incentive will help him develop the property that formerly housed the Golden Crown restaurant. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

One Trick Pony to open location on Ridge Road



One Trick Pony is hoping to open a full-service restaurant at 3329 Ridge Road, a historic Lansing building that is currently empty. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 1, 2018) - One Trick Pony, a brewery and bar located at 17845–17851 Chappel Avenue in Lansing, is planning to open a full-service restaurant on the intersection of Ridge Road and Ada Street, in the space formerly occupied by the De Young Furniture Store. The owner of the brewery, Mark Kocol, would like to start work on the project in a few months.

Currently, the corner property in the heart of Lansing's downtown area is owned by the Village and is sitting empty. Only a short walk from the nearly-completed Fox Pointe venue, a restaurant in that location could potentially draw large crowds before or after events.

The Village Board voted on August 28 to approve Kocol's Class 8 tax incentive application.

Men's Chorus Concert



First Church (PCA) of Lansing will present a concert by their Men's Chorus under the direction and accompaniment of Cheryl Cassity on Sunday, September 16 at 5:30.

Their songs along with congregational singing will make for an enjoyable worship event. Refreshments will follow on the lower level. A free-will offering will be taken for Christ Cares Ministry.



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Lansing Loan Closet moves to Trinity Lutheran School building

Crutches, canes, walkers, and more—available for free use by Lansing residents

Top left: The Lansing Loan Closet is now located in the former Trinity Lutheran School building, directly south of Trinity Lutheran Church. The entrance faces east on Glen Terrace, and the two-way enter/exit parking lot allows for convenient equipment pick-up and drop-off. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Bottom left: From the August 7, 1973, Sun Journal (clipping courtesy of members of the “I grew up in Lansing and I remember...” Facebook Group)



Allen VanVuren and Dr. Peter Boelens joined the “Rotary troops” in moving the Loan Closet Equipment from Lansing Federal Savings and Loan. The club adjourned their regular luncheon meeting early in order to move all the hospital equipment. (SUN Photo)

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (August 22, 2018) – For 60 years the Lansing Loan Closet has been a valued community program that loans Lansing residents gently used home medical equipment—such as crutches, wheelchairs, and walkers—on a temporary basis and totally free of charge. The program has a long history of involved residents, organizations, businesses, politicians, and most recently a Lansing church stepping up to take the baton of proprietorship.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

According to an old Lansing Sun article dated August 7, 1973, the Lansing Loan Closet began in 1958 when Mrs. Ann Seeburger and Mrs. Clara Frank, Lansing residents and members of the Health Council at the time, accepted a donation of medical equipment. The women continued to accept donations from Lansing residents and from various local organizations, storing the equipment in their homes.

As the collection has grown, and various organizations have helped maintain it, the Lansing Loan Closet has been housed in the Lansing Federal Savings and Loan, the Walker building, the old Village Hall on Chicago Avenue, a garage adjacent to the old fire station on Lake Street, and the Lansing Municipal Center on Ridge Road.

CONTINUED SERVICE

This year Reverend John Holyer of Trinity Lutheran Church and Office Manager Megan Roe arranged a meeting with Village leaders to discuss how the former Trinity Lutheran School building, which lay vacant behind Trinity Lutheran Church, might be used to benefit the Lansing community. Mayor Patty Eidam saw their generous offer as an ideal solution to the Lansing Loan Closet’s need for more space.

In mid-July of this year, the transfer of the equipment was made from the Lansing Municipal Center to the new location. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 2505 Indiana Avenue, and the new Loan Closet is located in the former school building directly south of the church, across the parking lot. The Loan Closet’s convenient flagpole entrance faces east on Glen Terrace, and the two-way enter/exit parking lot allows for convenient equipment pick-up and drop-off. There are no

stairs for borrowers or donors to navigate, and, if needed, the equipment can be directly delivered to or picked up from their cars.

SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

The Loan Closet itself is a spacious classroom, cleared and cleaned by Trinity Lutheran Church volunteers. The classroom currently houses eight pairs of adjustable crutches, six canes, a pair of forearm bariatric crutches with full cuffs, one large shower bench, one transport chair, two seated walkers, ten standard walkers, and one portable commode. Inventory, of course, changes on a daily basis as donations come in and loaners go out.

Roe has taken charge of administration of the Loan Closet. She asks that residents interested in either borrowing or donating equipment call her in the church office (708-474-7997) to arrange a pick-up or drop-off time during normal operating hours: 9:00am–3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Only Lansing residents are allowed to sign the waiver to borrow equipment, but donations are accepted from anyone interested in recycling their clean, gently used medical items. Borrowers may keep an item for as long as it is needed, and they are expected to return it clean and in good condition.

Anyone who is not a resident of Lansing and needs to borrow medical supplies is encouraged to check suburbanresourceguide.com to see a comprehensive list of medical loan closets located in the north, south, and west suburbs of Chicago.

SPECIFIC NEEDS

The Lansing Loan Closet is currently in need of more wheelchairs and will even accept hospital beds, but all clean and gently used items are appreciated. Boots and leg braces are not accepted for safety reasons, since users need professional sizing. Portable commodes are accepted only if they are bleach-cleaned before donation or after borrowing. A Trinity member who has worked in medical supplies has offered to inspect the integrity of the larger donated items.

Village Communications Director Ken Reynolds also notes that donations may still be dropped off at the Municipal Building, and someone will see to it that the items are delivered to the new location.

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Village Board considers removing limits on number of salons in Lansing

Podgorski requests "business license amendment" to Ord. 13-10

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 22, 2018) – An ordinance that was adopted in 2013 limits the number of certain types of businesses that can be granted a license within the Village of Lansing. Specifically, that ordinance reads:

"The following business licenses shall be limited in the number of such licenses issued within the village:

1. Pay day loan stores—3
2. Dry cleaners—6
3. Nail salons—8
4. Hair salons—27
5. Barbershops—5
6. Secondhand dealers (not including jewelers)—2
7. Consignment/resale/shop/thrift shop (not including antique dealers)—3
8. Tattoo shops—1
9. Massage parlors—3
10. Child day care centers—25
11. Banks and financial institutions—13 (Ord. No. 13-10, § 1, 3-5-2013)"

At the August 21 Committee of the Whole meeting, the subject of amending this ordinance came up as part of Trustee Brian Hardy's Building and Economic Development report, and Administrator Dan Podgorski said that removing this restriction would "help him fill a building" that a potential business owner with salon experience is interested in.

Podgorski explained that the requester would like to set up a "business incubator" or business suite for hair stylists who are just

starting out. Currently, all hair salon, nail salon, and barbershop licenses are in use.

IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Trustee Hardy was in favor of the business suite model.

Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich expressed support of the business suite model, but wondered why it might be necessary to change Ordinance 13-10 in order to accommodate a business suite in Lansing. And she expressed concern about the impact that changing the ordinance might have on existing businesses. "It concerns me that we may flood our area with individual beauty chairs all over town when we have our own beauty shops and barbershops that are always trying to stay open," she said.

In an interview after the meeting, local salon owner Kris O'Connor confirmed that concern. "It could put us out of business," she said. "We have enough salons who are looking for help already. Every salon has a Help Wanted or a Booth Rental sign. There's already plenty of room for hair dressers who are starting out." O'Connor owns Classy Cuts Salon at 3365 Ridge Road and has been advertising for additional stylists. "I have four chairs open—if anyone wants to rent space, tell them to come on in!"

REASONS FOR LIMITS

Grady-Perovich also asked for input from some of the longer-term Board members about the reasoning behind enacting Ordinance 13-10 in the first place.

"The concern was about the massage parlors, the tattoo parlors and stuff like that," said Trustee Tony Delaurentis. "Not beauty shops."

Grady-Perovich affirmed that hair salons and nail salons were indeed included in the ordinance. She wondered if restrictions were put on such service entities because they pay sales tax only on products they sell, such as nail polish and shampoo, so the revenue they contribute to the Village is limited.

Minutes from the March 5, 2013, Board meeting explain simply that "...this ordinance ensures that we have a good mix of businesses, both retail and service, for our residents."

PROFESSIONAL SUITES AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICES

Though much of the conversation centered on the business suites model and its potential benefits, there are currently no ordinances restricting business suites or professional suites from opening in Lansing. In fact, Lansing already has professional buildings as part of its business mix—the Clock Tower Plaza (3330 181st Place) is one

example; the Walker Building (18225 Burnham Avenue) is another.

Podgorski makes a distinction between professional office buildings such as Clock Tower and professional suites: "The professional suite concept features smaller individual suites approximately 100–200 square feet in size. This is the most significant difference. Offices in professional office buildings are larger than that."

CONSIDERATION

Podgorski's August 17 memo to the Village Board proposed to, "...exempt business owners that operate within the confines of a professional suite from the business license limits..."

During the two weeks between the August 21 Committee of the Whole meeting and the September 4 Board meeting, Trustee Hardy said he heard from a number of residents and businesses expressing concern about the proposed change. He assured them that if it came to a vote, he would not be in favor of changing the ordinance. "I am definitely pro business," he said. "And this change would not benefit the Village." As of this writing, the subject was not included on the posted agendas for the September 4 Board or Committee of the Whole meetings, though it's possible it would come up in Public Comment.

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OBITUARIES

FOX

A Funeral Service for Shirley R. Fox (nee Leaf) will be held on September 7, 2018, at Thornridge Funeral Home with Rev. Young officiating.

Mrs. Fox was born April 10, 1926, and died August 31, 2018. She was the wife of the late Laurence; mother of Ruth Ann (late Robert Sr.) Tyderek, Ellen (late James) Herman, and the late Kathleen Fox; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of nine; sister-in-law of Nancy Mitchell.

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

FREDRICKSON

A funeral service for Donald A. Fredrickson was held Saturday, September 1, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Phil Humber officiating.

Mr. Fredrickson was born September 14, 1927, and passed away August 28, 2018. Husband of Betty Mae Fredrickson (nee Kastro-ry). Father of Kathleen Davison, Sue (Mike) McCarthy, Sandy (Dave) Theile, and Shari (Isaac) Weitekamp. Grandfather of nine; great-grandfather of two. Brother of the late Betty (late Rev. Kenneth) Jobson.

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

LYTLE

A funeral service for Aleatha "Lee" Lytle (nee Laning) was held Thursday, August 30, 2018, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Lansing, IL, with Rev. Cal Aardsma officiating.

Mrs. Lytle was born April 16, 1943, and passed away August 26, 2018. Wife of James C. Lytle. Mother of James N. (Jeannine) Lytle, Michael (Lynea) Lytle, Matthew Lytle, Jennifer Kuiken and Rebecca (Jeffery) Dryfhout. Grandmother of 12. Sister of Gail (late Jacob) Molenhouse and the late Garret (Nancy Hoeksema) Laning Jr.

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

PEKNY

A memorial service for Gerald A. Pekny will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Andy Nearpass officiating.

Mr. Pekny was born July 11, 1939, and passed away September 1, 2018. Husband of Esperanza "Hope" Pekny (nee Rodriguez). Father of Jeffrey (Maureen) Pekny, Leslie Pekny, Alan (Julie) Pekny, and Gregory (Jennifer) Pekny. Grandfather of four. Brother of Joyce (Stephen) Pekny and Brian (Jackie) Pekny.

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



JEAN E. NEMITZ

Jean E. Nemitz (nee Hannon), age 88 of Lansing, IL, formerly of Roseland, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, August 3, 2018. She is survived by her four children: Karen (Bob) Lake, Kathy (Mike) Fish, Kim (Howard) Silkowski, and John (Cheryl) Nemitz; eight grandchildren: Matt (Michelle) Fish, Eric (Margaret) Fish, Rob Lake, Ashley (Nick) Houlihan, Katie (George) Tagler, Sara (Andrew) Brazzale, Erin Silkowski, and Nicole Silkowski; and six great grandchildren: Abby, Brooke, and Hannah Fish, Barnes and Vivienne Fish, and Georgie Tagler. Jean is also survived by her brother: Bob (Marlene) Hannon; five nephews and one niece and their families; and many cherished friends. Jean was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George, in 1981, and mother, Georgia (Don) Lindstrom.

Jean worked as the office manager for Peter Levin Pontiac from 1981 until she retired. She also worked for Burt Rose Ford in Roseland for 25 years, from 1956-1981. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. She visited many European countries, took many cruises, and visited many U.S. cities. Jean belonged to a Senior Bowling League and Bridge Clubs, and she enjoyed playing cards. She loved throwing parties and entertaining in her home, which was always open to everyone. She was a loyal supporter of all her grandchildren's sports events. She enjoyed watching ballgames, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and outdoor activities.

Jean was a loving, caring mother, beloved grandmother and great grandmother, and dear friend to many. And she adored her fur friend, her dog "Murphy." She had a zest for life and lived it to the fullest.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 9, beginning with Closing Prayers at 9:15am at Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home and proceeding to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 768 Lincoln Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, for a 10:00am Mass of Christian Burial. Jean was laid to rest next to her husband in Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jean's name to Hospice of the Calumet Area, 600 Superior Drive, Munster, IN 46321, or the charity of your choice.

Information provided by Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home. Condolences may be left for the family at www.schroederlauer.com.



ELLA L. STRAKA

Ella L. Straka, 67, of Winter Haven, FL, passed away unexpectedly while on vacation in Salt Lake City, UT, on Friday, August 3, 2018. Ella was born October 19, 1950, in Kenosha, WI, to Franklyn and Castella (Petersen) Sell. Ella was a graduate of TF South High School, Class of 1968. She went on to receive her BSN from UIC School of Nursing.

On December 7, 1990, she was united in marriage to Stephen Straka at St. Mary's Church in Riverside, IL. Following their marriage, they resided in Berwyn and then Naperville, IL, until moving to Winter Haven, FL, in 2016.

Ella was a registered nurse at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. She held the position of head nurse in the Emergency Department for several years.

Ella enjoyed training dogs, traveling, and watching HGTV. She also loved reading so much that it could often be difficult to distract her from her Kindle. Ella had countless hours of fun playing card and board games with her best friend, Pat Nordhaus. She was extremely fond of her pets, and she developed an extremely close bond with her service dog, Essie, who will remain with the family due to her advanced age.

Ella adored her family, and was devoted to her husband, children, and grandchildren. She is survived by her loving family: husband, Stephen; children: Eugeniya (Arkady) Grenader, Lydia (Casey) Preuser, Anastasia, Paul and Charles; by her grandchildren: Olyvia, Casey, Jr., Andrew and Charles; by her sibling, Roberta Sell of Winter Haven, FL; by her in-laws, Paul and Penelope Straka; by brothers and sisters-in-law: Christopher Straka (Debi James), Philip (Joane) Straka, and Peter (Christine) Straka. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Ella was preceded in death by her parents and her brother-in-law, Alan Sell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 11:00am at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 2133 N. 22nd Street, Sheboygan, WI, with Fr. Phil Reifenberg as the Celebrant. Burial followed at Wildwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to an organization of your choice or make a donation to Barking Angels service dog organization in Ella's name. Donations may be mailed directly to Barking Angels at 7644 W. Dickens Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

Information provided by Ballhorn Chapels. Condolences may be left for the family at www.ballhornchapels.com.

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Of birds and words

Chimney swift advocates feel



betrayed by School Board 158

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (August 31, 2018) – The fate of the chimney swifts at Coolidge Elementary School has been a hot-button issue in Lansing since the beginning of summer. At School District 158's Board meeting on August 15, the matter was brought up again, despite not being on the agenda.

Kat Podgorski, an Avian Wildlife Rehabilitator who lives near Coolidge, attended the meeting to support the chimney swifts and her fellow "Swifties" (people who gather at dusk to watch the swifts return to roost overnight). The chimneys that the swifts had called home for decades were capped on August 6, and Podgorski described that night as "stressful [and] tragic." Temporary chimneys had been built as a substitute home for the birds, but Podgorski pointed out that the replacement chimneys were not large enough for the colony, nor were the birds given time to acclimate to the new structures.

WORDS AND DEEDS

While the chimneys were capped on August 6, they weren't demolished until August 23. "I'm not sure

why the Board couldn't have left the chimneys uncapped for a couple more weeks," Podgorski said. She also noted that Board members' absence from Coolidge on August 6 "speaks volumes."

Following the meeting at which Podgorski made her public comment, School Board President Robert Bonifazi was asked if he planned to respond. "I don't think Miss Podgorski deserves a response, quite frankly," said Bonifazi. "I think that Miss Podgorski was a little bit careless and reckless in her accusations to the Board, and so at least I am choosing not to respond. The fact that she wanted to interpret that the Board members not being there shows any lack of respect or concern—it's careless and reckless to make that. Miss Podgorski fails to remember that this is a volunteer position, that they all have responsibilities outside of this, and because I don't show up to something doesn't mean that I don't care about something."

In a response to Bonifazi's statement, Podgorski said, "I fully understand life's other commitments. However, for the months that this matter has been on their radar, I

find it hard to believe that [the Board members] couldn't have carved out 10–15 minutes on any given night to see the magic of the swifts firsthand, to see what people are talking about, and see what their actions are impacting."

Podgorski continued, "Mr. Bonifazi directly expressed interest in making sure the birds had ample time to acclimate to the artificial towers as a possible new home. What was stated and voted upon and what played out in reality did not align."

About attending the meeting, Podgorski said, "I simply proposed an opportunity for the Board to take action that would not only give the colony of swifts an actual place to keep Coolidge as their home, but also win back community support. I know good PR has always been important to the Board."

SWIFTS AND COMMUNITY

Podgorski described herself as being captivated by the swifts for decades. "The swifts are a necessary part of our ecosystem," she explained. "They fill their own niche. Populations of these insectivores are on the

decline globally due to habitat loss along the entire length of their migratory route to Peru. It is important to do what we can to maintain their populations at healthy levels for the integrity of a healthy ecosystem, of which we are all part."

Podgorski also expressed how important swifts are to the village: "I am completely blown away by the sense of community that has developed around caring for and learning about these birds," she said. Dozens of Swifties—from Lansing and neighboring towns—came out nightly to see the swifts at Coolidge throughout the last few months.

The swifts have been described as "one of Lansing's best kept secrets," and the discovery has brought people together.

Moving forward, Podgorski says she is anxious to see what will happen next: "The birds will return to Lansing next April. We are genuinely hoping Coolidge has a permanent structure in place that can support the colony of swifts we've all grown so fond of."

The replacement chimneys (right, circled) installed at the direction of School Board 158 are smaller than the original chimney (left) the colony had been roosting in. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)





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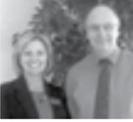
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And first-day field trip puts mission into action

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (August 15, 2018) – At the August 14 ribbon-cutting ceremony for Unity Christian Academy, South Holland Mayor Don De Graff described what the first day of school would include: a trip to Chicago to visit pocket parks, with a goal of getting ideas for redesigning an empty lot owned by the Village of South Holland. De Graff used words like “creativity,” “innovation,” and “opportunity” to convey the expectations of this field trip, and of the students. “That gives you a flavor of the type of school this is going to be,” he said.

Starting the school year with a tour of parks that will eventually lead to a transformed local space is perhaps a perfect illustration of UCA’s mission “to empower a diverse community, united by Christ, to achieve excellence in education for the flourishing of all creation.” The new school has been billing itself as “High School. Redefined. Redesigned.” Its goal is to provide an excellent education that will equip students with not just knowledge, but also skills and character, so they can play an active role in renewing the world—whatever career path they choose.

The crowd of nearly 200 people at the ribbon-cutting included South Holland Trustees and other Village officials, members of the South Holland Business Association, a number of local pastors, representatives from South Suburban College, enrolled UCA students and their families, and UCA Board members, faculty, and staff. The morning included speeches, tours, refreshments, a video, an opportunity to financially support the mission, and plenty of excited conversation among guests. Head of School Loukisha Smart-Pennix introduced the Board members who were present and expressed appreciation for “a team who not only believes in the work, but believes in you.” Smart-Pennix also introduced the faculty—Amy Veldboom (World Language & Culture), Charis Valmores (Humanities & Art), Gabriel Kong (STEM), and Mario Moody (Music & Band), who was not present.

Unity Christian Academy is located at 16341 South Park Avenue in South Holland, Illinois. Much of the school’s philosophy of education is explained on their website: WeAreUCA.org.

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Lansing's Elliott Moore Jr. receives \$20,000 culinary scholarship

He and Lynwood's Gabrielle Siegfried two of six recipients awarded by US Foods Scholars program

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

ROSEMONT, Ill. (August 14, 2018) – US Foods announced the names of the company's first US Foods Scholars scholarship recipients. Lansing's Elliott Moore Jr. is one of the six recipients. Lynwood's Gabrielle Siegfried is also included in the six.

Moore is a freshman majoring in culinary arts at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois. He has been cooking for more than seven years, having grown up watching his father in the kitchen. Moore had the opportunity to take culinary classes in high school, and as a US Foods Scholar, he hopes to earn his degree in culinary arts and eventually become a professional chef on a cruise ship. He says being a US Foods Scholar has opened up new doors for him and will allow him to pursue his dream. Moore's father is an avid supporter of his career goals.

Siegfried is a first-year baking and pastry and hospitality management student at Kendall College's School of Culinary Arts in Chicago. She learned the impact of making connections through food by watching cooking shows and baking with her grandmother. Already in middle school she began cooking regularly, and she soon became the resident baker for her art club. After graduation, Siegfried hopes to pursue a

career working for a food company that offers a wide array of career opportunities.

The six scholarship recipients included three students from the greater Chicago area and three students from Arizona. Each was awarded \$20,000 to support costs related to their continued culinary education, in addition to hands-on training opportunities with US Foods culinary professionals. The program awards financial support and professional development opportunities to students who plan to pursue an education in the culinary arts and enter the restaurant industry.

In addition to Moore and Siegfried, the four other recipients are Bran'De Gilbert (Chicago, Illinois), Joseph Garza (Phoenix, Arizona), Diana Diaz (Phoenix, Arizona), and Jackson Gilmore (Flagstaff, Arizona).

ABOUT US FOODS SCHOLARS

US Foods Scholars was created in partnership with the Careers



Elliott Moore Jr. (left) and Gabrielle Siegfried (above) both won culinary scholarships from US Foods. (Photos provided)

through Culinary Arts Program to support students who have demonstrated outstanding potential and achievement in the culinary arts. The program was developed to help tackle the talent shortage facing the restaurant industry, which is forecasted to have 1.7 million new positions by 2025 (source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).

ABOUT CAREERS THROUGH CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

Led by chef, author, and restaurateur Marcus Samuelsson as board co-chair, Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) is a national nonprofit that educates and guides

high school students. Through its holistic approach to culinary training, C-CAP prepares students for the workplace through chef mentoring, field trips, job shadows, work experience and job skills, college and career advising, and scholarships. C-CAP's work impacts over 17,000 students each year and C-CAP alumni work throughout the country.

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possible. Vargas is one of the directors of the Federation of Jalisco in the Midwest, and played a large role in bringing *Mexico en el Corazón* to Lansing.

"We go where we have friends, and here we have Martha Vargas... and she said, 'We need to have this event in Lansing,' and that's what brought us here," said Sergio Suárez, president of the National Council of Federations of Jalisco in the United States.

Following Vargas' remarks, Mayor Patty Eidam read the declaration of Jalisco Week that was read at the August 21 Village Board meeting. The declaration recognizes the Mexican state of Jalisco's important cultural contributions to the Chicago area. Eidam ended her comments by thanking the public for attending the event.

The performance included dances originating from states all across Mexico, including Veracruz, Campeche, and Jalisco, the state where the group was founded 34 years ago. According to their Facebook page, *Ballet Folclórico Guadalajara* was founded "with the aim of preserving, rescuing and disseminating the customs and traditions of the region."

To achieve this goal, performers wore various traditional outfits based on what area of Mexico they were representing. Roughly a dozen musicians accompanied the dance numbers with trumpets, violins,

clarinets, baritones, trombones, drums, guitars, a tuba, and a harp.

Although similar to last year's event, local resident Elizabeth Cervantes noticed a few changes in Saturday's performance: "The way they dressed was different—especially the males."

Elizabeth's father Juan Cervantes enjoyed singing along with some of the songs, which the *Ballet Folclórico* encouraged attenders to do. When thinking of his favorite song of the afternoon, he paused with a smile and said, "I think I liked every song." Lansing resident Francisco

Alvarez, who grew up in Mexico close to Guadalajara, was grateful to experience a taste of home.

"When you live far away from your [home]town, and you can see these kinds of events, it's fantastic," he said.

The taste of home was not limited to the auditorium. In the lobby of TF South, vendors were selling traditional Mexican jewelry, clothes, dolls, and artwork as well.

Though not all attenders could share in Alvarez's nostalgia, they did share in his enthusiasm. The entirety of the crowd—consisting mostly of Latinos, but also Caucasians and African Americans—rose to its feet in applause following the final number.

"I see many people here," said Alvarez, "not only Mexicans. It's nice that all [different] families are here. I love those things."

There are no official plans in place for *Mexico en el Corazón* to return to Lansing next year, but President Suárez is optimistic: "We are more than willing [to come back]. We go where we have friends, and as long as we can share and celebrate our culture, that's what it's all about."



Left, top: "Best birthday party ever! Wonderful performances today," posted TF South Principal Jacob Gourley (center) on Facebook after the show. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

Left: The crowd of 800 consisted mostly of Latinos, but also Caucasians and African Americans. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

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 evident throughout the event. "I want to get you fired up!" she said with a smile on her face, standing in front of a screen that read "#TeamPhenomenal215"—the official

district hashtag for this year. School Board President Richard Dust spoke during the convocation as well, reminding teachers that the Board wants to hear their ideas, and encouraging teachers to "make this the best year yet."

HIGHLIGHTS AND GAPS
 Lance has a few ideas of her own on how to make the next few years the best the district has seen. Using Here's What?, So What?, and Now What? as the headings of her speech, she pointed to stats

such as graduation rate, attendance, AP participation, and out-of-school suspensions as areas in which the district has improved over the last three years, but can continue to do better. "The data says, 'Here are some highlights,' but we can also invert that data and see some gaps," Lance said.

The project Lance is most excited about for this school year is a curriculum audit. "I'm looking forward to seeing what the audit tells us because we need a strong curriculum to drive student achievement," she said. The audit, conducted by an outside source, is expected to provide district officials with critical feedback on the curriculum currently in place.

GOALS
 Lance also mentioned some long-term goals such as incorporating more AP classes into the curriculum, waiving AP exam fees to encourage student participation, setting up a system of "instructional rounds" to improve teaching, and providing "systemic professional development" to advance the goals of the school district.

After Lance's speech, the district's Director of Student Services Dr. Rena Whitten called out the name of each school present and was met with thunderous cheers from teachers ready to start a new school year. "The goal was to really get folks excited about a new beginning," Lance said. "We have a lot of good things happening."

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Left: Barb and Rich Dust enjoyed reading about the endangered chimney swifts to their endangered cousins, the tortoises at the Tortoise Breeding Center in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. (Photo provided) Right: Not only did Lansing resident Elvis Slaughter get a picture of The Lansing Journal in front of his home, he did so WHILE WEARING A LANSING JOURNAL SHIRT! (Photo: Loni N. Adebayo, DDS) Embroidered Lansing Journal shirts are available only from Besse Shirt Lettering, 18058 Torrence Avenue, Lansing IL 60438. Call 708-474-3599 to place an order. Besse contributes a percentage of your purchase price to The Lansing Journal.

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Lansing's oldest resident turns 111

CP Crawford is Lansing's oldest, Illinois' second-oldest, and America's 25th-oldest living resident

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 24, 2018) – He's been alive for both World Wars, for 20 presidents—including both Roosevelts and both Bushes—for women's suffrage and black suffrage. He has picked cotton, plowed fields, tilled gardens, washed dishes, and worked for the Southland Oil Refinery and the Illinois Central Railroad. On Saturday, August 25, 2018, Lansing resident CP Crawford turned 111.

That age makes him the oldest living resident of Lansing, and the second-oldest living resident of Illinois, less than a year behind Louise Schaaf. Schaaf is the twelfth-oldest person in the United States, and Crawford is the twenty-fifth.

On the day before Crawford's actual birthday, Mayor Patty Eidam and other Village officials arrived at Tri-State Nursing and Rehabilitation Center—Crawford's home since 2014—to extend birthday congratulations and wishes of continued good health.

Crawford's son Shawn says his father is a loving and caring man who would give his last cent if it would help someone in need. Staff and residents at Tri-State affirm that Crawford is easy-going and gets along with everyone.

Birthday wishes for Mr. Crawford may be sent to his attention at Tri-State Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2500 E. 175th Street in Lansing, Illinois.



Holding flowers from the Village of Lansing, and dressed in a different suit than he wore to last year's birthday party, CP Crawford's secret to a long life is simple: "Mind your own business." (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Buford Walker Tenants' Association hosts first event

Food, raffles, entertainment help raise funds for resident outings

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 20, 2018) – Though every resident of Buford Walker Senior Housing is a de facto member of the Tenants' Association, there is an Executive Board of residents who provide leadership. They got help and advice about setting up their new nonprofit correctly, and it was officially formed in May. Patricia Jackson is President; Royaline Wilson is Vice President; Gilda Ray is Secretary; Earnestine Wren is Treasurer.

Their goal is to be able to design outings and activities beyond what are already offered by staff at Buford Walker and by Thornton Township's Senior Services department. They would like their first outing to be a bus trip somewhere, but they know that buses—especially handicap-accessible ones—are expensive to rent.

So their first fundraising event—held on Friday, August 17—gave residents and guests plenty of opportunities to contribute money toward

that goal. A nine-member organizing committee planned a four-hour afternoon of food, raffles, and entertainment. Selling tickets and raffle tickets provided some revenue, and donations were received from Hazel E Adams-Travis, San Ghazaleh, and Lynnette Freeman. A number of local businesses donated food or gift cards that were used as raffle prizes: Calumet Bakery, Fashionette, Hair Stak, JJ Kelley's, Johnny K's, Kayce's, Lansing Cleaners, Lynnie Que's, QuikScripts Pharmacy, Stephano's Pizzeria, Strack & Van Til, and Walgreens.

"It was more work than we thought it would be," admitted Nola Turner-Bourgoyne, a member of the event planning committee. The committee expressed thanks to Buford Walker staff who helped with both the planning and the execution. Early reports are that the work was worthwhile, and people enjoyed the planning as much as the event.

Buford Walker Senior Housing is located at 17725 Arcadia Avenue in Lansing.



Above: Association Secretary Gilda Ray was part of the committee who organized the event. She spent much of the afternoon in the role of hostess and waitress. Below left: Royaline Wilson is a Buford Walker resident, a member of the Tenants' Association Executive Board, and a seasoned entertainer. She provided a post-lunch performance.



Below right: Kevin Keane (blue shirt) sang a variety of familiar songs, starting with a Dean Martin classic. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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Fire Chief Verkaik retires after 31 years

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (August 29, 2018) – What began simply as a thought that maybe on-call firefighting could be “something fun to do after work” ended up turning into a 31-year career—“the best career in the world!”—for Fire Chief Ken Verkaik, who retires September 4 after serving 31 years with the Lansing Fire Department.

In 1986, Verkaik began his Basic Firefighting training while simultaneously keeping his job as a mechanic. “Back then training was in-house at the fire station,” Verkaik explains. “Today, beginning firefighters go to a firefighting academy for training, like the one that Prairie State [College] offers.” Training, he points out, is continuous for firefighters throughout their careers; Lansing firefighters train every day in-house and are tested three times a year; they also must maintain their EMS (emergency medical services)

licensing as paramedics.

After completing his year of basic training, Verkaik served Lansing as a paid on-call firefighter from 1987 to 1990, and thereafter became a full-time firefighter. His former career as a mechanic came in handy since back then firefighters were responsible for maintaining their own vehicles, such as oil changes. Verkaik’s mechanical know-how was often in demand by fellow firefighters. “Yeah, I was abused!” Verkaik jokes.

It was in those early years of firefighting that Verkaik faced one of the largest fires of his career, at Tire Town in Lansing. What did he learn from that experience? “That I had a whole lot more to learn!”

Some 20 years of firefighting experience later, in 2008, Verkaik was appointed Assistant Chief to Lansing’s Fire Chief Dan Gregorovik. At that time, there were two Assistant Chiefs, one for operations and one for training. Today the department has

downsized and has one Deputy Chief.

In 2015, Verkaik was appointed Fire Chief when Chief Gregorovik retired.

Reflecting on changes he has observed in firefighting techniques in the past 31 years, Verkaik says that it’s still basically “putting water on a fire,” but that computerization has greatly enhanced communications and accountability.

Reflecting on his upcoming retirement, Chief Verkaik says, “It’s been a great honor and privilege to serve for 30 years, and I am grateful for the men and women I’ve been blessed to work with.” He would like Lansing residents to know that “they have,



Chief Ken Verkaik, 2015 (Photo provided by the Shopper)

in the Lansing Fire Department, the best, most dedicated men and women who enjoy serving them.”

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Beautification Award winners announced

Seventh annual Beautification Contest involves 64 nominees

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 21, 2018) – The August 21 Village Board meeting included a series of award presentations by Tavin Brooks, a member of Lansing’s Beautification Committee who chaired the Beautification Contest subcommittee.

Brooks described the contest as “intense” because of the large number of properties that were nominated—59 different residential properties and 5 business properties. Brooks and his fellow judges chose 5 residential winners and 3 business winners, along with honorable mentions in both categories.

Each residential winner received a \$50 gift card from Ace Hardware, a certificate honoring the accomplishment, and a bright yard sign announcing their winning status.

RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION

The five residential winners were not ranked First Place to Fifth Place; they all were simply designated “winners” and are listed in no particular order:

- Joyce and Brad Dykstra (18280 Roy Street)
- Patti and Jerome Heavens (1668 185th Street)
- Marianne and Larry Lyzenga (3442 177th Street)
- Marion and James Quinn (18405 Locust)
- Mary and Clint Yonkers (18094 Jason Lane)
- Agatha Broza (18501 Ridgewood) won an honorable mention in the residential category.

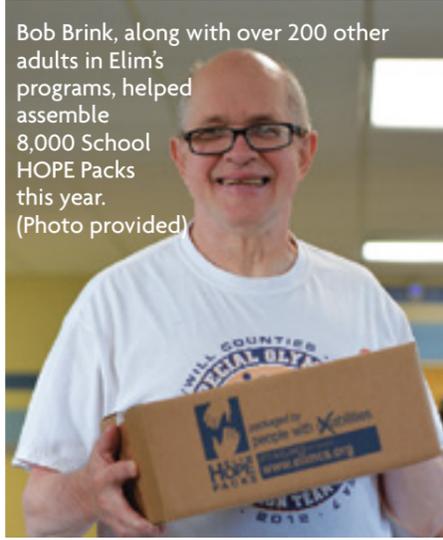
BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION

Three business winners were also chosen for their beautification efforts:

- Ridge Animal Clinic, on Ridge Road
- Lansing Currency Exchange, on Ridge Road
- O’Reilly Auto Parts, on Ridge Road
- The American Legion won an honorable mention.

Photos of the winners and their winning properties are included in the online version of this story. Visit thelansingjournal.com and search for “Beautification.”

Bob Brink, along with over 200 other adults in Elim’s programs, helped assemble 8,000 School HOPE Packs this year. (Photo provided)



Elim adults provide HOPE Packs for area school kids

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES

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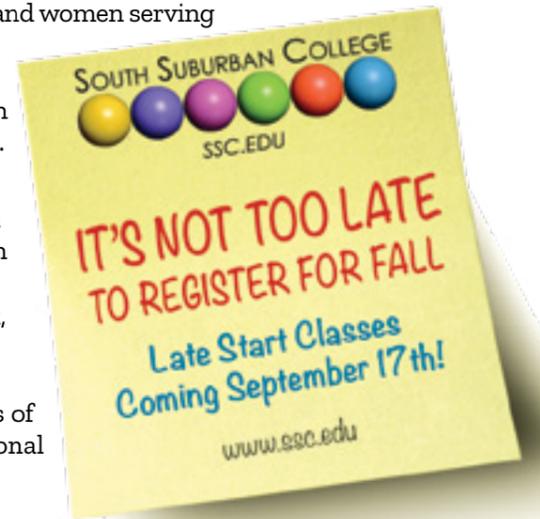
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ABOUT ELIM

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Lansing Library outdoor renovations near completion

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (August 23, 2018) – Library patrons and passersby may have witnessed an assortment of construction cones, warning tape, and machinery in front of the Lansing Public Library for the past eight weeks. All of the outside construction and landscaping activity has resulted in greener and more patron-friendly entrances to the library, and Library Director Debbie Albrecht is pleased that the main entrance “no longer looks like an airport runway.”

Specific improvements to the main entrance include:

- A narrower walkway with less concrete that otherwise would have been too costly to repair
- Landscaping additions
- A handicap ramp in place of the stairs that connected the library entryway with parking along School Street
- Benches and chairs for patrons who want to enjoy the outdoors
- A new flagpole with an up-to-date system that makes it easier to raise and lower the flag
- New lawn lights and streetlights

In addition, the memorial bricks have been moved out of the walkway and now surround the base of the flagpole. The bricks had become uneven as the walkway aged and were a potential tripping hazard.

Improvements were also made to the back of the library and to the courtyard:

- A new sidewalk to the courtyard entrance was created so young after-school patrons can use the

courtyard to socialize and wind down before entering the library.

- Oversized concrete planters in the courtyard were removed to make more room for picnic tables and more space for courtyard activities.
- Stairs in the back that led up to the neighboring church parking lot were redone.

The entire project cost \$200,000, which came out of the library’s general funds. Bids were taken, and Dan Eallonarto of Independent Construction Services was hired as overseer. Eallonarto works exclusively with libraries and has worked with the Lansing Public Library for the past 6–7 years.

The project also included the hiring of a contractor, landscape architect, and landscaper. Local landscaper Greg Ambrose has a history with the library—landscaping it after construction, again in 2012, and now for this current project.

Work began in mid-July and is largely finished, though Albrecht says a few items remain. She is pleased with the outside renovations because they are “useful for folks and make it pleasant to be here.”

The Lansing Public Library is located at 2750 Indiana Avenue. Visit www.lansingpl.org for more information, or find this story at thelansingjournal.com to view more photos of the updates.

Right: The steps leading from School Street to the library’s Indiana Avenue

entrance have been replaced with a gradually sloping walkway and updated landscaping. (Photo: Jennifer Yos)

Below, top: Albrecht says she is waiting for delivery of the final 10 memorial bricks, which now surround the base of the flagpole. (Photo: Jennifer Yos)

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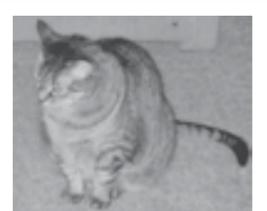
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Theatre at the Center announces cast for *Ghost: The Musical*

Courtney Mack (left) as Molly and Garrett Lutz as Sam in *Ghost: the Musical*, opening soon in Munster, Indiana. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)

Show opens September 16, 2018

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THEATRE AT THE CENTER

MUNSTER, Ind. (August 17, 2018) – Theatre at the Center (TATC) and Director and Choreographer Linda Fortunato have cast Garrett Lutz in the role of ghostly hero Sam, Donica Lynn as psychic Oda Mae, and Courtney Mack in the role of Molly Jensen for Chicagoland’s first regional production of the newly imagined *Ghost: The Musical*. Previews begin September 13 with an Opening Night on September 16 and performances continuing through October 14.

Ghost: The Musical features a Book by Bruce Joel Rubin and Music and Lyrics by Dave Stewart of The Eurythmics with Glen Ballard and Bruce Joel Rubin. Based on the hit 1990 romantic fantasy thriller film that starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, and Whoopi Goldberg, the musical had its world premier at the Manchester Opera House in March 2011. It opened on Broadway at the Lunt-Fontaine Theatre in April 2012 before the first North American tour launched in September 2013.

THE CAST

Garrett Lutz returns to TATC where he appeared in last fall’s *Big River*. He received Jeff Award Nominations for his roles in Kokandy Productions’ *Heathers: The Musical* and *The Full Monty*. Other recent credits include playing Clifford Bradshaw in *Cabaret* at Paramount Theatre as well as *Madagascar* at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and *James and the Giant Peach* at Drury Lane.

Donica Lynn last appeared at TATC in the 2009 hit *Footloose: the Musical*. She recently appeared in Drury Lane Theatre’s *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *42nd Street*, and *Smokey Joe’s Café*. Lynn won a Jeff Award for Best Actress for *Dreamgirls* at Porchlight Music Theater. Other credits include *Confession of a P.I.M.P.* at Victory Gardens and *The Color Purple* and *Barnum* at Mercury Theater.

Courtney Mack was seen last season in TATC’s production of *Cabaret*. Other recent theatre credits include *Million Dollar Quartet* and *Mamma Mia!* at Paramount Theatre, *Urinetown* at BoHo Theatre, and Kokandy Productions’ *Heathers: The Musical*, which won her a Jeff Award for her role as Veronica Sawyer.

Additional cast members include

Tony Carter in the role of Carl, Christie Coran as Mrs. Santiago, Jackie Gessert as Clara, Qiana McNary as Louise, Carlos Olmedo as Willie, and Kelvin Roston, Jr. and Travis Austin as various ghosts.

Linda Fortunato, director and choreographer of *Ghost: The Musical*, is also TATC Artistic Director. Her TATC credits include directing *Steel Magnolias*, *Big River*, *The Tin Woman*, *Cabaret*, *Annie Warbucks*, and *A Christmas Story*. She has been nominated for five Joseph Jefferson Awards for her work as a choreographer and director. She received both the Equity and Non-Equity Jeff Award for Outstanding Choreography in the 2013–14 season, garnering Theatre at the Center its first award for her choreography of *42nd Street*.

This musical adaptation of the Academy Award-winning film stars a score by Grammy Award-winning songwriters and includes the classic “Unchained Melody” as it follows the love story of Sam and Molly. After his untimely death, Sam tries to protect Molly from a threat unknown to her, with the help of a storefront psychic.

“Called ‘one of the finest love stories ever to hit the big screen,’ *Ghost* is an iconic film that is not only romantic, but thrilling and funny,” Fortunato said. “Centered around a love story between this world and the next, we look forward to bringing to the TATC stage the same charm in the Chicagoland premiere of this musical version of the story.”

THE CREATIVE TEAM

The creative team for *Ghost: the Musical* includes Scenic Designer Sarah Ross, Lighting Designer Guy Rhodes, Sound Designer Mike Patrick, Costume Designer Brenda Winsted, and Prop Designer Amanda Herrmann. Jessica Banaszak is Stage Manager. William Underwood is Music Director.

Fortunato, in her third season as TATC’s Artistic Director, is teamed with Richard Friedman, General Manager, and Ann Davis, Head of



Production.

SPECIAL GHOST EVENTS

The TATC run of *Ghost: The Musical* includes some new and exciting themed special event opportunities including a Friday and Saturday “Date Night” special \$30 ticket price, when purchasing two or more tickets, and features a cash bar in the lobby.

There will also be a fun-filled October 4 *Ghost*-themed Dinner & Theatre Night in the dining room at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. The evening includes a

pottery wheel exhibition by South Shore Arts with a pottery art sale, wine tasting hosted by Chef Joe Trama featuring the Canyon Road wine line, a table for spiritual readings by Psychic Paige, and demonstrations of clay mud beauty mask treatments courtesy of SpaPointe & Hair Studio. Dinner &

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Individual ticket prices range from \$42-\$46. To purchase individual tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or Tickets.com at 800-511-1532. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Student tickets are \$20 (not available for Sunday performances), and gift certificates are also available.

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Linda Fortunato, director and choreographer

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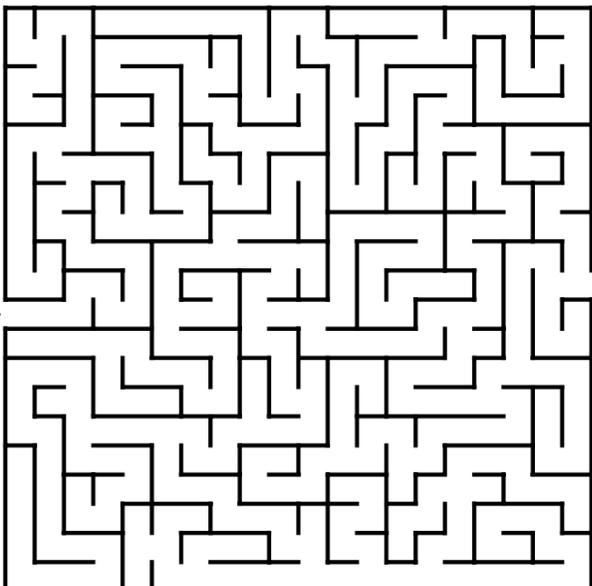
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Down

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- Cleanse with water
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- Slender candles
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- Bit
- "... there is no _____ angel but Love":
Shakespeare
- Characteristic carrier
- Hokkaido native
- Detective, at times
- "... or _____!"
- Cabernet, e.g.

Turn of Phrase:

Let the chips fall where they may
Meaning to do the task set before you, and leave the consequences to chance. This is not a reference to poker chips as many think, but to wood chips. As a woodcutter strikes with his axe, the chips fly. What is important is that the tree comes down; it is unimportant where the chips land.

On This Date: September 5

1698 - Peter the Great imposes tax on beards • 1622 - Richelieu becomes Cardinal • 1793 - "Reign of Terror" begins in France • 1836 - Sam Houston elected President of the Republic of Texas • 1882 - First Labor Day parade takes place with 10,000 workers marching • 1905 - President Theodore Roosevelt receives Nobel Peace Prize for mediating end of Russo-Japanese War • 1929 - French premier Aristide Briand suggests a United States of Europe • 1958 - First color video tape recording • 1972 - 11 Israeli Olympians taken hostage (later killed) by Palestinian group • 1978 Jimmy Carter hosts Egypt - Israel peace conference • 1991 - Nelson Mandela becomes president of African National Congress

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Taste of Thornton Township sees larger crowds at larger venue

South Suburban College campus provides more room for people and activities

BY ERNST LAMOTHE JR.

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (August 29, 2018) - Moving to South Suburban College for the first time, the August 25 Taste of Thornton Township saw larger crowds who filled the expansive campus to enjoy games, rides, and live entertainment. Thornton Township Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli looked over the crowd and shouted: "We're having a great time today at the Taste!"

Zuccarelli added, "The Taste is one of our largest events and brings people throughout Thornton Township in one place to enjoy great live music, food, and family entertainment."

The almost 90-degree day did not temper excitement for the 17th annual event. This year's Taste featured free activities for the kids—face painting, carnival rides, and games—as well as practical fun such as back-to-school haircuts and book bags with school supplies. Attendees also enjoyed a petting zoo, a large assortment of food and craft vendors, live music from several bands, and a classic car show.

"This year's Taste was better than last year. More people came out this year than last year," said Tui M. Muse, Taste Chairman and Human Relations Commissioner. "The car show was excellent. It was amazing. The food was great and lots of variety. Entertainment was fantastic."

Several live bands entertained the crowd, and Trysh Granberry made a cameo appearance. Cranberry is an "America's Got Talent" contestant, a Dolton resident, and a Thornton Township General Assistance employee.

"Michael Jackson, James Brown, and Tina Turner impersonators dazzled the crowd," said Joyce Washington, Thornton Township Trustee. "This event is for the community to come together and enjoy food, entertainment, family, and friends. We appreciate our great community."

Having South Suburban College as the new venue this year gave event organizers more room to expand the offerings. People from all over Thornton Township and areas as far as Chicago and Indiana were there. Mayors and other elected officials throughout the area were in attendance.

The packed weekend also featured the second annual Taste of Thornton Township Basketball Tournament. The tournament involved teens and police playing on the same team for the pride of their town. This year, the Town of Markham defeated the Village of Dolton to take the championship trophy.

Although defending champion Lansing had to relinquish the title, Lansing Police Chief Dennis Murrin was quick to acknowledge that the program is an essential community initiative. "It was a great atmosphere, seeing the teenagers and police officers working together," said Murrin. "This is something that we definitely want to be a part of each year."

Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli (in white) chose the campus of South Suburban College as the location of this year's Taste of Thornton Township. The additional space allowed an already big event to be even bigger this year. (Photo: Ernst Lamothe Jr.)



Hosting the Taste of Thornton Township at a larger venue allowed event organizers to expand the number and types of activities they could offer. The petting zoo was a popular attraction. (Photo: Ernst Lamothe Jr.)



Rides and games gave the event a carnival-like atmosphere. (Photo: Ernst Lamothe Jr.)



Dog park is not the only upgrade to Bock Park

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 9, 2018) – Lansing's new dog park—which will be named Paws 'n Play—is giving the park district an opportunity to make other enhancements to Bock Park. The existing playground area has been removed, and plans are to replace it with a new one in a new location within the park.

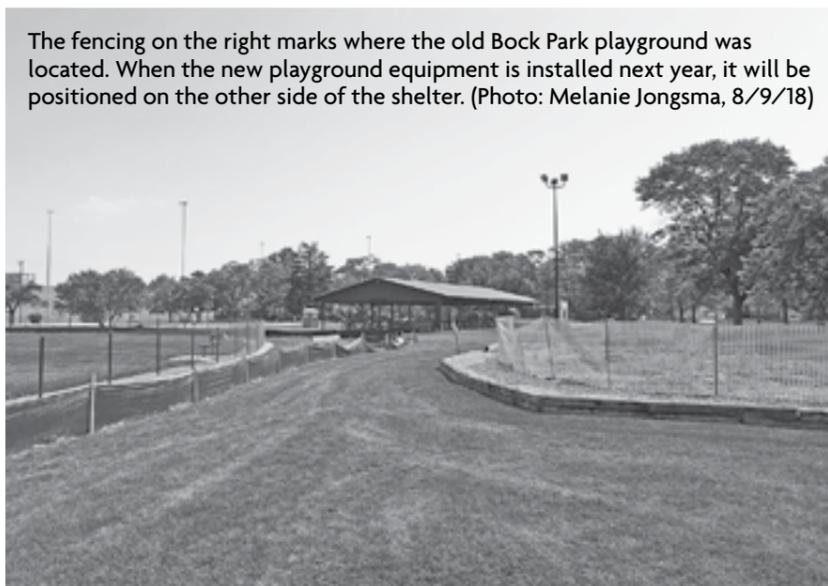
"The playground at Bock Park was one of our oldest," explained Sharon Desjardins, Senior Superintendent of Strategy and Operations. "It was built in 1991, and it was definitely showing its age. In addition, we never really liked the location of the playground as it hugged our maintenance yard rather than providing kids with a little open space

for running and playing."

For maximum efficiency, the park district had the old playground removed by the contractors who were on site installing the dog park.

Plans are to install the new playground next year, on the opposite side of the Bock Park shelter.

The fencing on the right marks where the old Bock Park playground was located. When the new playground equipment is installed next year, it will be positioned on the other side of the shelter. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma, 8/9/18)



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Lansing's Jeff Schoettle ump's high-level Little League

From player, to coach, to umpire, he's staying close to the game he loves



BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (August 28, 2018) – Jeff Schoettle spends his days determining if adults are safe. In the evenings, he puts on a different uniform and does the same for kids.

Construction safety officer by day, the 50-year-old Lansing native spends many of his spring and summer nights umpiring for Little League baseball and softball games. Visit Lansing Old Timer's Park throughout the summer, and there is a good chance you will catch Schoettle calling a game on the same field on which he played decades ago as a child.

STAYING AROUND THE GAME

A father and former Little League coach, Schoettle has been around youth baseball a long time. "Like most umpires, I started out as a dad and a coach, and once your child graduates the program, you want to stay around the ball field," he explained.

His strategy to stay close to the game he loved was to become an umpire, a position he has enjoyed for 21 years.

Unlike most Little League umpires, however, Schoettle's duties often do not stop in mid-July, when the Little League season ends. Like the most skilled ball players in the league, Schoettle regularly appears in postseason action as well.

A few weeks ago, Schoettle umpired at the boys Central Region Tournament in Westfield, Indiana, a 13-state tournament that sends the winner to the Little League World Series.

The year before, Schoettle was selected to officiate the Little League Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon, and had the honor to call the final out of the World Series, an experience he says was "pretty cool." Schoettle has umpired for a handful of other high-level tournaments in his two decades of officiating, and he is always impressed by the energy at these games. "[For] every team that comes there, this is the culmination of their season. Not only are they playing at the top of their game, they are exuberant, excited, and engaged the whole week. It's an energy you really can't describe," he said.

ALWAYS IMPROVING

Success at such a high level does not come easily. For Schoettle, "every game is a learning experience. Every season, I want to see myself getting better. And even after 21 years, there's still a lot of room for improvement."

The Navy veteran spends hours training, attending clinics, reading the Little League rulebook, and brushing up his mechanics, hours he could be spending with his family or his guitar group at church.

MAKING AN INVESTMENT

So why does Schoettle invest all this time and energy into his umpiring career?

The short answer: It's all about the kids. "I saw what Little League did for not only my own kids, but other kids I had coached along the way. ...My desire to stay on the field was from watching the development of young men and women," he said.

As a Little League coach, Schoettle emphasized teamwork and friendship more than the game itself, something he still strives to do as an umpire. "Watching these kids become friends and work together to play a game under the rules of fair play and sportsmanship? Invaluable. And I get to continually see that happening, which is a lot of the reason I keep [umpiring]," Schoettle said.

The most special moments take the form of small acknowledgments from the players. A head nod from a kid coming to the plate or a quick "good game ump" in the parking lot after a game might "seem inconsequential,"

but according to Schoettle, "those little feed-backs—they're the ones that count."

Having been selected by his Little League district multiple times to umpire at a postseason level, it is clear Schoettle has received plenty of good feedback over the years.

And he doesn't plan to stop anytime soon.

HAVING FUN

"I don't see an end," Schoettle said of his umpiring career, "It's been 21 years that I've been doing this—and I'd say I've got 20 years left in me."

Schoettle's advice for parents of young players is to "praise your child's performance regardless of the outcome of the game," and his suggestion for Little Leaguers seems to be the same principle he applies to his umpiring: "Remember, you're playing a game. Have fun."



Above: Umpire Jeff Schoettle calls a strike at the Little League Great Lakes Regional Tournament. (Photo provided)

Left: Jeff Schoettle and his fellow umpires are "the third team" to take the field at every Little League game, and they take pride in the work they do. (Photo provided)

Lower right corner: Schoettle often serves as umpire on the same field where he played baseball as a child. The Lansing Old Timers field is located at 16500 Chicago Avenue. Lansing Little League season usually begins in April with Major, Minor, Pee Wee, and Tee Ball divisions. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)



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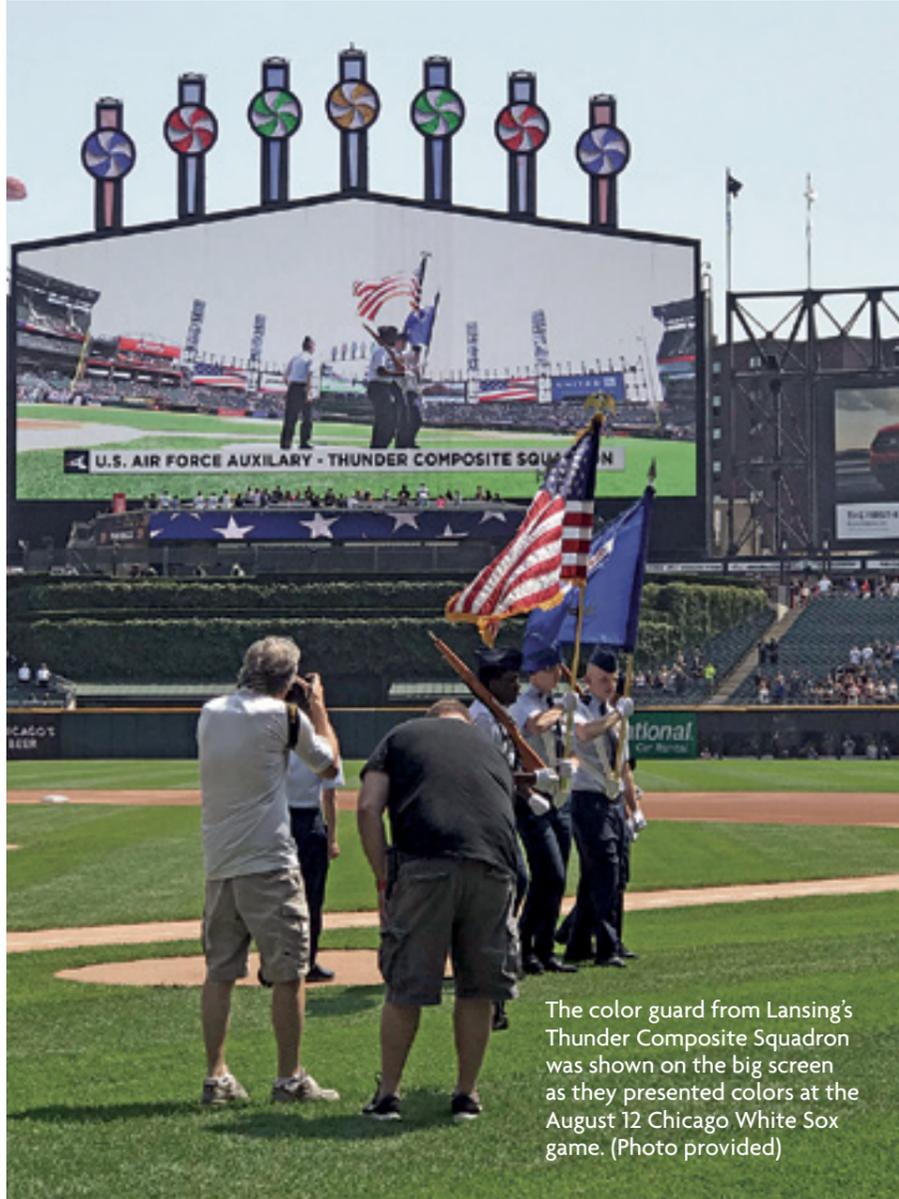
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Lansing's Civil Air Patrol color guard presents colors during national anthem at White Sox game



The color guard from Lansing's Thunder Composite Squadron was shown on the big screen as they presented colors at the August 12 Chicago White Sox game. (Photo provided)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CIVIL AIR PATROL

CHICAGO, Ill. (August, 2018) – On Sunday, August 12, the color guard from Lansing's Thunder Composite Squadron presented colors at the Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals game at Guaranteed Rate Field. The group was introduced before the singing of the national anthem and shown on the center field screen as they carried out the American flag and CAP flag.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an auxiliary program of the United States Air Force, presents youths with a myriad of unique opportunities—going on orientation flights in small aircraft, meeting pilots and military personnel, and participating in community service assignments. Cadets involved with the color guard also have an opportunity to present colors at various parades, memorials, and other events.

"It was a bit nerve-wracking, but once it started it went smoothly," said Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Lucas Vanderwoude, 16, of Lansing.

"I was kind of scared at first," added Cadet Senior Airman Arjon Odom, 14, of Homewood. "But it wasn't so bad. I enjoyed it."

The nervousness didn't show as the cadets marched onto the field. "When I first got out there, I was

nervous, but the longer I was out there, the more excited I got," said Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Joma-reun Richardson, 16, of Lansing.

"It was a really good life experience," said Chief Master Sergeant Alexander Bronas, 16, of Hobart.

Also serving with the color guard were C/MSgt Ian Steinweg and C/SMSgt Elliott Basem.

The White Sox game capped off an exciting weekend for the cadets. Thunder Composite Squadron also assisted with flight line security at Gary-Chicago Airport, where military and show aircraft were staged for the Chicago Air and Water Show.

ABOUT CIVIL AIR PATROL

Civil Air Patrol was founded in 1941 and continues today with youths and adults working in squadrons in their communities in a volunteer capacity. The program enables cadets to respond to emergency and relief efforts and promotes aviation and related fields through aerospace and STEM education.

More information about CAP is available at gocivillairpatrol.com. CAP's Thunder Squadron IL-317 meets weekly at Heritage Middle School in Lansing on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. For squadron information and updates, follow "CAP Thunder Composite Squadron" on Facebook.

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TF SOUTH ATHLETE SPOTLIGHTS

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY MATT TIFFY, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Five things to know about **Laura Dominguez**



LANSING, Ill. (August 24, 2018) – Laura Dominguez swims for the TF South Rebel swim team and has swum all four years for the Rebels.

EVENT:

My event is 100 freestyle. I like it because it is an in-and-out race.

FAVORITE SWIMMING MOMENT:

My favorite moment while swimming was when my relay and I placed in conference.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

I plan to attend University of Illinois in Chicago and study Sports Medicine to be a physical therapist. I also plan to try out for the swim team in college.

FAVORITE SUBJECT AND TEACHER:

My favorite subject is Anatomy because I enjoy learning about the human body. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Sudkamp because she has motivated me to not give up—not only in school, but also in the pool.

QUOTE FROM THE COACH:

“Laura’s hard work and dedication has helped her to become an increasingly better swimmer. She has really done a nice job of swimming all year round and pushing herself to be a stronger swimmer.”

-Coach Simich, Head Swim Coach

Five things to know about **Austin Ver Wey**



LANSING, Ill. (August 24, 2018) – Junior Austin Ver Wey golfs for the TF South Rebel golf team and has played all three years for the Rebels.

WHY GOLF:

I was attracted to play golf from previously having golfing experience and also from my friends deciding to play too. My best outing was shooting a 42 at the Lansing Country Club.

FAVORITE GOLF MOMENT:

My favorite moment while golfing at TF South was getting all-conference for JV my sophomore year.

GOLF GOALS:

My goal for golf this year is to get varsity all-conference.

FAVORITE SUBJECT AND TEACHER:

My favorite subject is APUSH with Mr. Tiffy because the class is very informative, and I learn a lot in the class. Mr. Tiffy really cares about all of the students’ success in the class.

QUOTE FROM THE COACH:

“Austin is a great kid and the leader of our golf program. He is our #1 varsity golfer and the type of player that everyone wants to play with.”

-Coach Johnson, Head Golf Coach

Prairie Heritage Ride combines biking and agritourism

Five-day bicycle ride travels through the heart of central Illinois ag-country

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (September, 2018) – The Illinois Department of Agriculture has teamed up with Bicycle Illinois and the Springfield Bicycle Club to host a unique bicycle ride that will make nearly a dozen stops on a “spoke-to-farm” tour that highlights central Illinois agritourism. The inaugural Prairie Heritage Ride will take place September 10–14, making stops in Springfield, Lincoln, Bloomington, Champaign, and Decatur.

“This inaugural ride will help showcase our prairie heritage and agricultural roots while celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial and all that is Born, Built, and Grown in Illinois,” said Ag Director Raymond Poe. “From vineyards and breweries to historic farms and popular agritourism sites, riders will experience Illinois agriculture like never before.”

Stops along the way include Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Historic

Marlboro Farmstead, the Rail Splitter Covered Wagon, Seaney Farms, Mackinaw Valley Vineyard, Rader Family Farms, Prairie Fruits and Creamery, Lake of the Woods, the Illinois State Fairgrounds, and much more.

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Farms and the country life,” said Lynn Rader, owner of Rader Family Farms. “Today, more than ever, it’s extremely important to expose a greater percentage of the population to the practices and products that we provide. Agritourism is a way to do that while also creating fun memories and a unique opportunity to see how farmers provide.”

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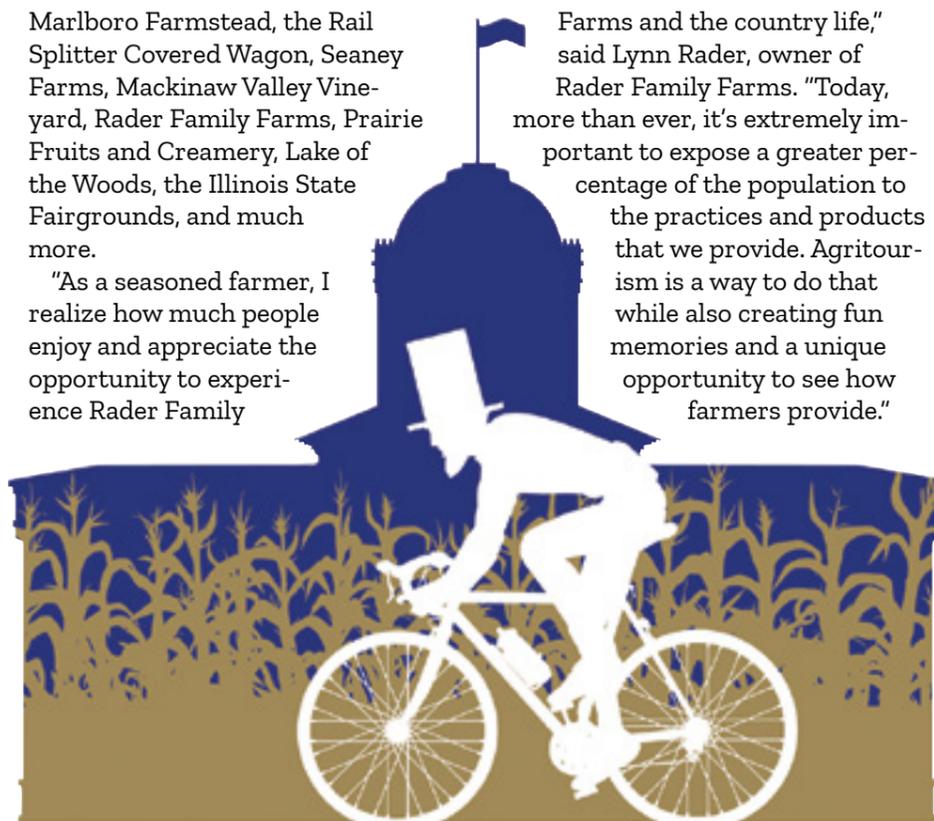
Whether a novice rider or a seasoned cyclist, this picturesque ride has something for everyone. The more than 300-mile bike ride will take place over five days and will include overnight accommodations for riders.

Representatives from seven county farm bureaus are also participating to showcase Illinois agriculture along the ride.

The 2018 Prairie Heritage Ride route is as follows:

- September 10: Springfield to Lincoln (~78 miles)
- September 11: Lincoln to Bloomington (~60 miles)
- September 12: Bloomington to Champaign (~82 miles)
- September 13: Champaign to Decatur (~61 miles)
- September 14: Decatur to Springfield (~54 miles)

Registration for the Prairie Heritage Ride is open. More information can be found online at www.prairieheritageride.com.



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Drone Racing Regional Final comes to Matteson, IL, September 22–23

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

MATTESON, Ill. (August 16, 2018) – The Matteson Community Center (20642 Matteson Avenue) will host the fifth Regional MultiGP Drone Racing Championship on September 22–23. Drone pilots from around the world have been competing in local ‘Qualifier’ drone races, working their way to the MultiGP Regional Finals.

MultiGP is a global drone racing league that governs and manages radio-controlled drone

racing events across the world and works with groups to grow the sport of drone racing. There are currently 600 chapters of drone pilots.

Drone racing involves drones in the air with pilots on the ground who control, maneuver, and fly the drones through an obstacle course. Eight quads fly at once, employing science, technology, engineering, and math skills to achieve and maintain flight while racing. Drone racing is a family-friendly sport, with competitors as young as eight qualifying to compete.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:00am: Registration and Tech Inspection
- 9:30am: Pilot Briefing
- 10:00am: Group A (2 Practice, 3 Qualifiers)
- 1:00pm: Group B (2 Practice, 3 Qualifiers)
- 3:00pm: Group C (2 Practice, 3 Qualifiers)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:00am: Qualifiers (2 Rounds)
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