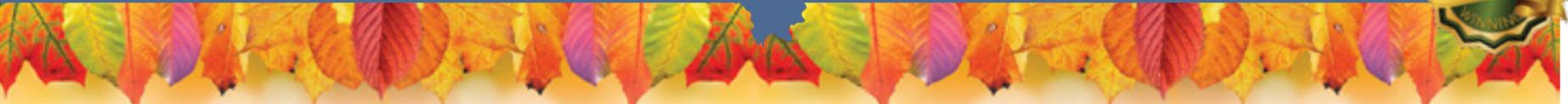


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“WE’RE BACK,” says LACE

Autumn Fest returns to upgraded Fox Pointe site

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BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (September 29, 2018) – Returning this weekend, after a one-year-hiatus, is the Lansing Autumn Fest, a three-day community celebration. Autumn Fest has always taken place at the area known as Fox Pointe, but this year the area has been upgraded and enhanced. Autumn Fest will be the first event held in the newly completed venue.

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

“We’re back,” said Leo Valencia, president of the Lansing Association for Community Events (LACE), the nonprofit organization that plans the fest. “We didn’t do one last year [because of construction], but we’re excited to bring it back.”

This is year six of Lansing Autumn Fest, a festival that was created to offer fun and entertainment to residents and “bring the home town back to Lansing.” The community event has included a number of activities through the years—a TF South reunion night, a chili-cook off, an open mic night at Visible Music College, a vintage baseball game, a 5K walk/run honoring LCPL Philip Martini (a Lansing marine who died while serving in Iraq), and more.

In its newly designed space, this year’s event will include a beer tent,

inflatables, a KidZone, musical entertainment, food booths, a pancake breakfast, military tributes, and a marketplace craft and vendor area.

Within the KidZone, which will be open Saturday and Sunday, 12:00–5:00pm, will be carnival games, scarecrow building, pumpkin decorating, an inflatable obstacle course, and a balloon artist. A second stage will offer family entertainment to include a magician, karaoke, and a reptile show.

A variety of musical acts have been booked for the main stage entertainment, which includes Latin Satin Soul, Nicole Jamrose, Nawty, M & R Rush, 2 Bukk Chukk, and Jerica Paliga.

With a mix of some popular past attractions, some new entertainment, new LACE board members, and a new venue, there’s a lot to be excited about, according to Valencia. “I think the LACE committees have been rejuvenated with new members. Between the board, ambassadors, and volunteers, we are ready to go.”

NEW AND IMPROVED

Using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds, the Fox Pointe site has been redesigned into a multi-use property by adding a permanent amphitheater with a grassy

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2016 was the last year that Autumn Fest was held in the Fox Pointe location. In 2017, because construction made the location unusable, LACE offered a night of music and fireworks at Lansing Country Club instead. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)



The entrance to Fox Pointe is in the same general location, but Autumn Fest attendees will notice the upgraded experience. (Photo provided)

Multi-million dollar entertainment center opens in Lansing, Illinois



INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF LANSING

LANSING, Ill. (September 30, 2018) – The Village of Lansing hosted a grand opening event for their new multi-million dollar entertainment center, Fox Pointe, on September 28. A \$5 million dollar project, Fox Pointe was first discussed as a “grand civic space” in 2014, as part of Lansing’s comprehensive plan. Construction began in 2017. The venue includes an outdoor amphitheater, an open-air pavilion, a concessions building, and bathrooms. The pavilion can accommodate 300+ people. The amphitheater seats over 2,000 in a lawn-type setting.

The first event scheduled at Fox Pointe is Autumn Fest, an annual three-day community festival. Beginning in 2019, the site will be used as a concert venue, festival park, and community center. Lansing hopes Fox Pointe becomes an anchor for the village’s downtown area.

“It’s probably the most significant investment the Village has made in redeveloping a piece of our own property for the benefit of our residents and what we hope will be increased attraction to businesses in our downtown area,” said Village Administrator Dan Podgorski.

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Dyer, Indiana, and Hogback Mountain, Michigan



Above: Emily Hillegonds' Creative Writing class at Illiana Christian High School in Dyer, Indiana.



Left, pullout: Senior Briana Besser, near the center of the group photo—had the marketing savvy to grab a copy of The Lansing Journal and display it prominently, thus qualifying the shot for our "Journal journeys" feature. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Right: Mayor Patty Eidam said, "The latest Lansing Journal was delivered just a couple days before we left for our hiking vacation in the Huron Mountains of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The attached picture was taken by Bud Eidam about halfway up Hogback Mountain—yes we made it all the way to the top. Lots of great things happening in Lansing – thanks for covering it!" (Photo: Bud Eidam)

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Schultz Park neighbors defend, explain Halloween display

Neighborly understanding helps bridge cultural differences

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 26, 2018) – Walter Morales loves Halloween. When he and his family lived in the city, they decorated in the Mexican “Day of the Dead”-style tradition—not pumpkins and fall leaves, but ghoulish corpses and skeletons. “It’s Halloween,” Morales explains. “We wanted to scare people. That’s what Halloween is!”

Having moved to Lansing two years ago, Morales and his wife Edith planned to continue those scary Halloween traditions in their Schultz Park neighborhood. “We love Halloween,” says Pam Peeples, who lives next door to the Morales family. Tomika Cooley—a neighbor down the street—agrees. “Our whole neighborhood goes ALL OUT for Halloween,” she says. “We ALL go all out for Halloween.”

EFFECTIVE DECORATING

The Morales family started early. Nearly three weeks ago scary decorations began appearing on the porch, in the bushes, all around the house. Using old clothes, masks, and garbage bags stuffed with cloth, Walter and Edith created life-sized dummies and positioned them to look like dead bodies. Peeples remembers that each time she saw a new Halloween corpse added to the collection, she had to do a double-take. “I was always like, ‘[Gasp] What happened to the neighbors?’—because they really did look real!” she laughs.

When Walter added a Halloween corpse to the tree in his parkway, the neighbors got a good scare again. “Every single day—even though I knew it was there—every time I saw that, it scared me!” says Peeples. And she’s quick to add, “Not because it was any kind of racist, just because it was scary! It’s Halloween, and that’s what he wanted—to scare people.”

CULTURE CLASH

The hanging dummy had a “Jason” mask on the garbage-bag face for a couple of days, but some

neighborhood kids removed it. The unintended result was that the Halloween dummy took on the look of a hanging black man. When someone posted a photo on Facebook the morning of September 26, it was reminiscent of the old photos of lynchings that scar American history. Walter and Edith Morales did not anticipate that their cultural traditions of making light of death might suddenly be misinterpreted in the light of that history.

So when Edith looked out her door and saw a small crowd of people on her sidewalk snapping photos and shooting video, she wasn’t sure what was going on. “I came out, and everybody was yelling at me to take it down,” she says. “I said no, because I didn’t mean it to be racial, and that was not my intention.” The sun was shining on her while people were recording, and many people—both live and on video—assumed she was a white woman, which added another layer of assumptions.

Edith called the police. The officers responded quickly, and the crowd remained

civil. Police went into the house with Edith and explained that people had taken offense to

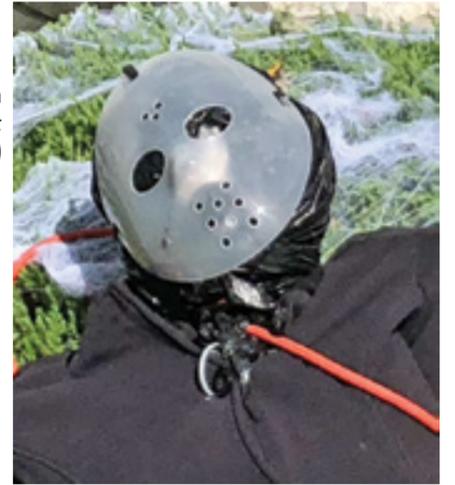
the hanging Halloween dummy. Edith was confused, but she quickly agreed to let the officers

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Above: Pam Peeples (left) helped Tamika Cooley (right) understand her next-door neighbors, Edith and Walter Morales. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Right: When the “Jason” mask was stolen from the hanging dummy, Walter Morales didn’t replace it right away. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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Massage parlor denied recommendation for Special Use Permit

Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Saad Abbasy cites “lingering questions” as reason for denial

Left: The building at 3674 Ridge Road is a former chiropractic office that is currently vacant. Seung Oh is the second applicant requesting a special use permit in order to operate a massage parlor from the location. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 27, 2018) – For the second time this year, Lansing’s Planning and Zoning Board heard the request of a massage parlor to obtain a special use permit to occupy 3674 Ridge Road. Seung Oh, owner of VIP Lansing Spa Inc., was present at the September 26 meeting with his attorney and translator Peter Lee, who pleaded Oh’s case for the permit.

3674 Ridge Road is a former chiropractic office in downtown Lansing that is currently vacant.

SPECIAL USE

Any massage business looking to open in Lansing must first request a special use permit from the Village Board because Lansing currently hosts the maximum number of such businesses allowed by the Village ordinances. A petitioner looking to

receive this permit must submit an application and appear before the Planning and Zoning Board, which does research and asks questions of the petitioner before making a recommendation to the Village Board to either grant or deny the request.

RESEARCHING THE APPLICANT

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Saad Abbasy oversaw the proceedings and inquired about Oh’s past involvement with massage parlors, particularly Hong Kong Spa in Warren, Ohio. Abbasy cited multiple internet articles asserting that Hong Kong Spa was shut down by the city of Warren in 2012 due to prostitution-related concerns.

Oh confirmed that he had owned Hong Kong Spa but claimed, with Lee translating, that he chose to shut down the business “of his own volition,” independent of the city’s investigations.

Commissioner Cathy Hallow inquired into Oh’s current address in Ohio, claiming that there was a business listed there called “Susie Kim’s Spa,” which closed in 2014.

Oh denied Hallow’s claim through Lee, who said, “someone may have used his address but he does not know.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were given the chance to comment on the matter, and Lansing resident Michael Bolz took the opportunity to share some of his concerns.

“I know other villages and cities in Illinois have struggled to maintain integrity with some of these establishments, and so I would ask that you hold off on the current request,” said Bolz.

Bolz also recommended that the Planning and Zoning Board look into ordinances of other cities that are designed to better regulate businesses like massage parlors.

Chris Watson, who owns the property in dispute, was present at the meeting as well and sat with Oh and Lee at the petitioner’s table to support them.

Watson said she “would love to be able to have [VIP Lansing Spa] there,” and assured the commissioners that she “also want[s] the integrity of the Village to be upheld.”

VOTING TO DENY

After the question portion of the meeting was over, the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously voted to recommend that VIP Lansing Spa Inc. be denied a special use permit, a recommendation that will come before the Village Board.

POST-VOTE DISCUSSION

After the vote, Lee, Oh, and Watson gathered in the lobby of the courtroom and discussed the board’s decision.

“We’re disappointed...I think [the P&Z Board] were prejudiced to some extent by this pervasive thinking that there must be something going on [with this type of business]. ... We are sort of a victim of the news

that comes out. I guess they need to do more research into particular applications instead of trying to do it just based on their general knowledge,” Lee said, referring Chairman Abbasy’s and other commissioners’ research done on Google.

Abbasy said he had done a “Google search in the public domain” and had seen multiple articles referring to some massage parlors in Warren, Ohio, that had been closed due to “suspected adult sexual activities” and that Hong Kong Spa was included in the list.

The Lansing Journal executed a similar Google search and found a number of reliable articles about Hong Kong Spa being investigated and shut down for links to prostitution.

Regarding a possible bias against massage parlors, Abbasy responded, “Certainly not. There’s no bias. We take each individual applicant at face value. The information that we have was provided to us by the applicant, and some of the things that were brought up through simple Google searches were cause for questioning. There’s certainly not a bias towards any business type; it’s on an individual basis.”

VIP Lansing Spa Inc. is the second massage parlor to request a special use permit for 3674 Ridge Road this year. The first, Lily’s Hot Stone Massage Inc. was denied its request in March for reasons similar to the ones surrounding VIP Lansing Spa Inc.’s request.

NEXT STEPS

VIP Lansing Spa Inc.’s special use request and the Planning and Zoning Board’s recommendation will go before the Village Board’s Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 2 and the vote to grant or deny the request will take place on October 16.

Avian Wildlife Rehabilitator Kat Podgorski to speak on swifts

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Kat Podgorski
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LANSING, Ill. (September 19, 2018) – As part of the Lansing Public Library’s ongoing series of educational presentations, Lansing resident Kat Podgorski will speak about chimney swifts. Podgorski is an Avian Wildlife Rehabilitator and a former teacher at Memorial Junior High School.

Her presentation will include information about the birds’ natural history, legislation related to their survival, and the local situation with the chimney swifts at Coolidge Elementary School.

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viewing area, an open-air pavilion, a concession stand, a ticket booth, and improved parking. The Pennsy Greenway bike and pedestrian trail also winds around the new site.

Valencia described the new amphitheater configuration as being similar to other outdoor venues in the area that have green space for viewing. "It is a Ravinia-type of environment," he said. "That's a big plus. It's a nice, new area in front of the stage, and we encourage everyone to bring lawn chairs for the grassy area."

Another advantage of the redesign is that the KidZone area can now be incorporated into the main festival site, so there is no longer a need to cross Ridge Road. KidZone activities will now be situated at the north end of Fox Pointe (see map on back page).

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Jacob Gourley is principal of Lansing's TF South High School. He also serves as LACE vice president and volunteer co-chair. "The Fest would not be possible without the assistance of countless volunteers," Gourley says. "Adult volunteers help us cover 20 different 'shifts' throughout the Fest, carrying out tasks such as checking guest IDs and issuing wristbands, supervising the KidZone areas, selling tickets, etc. Additionally, student volunteers are used for 10 additional shifts, supervising younger children in the KidZone, checking them in at the inflatables area,

helping our Marketplace vendors set up on Saturday morning, etc. The TF South football team even helps us put picnic tables in place. Thus far, we have 115 volunteers signed up to make the Fest a success."

A great deal of support comes from the community in the form of financial or in-kind sponsorships, and the LACE board encourages residents to support those businesses that have been so generous. "Thanks to sponsorships, we have been able to keep it a free festival," said Valencia.

This year's Emerald Level Sponsor is the Lan-Oak Park District, and there are several sponsors at the Gold Level—Lansing Public Library, Thornton Township Supervisor

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With the upgrades at Fox Pointe, Valencia says there is no longer a need for food vendors to use generators, so the area will be much quieter.

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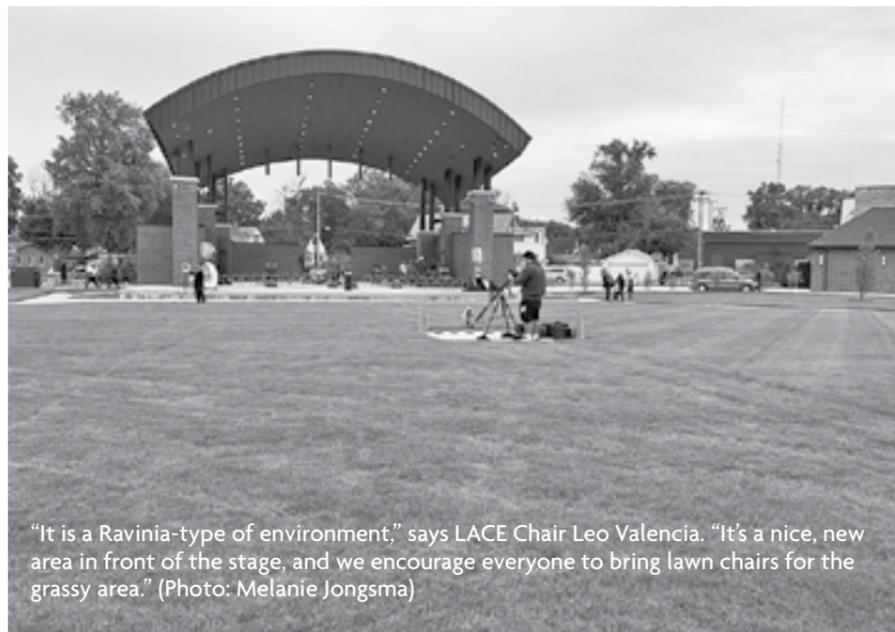
LACE works to ensure a variety of activities at Autumn Fest. Children and families can enjoy the KidZone. Those with an interest in history can

stop by the Lansing Historical Society's booth. Shoppers will find plenty of vendors offering handmade and specialty items in the Marketplace. Musical entertainment will include Latin sounds, country, classic rock, the Memorial Jr. High Concert Band & Choir, the Ukulele Strummers, and the winner of the Local Artist Showdown presented by Visible Music College and Living Word Church.

A Military and First Responder Tribute will take place on the main stage Saturday at 11:30am. "We are going to honor our first responders this year as well as our veterans," said Debbie Waitekus, co-chair for the tribute ceremony. "We will start off with a wonderful pancake breakfast provided by the Copper Muggers. Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat, and we have a special ticket that you can purchase to honor that special fireman, policeman, paramedic, military personnel, or veteran, and we will hang it on our special flag of honor."

The Ukulele Strummers will play patriotic music along with presentations from Mayor Eidam, the police and fire chiefs and Trustee Perovich, who will give a brief overview of the Honor Flight Program and introduce three recent Honor Flight recipients from Lansing.

For a complete schedule of the three days of Autumn Fest activities, as well as a map of Fox Pointe, available parking, and the surrounding shopping area, see LACE's ad on the back cover of this issue.



"It is a Ravinia-type of environment," says LACE Chair Leo Valencia. "It's a nice, new area in front of the stage, and we encourage everyone to bring lawn chairs for the grassy area." (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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OBITUARIES

BALLARD

A funeral Mass for Margaret A. "Midge" Ballard (nee Hart) was held Monday, October 1, 2018, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Charles Niblick officiating.

Mrs. Ballard was born February 6, 1937, and passed away September 26, 2018. Wife of the late Charles V. Ballard. Mother of Curtis (Sande) Ballard, Michelle (William) Neltett, the late Jeffrey, and late Craig Ballard. Grandmother of seven; great-grandmother of one. Sister of the late Aloysius (late Minnie) Hart, Dorothy (late Ed) Camp, Zelma (late Bob) Dennis, Ann (late John) Blazic, Michael Hart, William (late Jean) Hart, and the late Jane (Julius) Pater.

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

LABUS

A Funeral Mass for Cecilia A. Labus (nee Bies) was held on October 3, 2018, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

Mrs. Labus was born January 20, 1925, and died September 28, 2018. She was the mother of Carol A. Czerwien, Chester A. (late Theresa), Craig A. (Anita), and Carl A. (Nannette) Labus; grandmother of Jennifer Czerwien, Cara (Mike) Kuziel, Kimberly Czerwien, Cristie (Dana) Labus, Lindsay Czerwien, Stacey (Craig) McIntosh, Samantha Labus, Maxwell Labus and the late Peyton Labus.

Entombment was at Resurrection Mausoleum. Arrangements are entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

NELSON

A Funeral Service for Nancy M. Nelson was held on September 27, 2018, at Thorn-

ridge Funeral Home.

Ms. Nelson was born October 7, 1941, and died September 25, 2018. She was the sister of Karen (Charles) Oliver, Bonnie (George) Hutman, David (Linda) Nelson, the late John (Jane), Richard (Cathi), and Linda Nelson; aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

If you'd like a full obituary with photo to run as a memorial in the monthly print version of The Lansing Journal, the cost is only \$100. Interested families can contact The Lansing Journal directly, or ask your funeral home to do so.



Learning local history through Lansing's cemeteries

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2018) - A walk through a cemetery can be sobering, sentimental, or even unsettling, depending on your perspective. Although headstones have very little text, they can provide significant information about the era and the person. For example, the detail or the simplicity of the stone can indicate social status and wealth—or the lack thereof. And some of the names on the stones—Schultz, Winterhoff, Hildebrandt, Vierk, Munster—are familiar because of their role in Lansing history, which is also commemorated in the names of parks, streets, and neighboring towns.

A few Lansing residents are planning to make the history of the cemeteries a little more accessible through recording and sharing what they know and have learned. Those projects are mentioned in summary below.

OAK GLEN LUTHERAN CEMETERY

The Oak Glen Lutheran Cemetery sits just off Torrence Avenue along Thornton-Lansing Road and is managed jointly by Trinity Lutheran

Church and St. John Church. According to Trinity member Jim Janssen, the cemetery was at the site of the first Lutheran church in Lansing. "It was moved, and you can still see the concrete steps on the side of a hill that lead up to where the church was," he explained. The name Oak Glen comes from an earlier name for the community in the western portion of what is currently Lansing. Oak Glen, along with another community called Bernice, were both incorporated into Lansing in 1893.

Janssen chairs the cemetery committee, which has three members from each of the two churches. He got involved with the committee in 1977 at the urging of Mr. Schultz, his boss at Schultz Insurance. Janssen now takes care of grave sales and burials. "I don't mind doing it," he said. "It's for my church, and it's half a block from work, so if someone needs something I can go right over."

Three local historians are planning a presentation about the Oak Glen Lutheran Cemetery at the October meeting of the Lansing Historical Society. Herb Krumm, Paul Schultz, and Dan Bovino

walked through the cemetery, making a list of close to 20 individuals buried there. At the meeting, they'll share photos of the grave markers, photos of the individuals if available, and some brief biographical information.

Among those that they plan to discuss are members of the Winterhoff family. William Winterhoff served as postmaster and organized the Lansing State Bank in 1909. His son, also named William, organized Lansing's Volunteer Fire Department, served as its first chief, and later served two terms as mayor.

Civil War veteran Henry Hildebrandt, whose parents were some of the original settlers, is buried at Oak Glen. Edward Schultz, a veteran of World War I is also buried there. According to Paul Schultz, Edward Schultz returned to Lansing following the war, but died in 1925 as a result of illness and injury caused by his military service. When the American Legion post in Lansing was dedicated shortly after, Edward Schultz's name was attached. It is still known as the Edward Schultz American Legion Post 697.

Bovino said they also plan to include Sophia Diekelmann. "She lived in Thornton. We don't know much about her, but she is the oldest person interred there. Sophia was born on July 20, 1798, and died on February 15, 1879," he said.

The Lansing Historical Society's October 22 meeting will begin at 6:00pm and will be open to the public. It will be held in the community room of the Lansing Public Library.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF LANSING CEMETERY

This cemetery dates back to 1860 when Gerrit Eenigenburg was appointed an elder by the Dutch Reformed Church and instructed to buy a few acres of land for a church and burial ground. The church was first organized in 1861 with 25 members. Burial records were lost when the church burned in 1945.

The style and weathering of the gravestones themselves can reveal information about the historical era and social class of the people buried there. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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Cemeteries, from page 7

Lansing resident Marlene Cook has been seeking information on those buried on the church grounds for a book she is working on to be titled *History and Mystery of the First Church Graveyard*.

Cook said that she started doing research a few years when questions arose about a headstone in the cemetery. "Everyone wanted to know about Minnie Kooy," she said. "That's what started the whole thing. People were asking and wanted to know who she was because everyone sees that headstone when they go by. After I found out, I wondered about other people there."

Minnie Kooy captures the attention of many who pass by, not just because the name is very visible, but also because of the young age at which she died. Her headstone indicates she was born in 1896 and died in 1917. Cook said she learned that Minnie Tanis Kooy was born October 9, 1896, in South Holland and married Indiana-born Albert Kooy on October 13, 1915. Their son, William Peter, was born on June 8, 1917, and it is believed that Minnie died of complications related to childbirth.

The only two original church members who stayed through the reorganization were Jacob Munster and his wife Hendrika. The couple is

buried in the church cemetery.

Cook also said it is believed that the cemetery originally extended further to the south and east before the roads were constructed and there may be more graves than

what are currently marked.

OAK RIDGE CEMETERY

Located on Thornton-Lansing Road west of Oak Glen Lutheran Cemetery is Oak Ridge Cemetery. On November 28, 1912 the Trustees of First Reformed Church of South Holland were given the charge to purchase seven acres of ground near Oak Glen for a cemetery.

This tract of land was purchased the following year for \$3,300 and was given the name Oak Ridge Cemetery. It is still owned and operated by First Reformed Church as a religious burial ground.

Among those buried there is William Peter Kooy, the son of Minnie Kooy. He was a decorated war hero who earned a Bronze Star in World War II. He died in 1960.

Right: Sophia Diekelmann, of Thornton, is the oldest person interred in the Oak Glen Lutheran Cemetery. (Photo: Dan Bovino)



Below: Lansing writer Marlene Cook is gathering information about people buried in the First Church (PCA) cemetery. Burial records were lost when the church burned in 1945. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)





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Learning outside the classroom

Unity Christian Academy students tour Ed Miniat LLC cooked meat plant

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (September 27, 2018) – One Wednesday afternoon, 23 freshmen students from Unity Christian Academy emptied their pockets, removed their jewelry, and spit out their gum before donning hairnets, hardhats, earplugs, and goggles. That's all part of "suiting up" in order to be on the floor of the cooked meat plant at Ed Miniat LLC.

As part of a Humanities unit, the students had read excerpts from *The Jungle*, by Upton Sinclair, which describes the meat packing industry of the early 20th century. UCA's integrated approach to learning—combining topics such as History, Literature, Philosophy, Theology, and Social Sciences—as well as their relationships with local businesses, led to the Miniat field trip. The experience gave students an opportunity to feel the processed meat with their hands, to hear the noise of the plant floor, and to smell the process of processing. They came prepared with questions about how the industry has changed, and their conversations led to more holistic understanding of business, government, health, working conditions, unions, and economics.

Unity Christian Academy is located at 16341 South Park Avenue in South Holland, Illinois. The school is hosting an Open House on Monday, October 15, at 6:45pm. Parents who are interested in asking questions about enrollment for the 2019–2020 academic year are encouraged to attend.



Ed Miniat LLC is a meat plant in South Holland that pioneered commercial sous-vide cooking over 30 years ago and is recognized as an industry leader today. They welcomed the opportunity to show UCA students how they meet strict USDA food safety standards, in contrast with what students had read in *The Jungle*, by Upton Sinclair. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Above: In the culinary area, UCA students felt some of the meat products that Ed Miniat produces.



Left: In the conference room, students took notes and asked questions during presentations from Miniat employees.

Far left: Students and teachers, including UCA Academic Dean Neil Okuley, had to suit up to tour the plant. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)

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Grace and truth: lessons we can learn



THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE SMITH

On Wednesday, September 26, I got a text with a horrible image of a Halloween decoration from a home in Lansing. The image looked like a black man being lynched. My initial reaction was shock and sadness: Surely the community I love had not done this?

It turns out the decoration, originally intended to resemble the horror movie villain Jason, had been altered by strangers who stole the mask from its face, turning it into a racially offensive spectacle.

Since 1877, over 4,000 African Americans were lynched in this country. However unintentional, this Halloween decoration immediately reminded me and many others of real black men being lynched. The image looks almost identical to photos of lynchings one can easily find with a quick Google search. Seeing something like this hanging from a tree in your neighborhood has the potential to produce emotional scars or induce racial trauma.

Since this incident, I have done my own reflections, and I believe there are (at least) four lessons we can learn:

- 1. Truth and intentions matter.** Once I learned the full story, I saw that the family's intent was not to be hateful. Knowing this truth, I could now choose to extend grace.
- 2. Good intentions can STILL lead to bad results.** Not only with Halloween decorations, but in life! Sadly, I too have done or said things with the best intentions and still offended someone. I had to own that. Learning this family's intentions were not bad was a huge relief! However, that does not change how I feel when I see that image. It still hurts, because it is a painful reminder of what happened to people of color in this country.
- 3. Check the source.** Misinformation is easy to listen to when angry. I am grateful to those who helped clarify the facts, including The Lansing Journal. It helped bring better understanding of how the police responded, how

the neighbors felt, and how "The Day of the Dead" is a Mexican tradition that influences this family's celebration of Halloween.

- 4. People in our community matter.** It was beautiful to see the neighbors of this family rally behind them, defending them and the Halloween traditions of their block. However, we all live on different blocks with different traditions. It is up to each of us to think beyond our own blocks to the impact our actions have on the larger community. If someone in your community is offended by an action, shouldn't that matter?

If you would like more information about lynching in the U.S., you can now go to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (museumandmemorial.eji.org). Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative opened this memorial in 2018 to honor the victims and their families, as well as provide a place for truth-telling and reconciliation, aiming to help America face its history of lynching so that the wounds it created can heal.

Lastly, I would challenge all of us to respond to this and future situations that involve issues of race according to James 1:19: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger."

I leave you with a quote from Bryan Stevenson: "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done."

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Halloween, from page 3

remove the dummy. They did, and considered the matter resolved.

Later, possibly in response to misinformation continuing to spread, the Lansing Police Department issued a press release explaining, "Our investigation into this incident revealed no malicious intent and that this was simply a Halloween decoration that had been vandalized."

UNDERSTANDING NEIGHBORS

The Morales' neighbors—blacks as well as whites—are somewhat offended that people who don't know the Morales family jumped to conclusions and sensationalized the situation. Peeples noted that Edith was in tears and Walter was wondering what he could do to correct the assumptions that people were making about him.

"They're nice people," said Tamika Cooley, gesturing to the Morales home. "All someone had to do was just one-on-one knock on their door to find out the real story." She herself had jumped

to certain conclusions about the Moraleses, but through conversations, she was able to adjust her understanding.

"People just started assuming things," says Edith. "It was a big misunderstanding. They didn't bother to talk to me about it."

Walter is hopeful that the social media uproar won't damage his relationships in his neighborhood. "My neighbors—they know me," he says. "They know how I am."

Peeples said someone asked her how her children felt, walking past the hanging dummy. In answering, she expressed a key to healthy race relations and healthy neighborhoods in Lansing: "It didn't make them feel any kind of way—because they know their neighbors."

What does Schultz Park want people to know about what happened? "We good," says Cooley. "We good over here."

And Peeples adds, "I love my neighborhood. We love our neighborhood."



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AFFIRMING DIVERSITY

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (October 2, 2018) – Nine Lansing residents were unanimously approved to serve on Lansing’s Human Relations Commission on September 18. After receiving over 30 applications, interviewing 15 individuals, and selecting 9 of them, Mayor Patty Eidam presented each to the Board individually for approval, asking each commissioner to stand as he or she was voted upon.

Lansing’s Human Relations Commission comprises the following residents:

MICHAEL BOLZ

- Age: 33
- Race: Caucasian
- Occupation: Ph.D. student at University of Illinois at Chicago, Adjunct Professor and Distance Learning Coordinator at Visible Music College
- Years as a Lansing resident: 32
- Quote: “In addition to my passion



Michael Bolz

for community development and the wellbeing of the village, my experience as a researcher trained to study and examine

learning environments, human interaction, and organization change makes me uniquely positioned to serve in this role.”

DAVID IWASZKO

- Age: 47
- Race: Caucasian
- Occupation: Realtor and Calumet City Assistant Police Chief
- Years as a Lansing resident: 14
- Quote: “I have worked in a very



David Iwaszko

diverse community for the past 20 years. I have had positive interactions with people of all races and religions. In my current position, I interact and work with clergy, community groups, school leaders, and the local Chamber of Commerce. I have also worked with the Calumet City Mayor and City Council. I believe in fairness and am a very strong proponent of equal rights. I have been in an interracial marriage for 20 years, which has helped me better understand other cultures. I have the ability to communicate with people from all walks of life... I have a very strong belief in fairness and equality.”

JAMICA QUILLIN

- Age: 34
- Race: African American
- Occupation: Diversity and Inclusion Manager at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- Years as a Lansing resident: 12
- Quote: “My desire is to see a



Jamica Quillin

Lansing that continues to grow into a thriving, equitable community. I would like my contributions on the Commission to fulfill its interest in a Lansing that continues to bring existing and new residents together with the Village administration in a way that symbolizes the strength of Lansing and it being a great place to live and raise a family. I work in diversity and inclusion and would like to leverage my discipline to support the work of the HRC while learning from fellow members, the community, and the Village administration.”

RICH SCHAEFFER

- Age: 66
- Race: Caucasian
- Occupation: Owner of Rich Schaeffer Wholesale Meats

- Years as a Lansing resident: 30
- Quote: “I have dealt firsthand with



Rich Schaeffer

human relations in the workplace for 43 years... I believe that living in Lansing for 30 years gives me an understanding of the things that drew me to Lansing originally. I believe it is important that we discover what is working now and what needs to be improved to bring us into a good future in Lansing so that we are attractive to all ages and cultures.”

MICAELA SMITH

- Age: 33
- Race: African American
- Occupation: Chief of Staff for State Representative Marcus Evans
- Years as a Lansing resident: 15
- Quote: “In my current role as a



Micaela Smith

Legislative Chief of Staff and Park Board Commissioner, I act and serve as a listening/sounding board for the constituents of

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The fall season is upon us and the colorful leaves on the trees will soon be falling to signal the transition to winter. The Public Works and Building Departments want to remind all residents of the proper procedure for disposing of leaves and other yard waste. All yard waste, including leaves, should be placed in your toter with the **GREEN** lid or in brown paper yard waste bags and then placed where your weekly garbage pickup is conducted. If you would like to rent additional toters for your leaves or yard waste, please contact the Public Works Department at (708) 895-7190. **Please note: the Village of Lansing no longer utilizes the curbside leaf vacuuming program. Leaves raked to the curb and left in the parkway will NOT be removed.** The yard waste program will run through Friday, December 1st and may be slightly extended if the early part of winter is mild with little or no snow.

Branches

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Lansing's first Human Relations Commission combines variety of backgrounds into unity of purpose

the district and residents of the Lansing community... The process of constituent services consists of listening, research, asking questions, and problem solving. This role requires me to be able to compromise and advocate for positive results. As a Park Board Commissioner, I listen to the concerns and ideas of the residents and make sound decisions for how to allocate tax payer dollars. This consists of negotiation and logical reasoning. Both roles have skills necessary for a successful Human Relations Commissioner."

DARVEL STINSON

- Age: 48
- Race: African American
- Occupation: IT Field Technician for Cook-Illinois Corp.
- Years as a Lansing resident: 13
- Quote: "When you talk about



Darvel Stinson

human relations, it's just that. In order to move forward as a prosperous town, we have to be willing to make the change and get to know the

ones that make up our great town. I've served on the Illinois PTA State Board for five years, and in that time I've served on the Justice and Legislative Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. I'm still involved in those committees...we come up with programs, subjects, how-to's, etc. to help keep our schools and communities on an uprise. I'm also serving as one of the parent liaisons at TF South. This gives me a good feel of our parents in the community by being able to engage with them and find out what they're expecting."

REGINA TITSWORTH

- Age: 53
- Race: African American
- Occupation: Owner of My Gina's Christian Childcare & Community Services Inc.
- Years as a Lansing resident: 23



Darvel Stinson (red shirt) shakes hands with Mayor Patty Eidam while other members of the newly appointed Human Relations Commission look on. The nine-member commission was appointed at the September 18 Village Board meeting. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

- Quote: "I became the first African American to open, own, and operate a business in Lansing 22 years ago, and it was a difficult challenge. ...I have had some good experiences [in Lansing] and some bad. I'm happy that this commission will be in place soon so that residents will have a commission to take their concerns to and be heard. I'm an ordained elder at the Family Christian Center. ...I'm very active in ministry, and I care about people and their feelings. I'm very family oriented, and I love the values of our village, and I would love to be a part of preserving the history of Lansing."



Regina Titsworth

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LIONEL VALENCIA (CHAIRMAN)

- Age: 49
- Race: Hispanic
- Occupation: Plant Superintendent at Land O'Frost Inc.

- Years as a Lansing resident: 17
- Quote: "I enjoy people. I had always made an effort to be involved in my children's school organizations when my kids were in school. Now that they are grown, I occupy my time staying involved in local organizations that give back to the community. I believe we are all one race and deserve to be treated as such."



Leo Valencia

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BOBB WRIGHT

- Age: 59
- Race: African American
- Occupation: Retired Human Resources executive, Chancellor of Bible college, Non-profit advocate
- Years as a Lansing resident: 12

- Quote: "I bring a passion and a heart for people. I'm a very good communicator and have had the opportunity to work with many different diverse backgrounds, either through



Bobb Wright

chaplains, the military, human resources, or recruiting. I've had a lot of opportunities in my lifetime to deal with people. I consider myself to be a people person. That's one of my greatest qualities—being able to bring people together and have them share dialogue and good communication. And from a chaplaincy standpoint, I think I know how to teach people to love each other and get along."

THE REST OF THE STORY

To read the diversity of perspectives about the Commission's next steps, and why Trustee Jerry Zeldenrust thinks this is "no small deal," view the expanded version of this article online. Visit thelansingjournal.com and search "Affirming diversity."

More information about the process and purpose of Lansing's first Human Relations Commission is also available online.

The information presented here is from the applications submitted to the Village by the commissioners and supplemented by interviews conducted by The Lansing Journal.

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Trunk-or-Treat round-up:

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (October 4, 2018) – As children throughout Lansing excitedly decide what their Halloween costumes will be this year, and adults plan front yard pumpkin and cornstalk displays, several Lansing churches are busy planning their own special Halloween festivities, popularly known as Halloween Trunk-or-Treats.

A Trunk-or-Treat is a parking lot event in which adults decorate the trunks of their vehicles in various themes and pass out candy to costumed trunk-or-treaters. Many parents consider Trunk-or-Treating a safer alternative to the traditional house-to-house Trick-or-Treating, and churches welcome the opportunity to greet their community members.

The following Lansing churches are planning Trunk-or-Treat events that are open to the public. Listings are organized by date as some events are before and some are on Halloween.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event in conjunction with the free community meal they offer each month.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot, 2505 Indiana Avenue.

When: Monday, October 22, 5:00pm
Planned activities:

- Trunk-or-Treating (members of the church will have decorated trunks on site)
- Prize for "Best Costume"
- Free monthly community meal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27: ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John's Church offers "Trunks of Treats" as a safe and friendly opportunity for Lansing children community to have a chance to dress up and have fun.

Where: St. John's School parking lot, 18100 Wentworth Avenue

When: Saturday, October 27, 5:00–6:30pm

Details: People who are interested in Trunk Decorating should call 708-895-9240 to let the church know they will be participating. Participants need to arrive by 4:30pm to decorate and should bring their own candy supplies.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27: ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (AT TF SOUTH)

St. Ann's will host the 9th Annual Halloween Pancake Breakfast at TF South on Saturday, October 27, before the Lansing Halloween Parade. Kids are encouraged to come to the pancake breakfast in costume. TF South is located at 18500 Burnham Avenue in Lansing.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Ann's Home & School Association is planning their third free Trunk-or-Treat experience for kids, and a treat-giving opportunity for families in a safe and secure Halloween environment.

Where: St. Ann parking lot, 3014 Ridge Road

When: Sunday, October 28, 2:00–4:00pm

Details: People who are interested in Trunk Decorating should visit the online sign-up link and register by Friday, October 26, so event organizers can plot the parking lot for the best experience:

Trunk decorators should bring enough candy for 100, and St. Ann's

will have extra on hand to supplement if anyone runs out. Prizes will be awarded for Best Trunk and Best Costume. Refreshments will be available, and a DJ and games will help create a party atmosphere. For more information, contact Max Navia at 773-619-1251.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: LIVING WORD CHURCH

Living Word Church considers Halloween a good opportunity to meet the neighbors! 2018 will be the second year they host a Trunk-or-Treat.

Where: 2248 186th Street

When: Sunday, October 28, 2:00–4:00pm

Details: Anyone who attends Living Word Church may enter a decorated trunk or volunteer to run one of the Trunk-or-Treat carnival games. Parking spaces will be assigned on the day of the event. Each vehicle will get two parking spaces unless otherwise requested in advance. Vehicles will be moved into place, and decorating will begin at noon on Sunday, October 28. All cars must be on site by 1:00pm and decorated by 1:45pm. Every visitor will receive a ballot, and a cash prize will be awarded for best trunk, by popular vote. Carnival games appropriate for ages 2–10 will be set up in the building.

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31:
BETHEL CHURCH**

This is the first year Bethel will be offering a Trunk-or-Treat event, and they welcome any trick-or-treaters to stop by—

Where: Bethel Church east parking lot, 3500 Glenwood-Lansing Road

When: Wednesday, October 31, 4:00–6:00pm

Details: Bethel members will provide the decorated trunks, and community members should provide the Trunk-or-Treaters.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31:
FIRST CHURCH (PCA)**

First Church PCA will host Indoor Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween, as they have for the past five years. Church members say, "We hope the Lansing community will visit us again, as well as those in neighboring communities, so that we can continue becoming acquainted with each other. So many in Lansing know our church as the big red brick building on the corner of Ridge Road and Burnham Avenue, next to the cemetery. We want the community to know that within that building is a vibrant congregation of believers who worship God and strive to love and serve each

other and the community."

Where: 3134 Ridge Road, the corner of Ridge and Burnham (Enter through the covered north doorway on the back side of the church.)

When: Wednesday, October 31, 4:00–7:00pm

Planned activities: Church members will decorate tables for indoor trunk-or-treating (to avoid possible inclement weather) and will pass out candy inside the church in the fellowship area. There will also be two free drawings for gift cards from local businesses.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31:
GRACE CHURCH**

Grace Church is once again offering a fun, safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating as a way of expressing love to the community.

Where: Grace Church parking lot, 2740 Indiana Avenue (next to the Lansing Public Library)

When: Wednesday, October 31, 6:00–8:00pm

Planned activities:

- Trunk-or-Treating
- Free hot dogs, lemonade, and hot chocolate served outdoors
- Three Halloween-themed black light puppet shows with gospel messages presented indoors in the darkened church sanctuary; trivia questions follow with candy prizes

- Nine games set up in the Fellowship Hall with candy prizes
- Anyone interested in Trunk Decorating should contact Bill VanRams-horst: 708-822-9865. Trunk set-up is from 5:30–6:00pm in the reserved middle parking spots. Please keep decorations appropriate for children (no gore). "Best Trunk" will be awarded a bag of candy.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31:
LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Lighthouse Community Church has been hosting Trunk-or-Treat for six years as an outreach to the community. This year they ask participants to bring a jar of peanut butter—yes, peanut butter—to benefit the Northwest Indiana and Northern Illinois food banks. The church explains, "By eliminating the food banks' peanut butter budget, thousands of additional families will be able to receive assistance." Lighthouse is a drop-off location for the peanut butter, and their goal is 250 jars.

Where: 17500 Lighthouse Lane (Google address is 2190 176th Place.) Look for the sign two blocks west of Torrence Avenue on 176th Place.

When: Wednesday, October 31, 4:00–7:00pm

Planned activities:

- Trunk-or-Treating
- Food
- Small games
- Costume contest
- Collecting donated jars of peanut butter for local food banks

Lighthouse says their Trunk Decorating is open to anyone who is interested. Parking spots will be assigned on the day of the event, and on-site decorating begins at 3:00pm. No spooky trunks. All candy should be wrapped and store-bought. The first-place trunk will win a \$25 Walmart gift card. Second- and third-place trunks will win \$15 Walmart gift cards.



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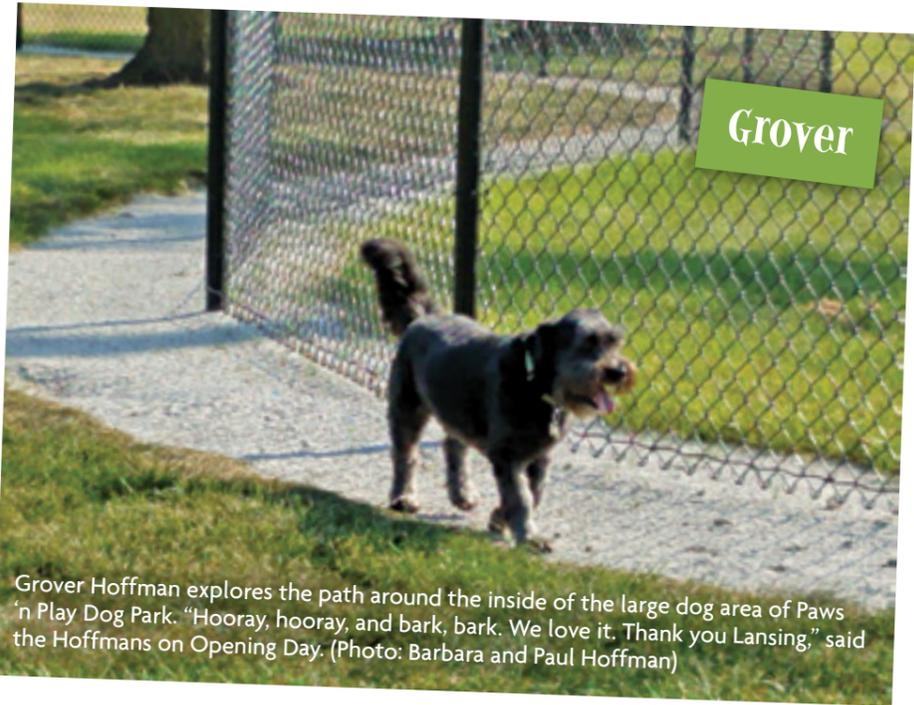
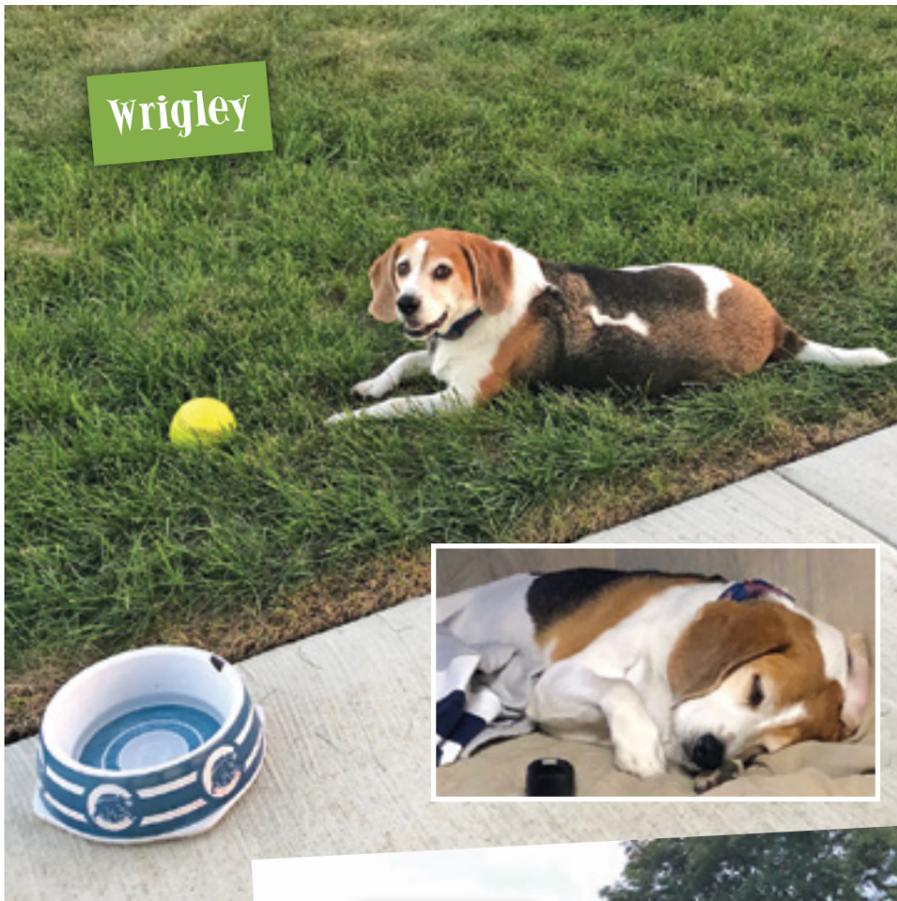


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Paws 'n Play Dog Park opens; Grover Hoffman is first known user

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 17, 2018) – Lansing’s long-awaited dog park opened at dawn on September 17. Hours later, its first furry members arrived and buzzed in, and throughout the following weeks interest continued.



Grover Hoffman explores the path around the inside of the large dog area of Paws 'n Play Dog Park. “Hooray, hooray, and bark, bark. We love it. Thank you Lansing,” said the Hoffmans on Opening Day. (Photo: Barbara and Paul Hoffman)

Left: The evening of Opening Day, Wrigley Reynolds made an appearance at the park with his owners Ken and Sally Reynolds. Wrigley is a beagle who will turn 8 in October. “We are big proponents of the dog park,” said Ken, “and want to thank the Park District for putting one in Lansing.” (Photo: Ken Reynolds)

Left, inset: “Day One also appeared to tire him out!” said Ken about Wrigley’s first visit to Paws ‘n Play Dog Park. (Photo: Ken Reynolds)

PARK DETAILS

Paws ‘n Play Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk every day of the year to anyone who has purchased a membership. A one-year membership costs \$50 for Lansing residents, and the year begins the day you pay your membership fee and receive your entry fob.

Membership packets are available online at lanoak-parkdistrict.org and in person at the Eisenhower Center, 2550 178th Street. In order to complete the application, owners will need to refer to their dogs’ records and indicate the dates of various vaccinations.

The forms can be completed at home, but payment is required in person, and activating the dog park entrance fob must be done in person.

GRAND OPENING

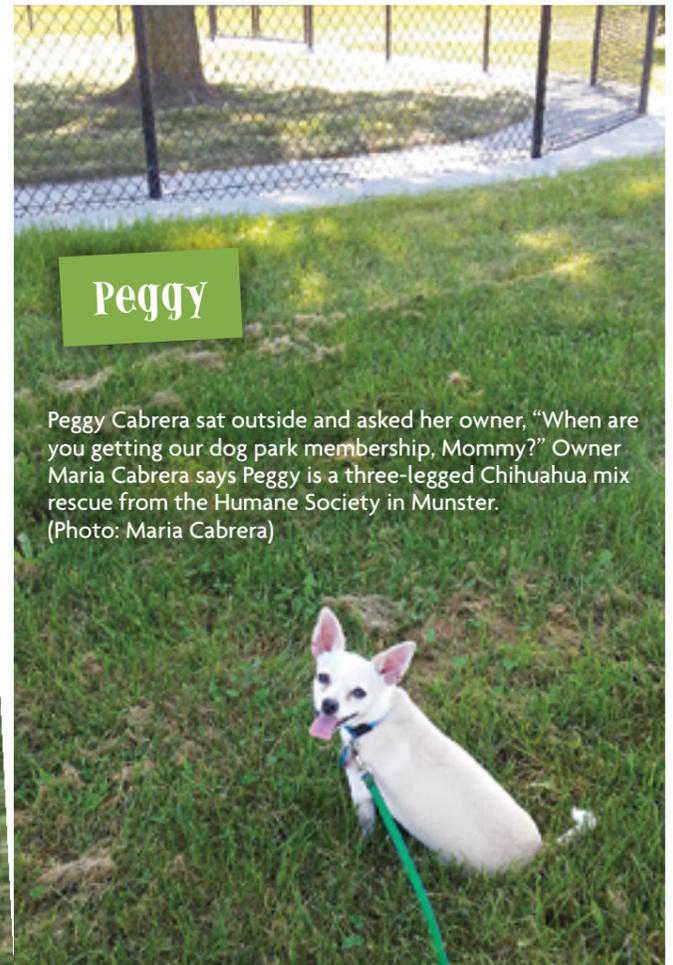
A grand opening celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, October 13, from 12:30–2:30pm. Lan-Oak Park District will provide free people food, and Ted’s Feed Store will be attending with their dog mascot character. Sharon Desjardins, Park District Senior Superintendent, has also confirmed a caricature artist and a bounce house for kids who attend.

Paws ‘n Play Dog Park is positioned within Bock Park, which is located at 175th Street and Chicago Avenue in Lansing, Illinois.

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Teigen, a lab mix, visited the dog park with her owner Caitlyn DeGrauwe two days after it opened. The consensus? “We love the dog park!” (Photo: Caitlyn DeGrauwe)



Peggy Cabrera sat outside and asked her owner, “When are you getting our dog park membership, Mommy?” Owner Maria Cabrera says Peggy is a three-legged Chihuahua mix rescue from the Humane Society in Munster. (Photo: Maria Cabrera)

Below: Mac Jongsma is a 15-year-old poodle mix who is still getting used to the vast open space the dog park provides. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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Oct. 6th, 8:30-3. 17009 Paxton Ave., So. Holland, IL. Season end sale! Household items, clothing and other items.

Oct. 4-6, 9-3. 18554 Carriage Lane, Lansing. Housewares, some furniture, toys, clothing, for children and adults and misc.

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Lost and Found

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For sale: Amana Stove/Refrigerator, exc. shape, \$175 each; 2-3pc. Bedroom sets (1w/dbl. bed), \$125 (1w/twin bed), \$100; kitchen table, 4chairs, \$35; twin bed, \$25; upright folding twin bed, \$75; coffee table, 2 end table, \$125; 3pc., living room set, \$100; china cabinet, exc. shape, \$175; Antique diningroom table, 6 chairs, \$225; vintage stove, \$125. 708-862-0161

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Double ended drive bits, \$5.97 obo; oscillating multi tool blade sets \$14.99 obo; Crayola adult coloring books \$9.99 obo. 708-582-9588

32" flat screen tv \$25; small microwave oven \$25, both in exc. condition. 219-323-4803

Rocking chair, oak w/cloth back seat, like new \$100; cd player, portable w/ case, new \$25; set pots/pans, new teflon \$25. 708-474-9568

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Library lines up musical variety for After-Hours Concerts series

November through April includes Beatles, Bluegrass, Broadway, Oldies, Irish, and Soul

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2018) – Library Director Debbie Albrecht already has the season planned out—six concerts featuring six different musical genres. The concerts are all free, and they all take place on the stage in the upper level of the library. Doors open at 6:00pm, and the concerts begin at 6:30pm.

The After-Hours Concerts include the following:

NOVEMBER 2: BEATLES TRIBUTE CONCERT BY CLASSIC

Classic is a local band founded by Christine Widstrand and Gloria Cabrera. They perform a variety of rock, pop, and original music. Their After-Hours Concert will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' White Album, and Classic promises

"lots of keyboard, guitar, percussion, and harmonies!"

DECEMBER 7: SWEET REMINDERS OF CHRISTMAS

Suzy Snowflake, Holly Jolly Christmas, Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow, and The Christmas Song are Christmas oldies enjoyed by many American families. The December 7 concert will include fun songs as well as more meaningful memorable Christmas classics.

JANUARY 4: BLUEGRASS BY THE BOURBON ARISTOCRACY

Described as "authentic traditional music from a simpler time," The Bourbon Aristocracy's repertoire includes bluegrass classics from the likes of Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, and Earl Scruggs, as well as recent bluegrass and country favorites

from Hank Williams and Johnny Cash.

FEBRUARY 1: BEST OF BROADWAY BY PHIL & AMY

Phil and Amy are both accomplished vocalists, musicians, and recording artists who love show tunes. Their collection of Broadway favorites will include unique duets and solos.

MARCH 1: IRISH MUSIC BY CHARACTER FLEADH

Formed in 2008, Character Fleadh—led by Ethan Sellers—is a top-quality ensemble comprising some of the finest Irish and Scottish musicians in the Chicago area. In addition to performing at Irish bars, Irish weddings, and Irish festivals, the group also enjoys airtime on Irish music specialty shows on

WHPK, WOCB, and WEFT.

APRIL 5: SOUL MUSIC BY CHICAGO SOUL REVUE

The After-Hours Concerts season will close with an authentic tribute to the classic soul of Motown, Memphis, Philly, and Chicago. Lead vocalist Felicia Patton is backed by one of the most serious backing bands in Chicago, and they will channel Aretha Franklin, Bill Withers, Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, and Clarence Carter.

The Lansing Public Library is located at 2750 Indiana Avenue in Lansing, Illinois.

LARC announces new fall fundraiser event

Friday, October 19, 4:00pm

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (October 2, 2018) – LARC will be hosting its Annual Fall Fundraiser on Friday, October 19, 4:00–9:00pm, at its facility at 19043 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing, Illinois. LARC is a non-profit organization that provides services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Development Director Ken Sadowski says, "We are pleased to be partnering once again with Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, but this year we're doing something a little different. We are offering a new and exciting menu of award-winning BBQ ribs and chicken dinners." Sadowski explains the options:

- \$16.00 for a combo plate of half slab of ribs and chicken
- \$15.00 for a half slab of ribs
- \$14.00 for a three-piece honey-fried chicken dinner
- \$7.00 for a chicken tenders meal

All dinners include mashed potatoes, baked beans, roll, dessert, and coffee.

Event attendees will enjoy a beer garden, cash raffle, music, and other family-fun activities. For those who cannot stay, LARC offers another new option—carry-out dinners will also be available.

Proceeds from the fall fundraiser will directly benefit programs and services provided to the 100 clients LARC serves in Lansing and the surrounding south suburbs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call LARC at 708-474-1540.

Lansing pets have three chances for blessings

Once on Saturday, October 6; twice on Sunday, October 7

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 29, 2018) – "All creatures great and small are invited!" reads the announcement for the Pet Blessings at St. Ann Catholic Church. The church is welcoming animals in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his patronage of animals and the natural environment. Pet owners have two opportunities to have their animals blessed:

- Immediately following the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 6
- Immediately following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 7

Both Pet Blessing ceremonies will be held in the driveway in front of the church building at the corner of Chicago Avenue 181st Street.

A third opportunity for blessing is available from First United Methodist Church. They will hold their annual "Blessing of the Animals" on Sunday, October 7, at 2:00pm in Methodist Park (next to the parking lot). Pet owners are asked to restrain their animals by leash or cage, so they can be individually blessed by Pastor Price. First United Methodist Church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue.

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- Pipe problem
- "Animal House" party wear

Down

- Fix, in a way
- Bang-up (2 wds)
- Rapid series of ascending or descending notes
- Order between "ready" and "fire"
- Never-ending story
- Intricate network of parts
- A hand
- The Amish, e.g.
- Part of a trap set (2 wds)
- Plump
- Messy dresser
- Six-stringed instrument
- Corn ___
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- ___ v. Wade
- Bigger than big
- River that flows through Washington, D.C.
- Ejected from the mouth (archaic)
- Kind of line
- Boy
- Growing pale from lack of light
- Hike
- Subdues, with "down"
- Fleeting
- Biologist who studies organisms and their environment
- Abbr. after a name
- Barber's job
- Tramps
- Loud, shrill cry
- "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
- Hangup
- Bring on
- Soon, to a bard
- Gulf war missile
- "Blue" or "White" river
- "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
- Nestling falcon
- ___ few rounds (2 wds)
- "Seinfeld" uncle

Turn of Phrase: As the crow flies

Meaning the most direct route, the phrase goes back at least to the 1760s. In Scotland, a "crow road" is one that takes the straightest path between two points. It simple refers to a bird's ability to navigate without regard to landscape features, and thus arrive in the shortest time.

On This Date: October 3

2333 BC - Dangun Wanggeom founds the state of Gojoseon, what is today Korea • 52 BC - the Gauls surrender to Julius Caesar • 1789 - Washington proclaims first national Thanksgiving Day • 1872 - Bloomingdale's department store in NY opens • 1888 - First game of the all-black wearing, mostly Maori, New Zealand rugby team • 1912 - Pravda, the Soviet and later Russian newspaper, is founded • 1922 - first facsimile photo is sent over city telephone lines, Washington, D.C. • 1929 - the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats & Slovenes becomes Yugoslavia • 1945 - Elvis Presley's 1st public appearance at the age of 10 • 1952 - the first video recording is made on magnetic tape

SOLUTIONS

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VanDerGriends Farm Stand included in Rachael Ray Show

Tuesday, September 18, 10:00am, on WGN-TV

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LYNWOOD, Ill. (September 15, 2018) – “Super exciting news,” posted Scott VanDerGriend on the VanDerGriends Farm Stand Facebook page Thursday afternoon. “I will be on the Rachael Ray show on Tuesday September 18th giving produce tips on blueberries.”

VanDerGriend explained that Tuesday’s show is a “farm stand special,” featuring different tips from farmers across the country. VanDerGriend will be showing people how to freeze blueberries.

The opportunity arose when he got a call from Robin Sklar, a Segment Coordinator at the Rachael Ray show. She said she had heard good things about VanDerGriends Farm Stand. She asked if he had any “produce tips.”

VanDerGriend wasn’t exactly sure what she meant by “produce tips,” but he offered this one: Most people peel bananas upside-down. That is, they peel from the stem rather than holding the stem, pinching the nub, and peeling down from there.

“She said, ‘Get outta here—I never heard that!’ And then I gave her some other tips like that,” said VanDerGriend. When Sklar asked what the farm stand was currently selling a lot of, VanDerGriend told her blueberries were in season. He explained that he and his wife freeze a lot of blueberries so they can enjoy them all year long—on ice cream, in cereal, and as a snack.

Sklar asked if he would be interested in sharing information about how to properly freeze blueberries, and VanDerGriend said, “Sure.”

He and his wife did the filming

themselves. They received some basic instructions from an Associate Producer on the show, about lighting and making sure to hold the camera horizontally rather than vertically. Armed with only a smart phone, they filmed at the Red Barn, among the blueberries. VanDerGriend had written out some thoughts ahead of time and did his best to memorize the script, but he still felt like he didn’t do very well. “It took us, like, an hour to get just the three-minute clip they had asked for,” he laughed.

They Dropboxed their video to the Associate Producer, and she liked the content, but she told them the noise from the street was too loud. So they tried again in a few different locations and finally got some usable footage.

Throughout the process, there was never any guarantee that their video would be chosen for the show. It wasn’t until Thursday, September 13, that VanDerGriend received an email confirming that the September 18 show would include their clip. “They liked it and are going to air it,” he said on Facebook.

Because of the nondisclosure agreement he had to sign, VanDerGriend was allowed to share only limited information before the show aired. “Showing how to freeze blueberries” was all he could say about the content.

The show aired on Tuesday, September 18, at 10:00am. VanDerGriend was working in the stand at the time. “I got a text from my wife saying, ‘Yay, you were just on!’ he recalled, “so I went into the house and rewound it and watched it.”



VanDerGriends Farm Market is a popular seasonal shopping spot for Lansing produce lovers. Owner Scott VanDerGriend (right) appeared on the Rachael Ray show Tuesday, September 18, to teach America how to properly freeze blueberries. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



“So many people have come into the stand and commented how they saw it and it was great to see a local person they know on national TV,” said VanDerGriend. “I’ve gotten a lot of joking autograph requests.”

VanDerGriends Farm Stand is located at 2812 Glenwood-Lansing Road in Lynwood, Illinois.



South Holland Master Chorale opens 2018-2019 season

Sunday, October 14, 4:00pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (September 14, 2018) – The South Holland Master Chorale will open its 2018–19 season with a variety of American music. The “Americans All” concert will include pieces by American composers Randall Thompson and Robert Shaw, spirituals by Moses Hogan and others, and songs from one of the great epic Hollywood films of the 1950s.

The Chorale, under direction of Albert Jackson, also will sing a selection from Felix Mendelssohn’s “Hymn of Praise,” which will be presented in full next spring.

The “Americans All” concert will be presented Sunday, October 14, at 4:00pm, at First Reformed Church, 15924 South Park Avenue in South Holland, Illinois. For more information, e-mail chorale@southholland.org, or call 708-210-2913.

Lansing Police and Fire take first place in charity softball event

Defeat three Indiana teams and raise money to defeat cancer

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF LANSING

MUNSTER, Ind. (September 15, 2018) – Police and Fire Departments from Lansing, Munster, Highland, and Dyer competed in a charity softball event on Sunday, September 16, at Munster Community Park, 8601 Calumet Avenue in Munster.

Lansing finished in first place, “and no injuries were reported,” said Lansing Police Chief Dennis Murrin.

Tickets cost \$5.00, and proceeds were donated to the Cancer Resource Centre.

In addition to two sets of softball games, the event included K-9 demonstrations, free “Little Obie” train rides, a photo booth, prize drawings, and a display of emergency vehicles.

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Ghost the Musical stars Courtney Mack as Molly and Garrett Lutz as Sam. (Photo: Guy Rhodes) The show is playing at Munster's Theatre at the Center through Sunday, October 14.



Sam (Garrett Lutz) watches Oda Mae Brown (Donica Lynn) use less-than-honest methods to comfort a bereaved Mrs. Santiago (Christie Coran). (Photo: Brett Beiner, © Theatre at the Center)

Ghost the Musical— acting, staging, lighting make audiences believe

Playing at Munster's Theatre at the Center through October 14

REVIEW BY JOSH BOOTSMA

MUNSTER, Ind. (September 18, 2018) – In 1990, movie-goers swarmed to theaters to see Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, and Whoopi Goldberg star in a film about romance, greed, and life after death. Directed by Jerry Zucker, the Best Picture-nominated *Ghost* claimed the top box office spot for five of the eight weeks after its release, and would earn Whoopi Goldberg an Oscar for best supporting actress.

In 2011, a musically-injected stage version of the romance-drama-fantasy thriller opened in England. *Ghost the Musical* quickly made its way to Broadway, earning three Tony nominations in 2012.

On September 16, Munster's Theatre at the Center opened its one-month run of *Ghost the Musical*, directed by Linda Fortunato. The show has already been recognized as a candidate for a Jeff Award, a coveted prize for Chicago-land theater artists.

THE STORY

True to the plot of the original film, *Ghost the Musical* opens as Sam Wheat (played by Garrett Lutz) and Molly Jensen (Courtney Mack) move into their new home in New York. An upbeat number ("Here Right Now") frames Sam and Molly as a young and optimistic couple ready to start the next chapter of their lives.

Lutz, Mack, and Tony Carter (who plays Sam and Molly's friend Carl) make a great team, and handily meet the significant vocal challenges the show demands. They—and the cast as a whole—dazzled the audience while singing and dancing across the stage.

Soon after promising to spend "weeks and months and years...together," Sam and Molly's relationship is cut short when Sam is shot in a robbery-gone-wrong. In a quick and well-executed transition, Sam stands over his own dead body and watches helplessly as Molly is overcome with grief.

The remainder of the musical chronicles Sam's coming to terms with being dead, seeking to protect Molly from harm, and discovering that his death may not have been as accidental as he first thought.

IMPRESSIVE ACTING

Sam's purgatorial premonitions lead him to employ the help of Oda Mae Brown (Donica Lynn), a swindling psychic who reluctantly serves as a mode of communication between Molly and Sam. Much like Whoopi Goldberg deserved an Oscar for her role as Oda Mae, so too does Lynn give an award-worthy performance. Stealing the show with her quick wit and snappy attitude, she joins with an ensemble to sing arguably the best number of the show, a rollicking gospel anthem titled "Are You a Believer?"

The acting of the cast as a whole is impressive, particularly as it relates to sharing the stage with a ghost. In the world of the play, Molly is looking at Oda Mae as Sam puts his invisible hand on hers. In the world of the actors, Mack must stare directly at Lutz's face, inches from hers, as if she's looking through him, and must move her hand and body as if there's nothing in front of her. Unlike the film, only so much can be done from a makeup and effects

perspective to make Lutz look like a ghost onstage, but the quality acting makes it easy to believe.

It's no surprise that Theatre at the Centre's *Ghost the Musical* has already been recognized as a candidate for a Jeff Award, as it beautifully asks audiences to laugh hard, cry hard, and think hard about friendship, grief, perseverance, and love that transcends even death. And it does it through the most unlikely of means: a singing ghost.

SHOWTIMES AND TICKET PRICES

Theatre at the Center's run of *Ghost the Musical* includes a Friday and Saturday "Date Night" special—\$30 tickets when purchasing two or more.

Regular performances are:

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 2:00pm
- Fridays: 7:30pm
- Saturdays: 3:00pm and 7:30pm
- Sundays: 2:30pm
- Select Thursday and Sunday nights

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..

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Football and cancer

Thornton Township sponsors two pink events in District 215

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THORNTON TOWNSHIP

LANSING and CALUMET CITY, Ill. (September 26, 2018) - Among United States women last year, there were an estimated 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. In order to get the message out about early detection, Thornton Township is working with District 215 to co-sponsor two "Get Your Pink On" Breast Cancer Awareness football events.

There will be tables at the Friday, October 5, TF South game in

Lansing (18500 Burnham Avenue) and Friday, October 12, TF North game in Calumet City (755 Pulaski Road). These are the final home games for both teams, and with that backdrop Thornton Township will feature two tables with pink giveaways for the crowd. There will also be an opportunity for those who attend to take photos with uplifting breast cancer awareness signs to post on their social media accounts.

"We understand how important an issue this is—not only in October but all year round," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township Supervisor.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers. About 1 in 8, or 12%, of women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

"We want people to get these regular screenings and make sure they are healthy overall. We don't want you to just wait for something to happen before you check your health," said Thornton Township Communications Director Ernst Lamothé Jr., who is coordinating both programs. "It's very important to educate people about breast cancer

awareness because it is a disease taking loved ones away and causing people to suffer."

Zuccarelli believes the key to sustaining good health is preventative programs because early detection saves lives. In an effort to keep the community healthy overall, Thornton Township offers blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings as well as light-to-moderate aerobic workouts by a certified instructor every weekday for its seniors.

To find out more, visit www.ThorntonTownship.com.

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TF SOUTH ATHLETE SPOTLIGHTS

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY MATT TIFFY, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Five things to know about Kyle Downar-Clark



LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2018) – Junior Kyle Downar-Clark plays soccer for TF United, TF South’s soccer team combined with TF North’s.

CHOOSING SOCCER:

I’ve always played soccer, ever since I was in preschool. My parents wanted to put me into a sport, so they chose soccer. I’ve been playing it ever since.

FAVORITE SOCCER MOMENT:

My favorite moment playing soccer is winning All Conference my sophomore year.

GOALS FOR SOCCER THIS YEAR:

My goal for soccer this year is to hopefully win All Conference again, and for us to win Regionals this year.

FAVORITE SUBJECT AND TEACHER:

My favorite subject is algebra because Mr. Belin teaches it, and he is hilarious. He also makes complete sense teaching this subject.

QUOTE FROM THE COACH:

“Kyle is committed and dependable and always strives to give 100 percent.”
-Coach Alejandro Lagunas

Five things to know about Madison Drewno



LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2018) – Senior Madison Drewno runs cross country and has run all four years for the TF South Rebels.

WHY RUNNING:

I run three miles every race, and I like running because when I am upset, stressed, or angry, I can just go for a run and let it all out.

FAVORITE RUNNING MOMENT:

My favorite moment while running was when I made it to sectionals for the first time as a freshman.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

I plan to attend one of the Southern Illinois Universities and major in elementary education.

FAVORITE SUBJECT AND TEACHER:

My favorite subject is geometry with Mr. Beck because he was great with giving out life advice, and he really helped me with math, which I used to struggle with, but now I like math.

QUOTE FROM THE COACH:

“Maddy is an asset to the cross country team due to her leadership and drive. She remains focused at meets and pushes herself and her teammates. Because of her speed, work ethic, and sense of humor, she has inspired her teammates to test their limits and continuously improve as well.”
-Coach Patty Heiman



Third annual 0.1K supports local causes

Running a short distance can go a long way

(Photo: Josh Bootsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 9, 2018) – About 60 people stood at the starting line near the Lansing Clock Tower the morning of September 8 to run a peculiar distance: 0.1 kilometers. Starting at 11:45am, the third annual “For God & Country Run, Walk or Crawl” ended less than three minutes later.

A combination of generosity and humor, the annual 328-foot race is put on by St. John Lutheran Church, and this year they donated its proceeds to St. John Lutheran School, the Patti Leach Youth Center, and the Lansing Junior Woman’s Club for their annual Veteran’s Dinner. Those organizations are all non-profits based in Lansing.

At 11:15 under an overcast sky, Lansing’s Veterans Memorial Honor Guard presented the colors before the crowd sang the National Anthem. After prayer, Lansing

resident and Honor Guard member Dave Conley led the runners in a comically extensive series of stretches, saying with a wry smile, “For those of you who are new, I won’t work you too hard.”

Race organizer and St. John’s member Tina Funchion gathered participants at the starting line and yelled, “On your marks, get set, go!” before some ran and others walked the short stretch.

Halfway through the grass course sat a water cooler and wagon labeled “Roadside Assistance” for anyone who might need help reaching the finish line.

The money raised by the run came from registration fees, event sponsors, and an “Action Team Grant” from Thrivent Financial, a nonprofit financial services company with a branch in Lansing.

“When we originally started [the run], we were just looking for a way to get St. John’s into the

community, have fun, and help out a few organizations at the same time,” Funchion said.

After the run, participants walked to the nearby American Legion

building where American Legion Riders served hot dogs for lunch.

“Fun and fellowship would be our tagline, I guess,” Funchion said, “A fun run for anyone.”

The American Legion Riders served hot dogs for lunch after the 0.1K race. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)





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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 4:00p Autumn Fest 2018 Officially Opens
- 4:15p **Memorial Jr High School Band**
- 4:45p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Latin Satin Soul**
- 6-9:00p Visible Music College Stage: **Local Artist Showdown**
- 7:00p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Nicole Jamrose**
- 10:15p Ticket Sales End
- 10:30p Last Call for Liquor Sales
- 11:00p Fest Grounds Close

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

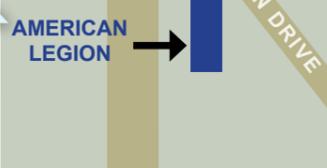
- 8-11:00a Copper Muggers Pancake Breakfast at American Legion
- 10:00a Marketplace Vendors Open for Business
- 11:00a Food Vendors Open for Business
- 11:30a Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Military and First Responders Tribute**
- 11:30a Bar Opens
- 12:00p **KidZone Opens**
- 1:30p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Visible Music Presents Local Artist Showdown Finalists**
- 3:00p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Visible Music College**
- 5:00p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Nawty**
- 5:00p **KidZone Closes**
- 7:00p Marketplace Closes
- 7:30p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **M&R Rush**
- 10:15p Ticket Sales End
- 10:30p Last Call for Liquor Sales
- 11:00p Fest Grounds Close

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 10:00a Marketplace Vendors Open for Business
- 11:00a Food Vendors Open for Business
- 11:30a Bar Opens
- 12:00p **KidZone Opens**
- 12:30p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **2 Bukk Chukk**
- 3:00p Lan-Oak Park District Stage: **Jerica Paliga**
- 4:15p Ticket Sales End
- 4:30p Last Call for Liquor Sales
- 5:00p **KidZone Closes**
- 5:00p Fest Grounds Close

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