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2018 IN LANSING, ILLINOIS A year of firsts



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BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (January 2019) – The Lansing Journal published 1,074 articles in 2018, averaging 89.5 stories each month. Our least prolific month (July, for some reason) saw 64 stories published; our busiest month (September) boasted 113.

All those articles were “Lansing news” —they were stories that happened in Lansing, or they involved Lansing people, or they were township, state, or national stories that had a local impact or interest.

Although news by nature is “what’s happening now,” in recording it—in print and online—we create an account of Lansing’s history. And the beginning of a new year provides an opportunity to review that history in order to move forward more purposefully.

In virtually every category of news—Sports and Recreation, Arts and Entertainment, Business, Education, Environment, Health, and more—Lansing accomplished something new in 2018. Some firsts were very public, such as the opening of Fox Pointe. Others were greeted with less fanfare, such as the Lansing Public Library going fine-free. All told, there were more than 50 “firsts” in Lansing this past year. A few are highlighted here:

For the first time in Lansing—

DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS HAVE A PLACE TO PLAY



Dogs and their owners mingled at the October 2018 ribbon-cutting for Lansing’s first dog park. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

“This has been a dream for a couple of years,” said Park Board Commissioner John Kelly at the ribbon-cutting party for Paws ‘n Play dog park. “It was number one on the wish list for the community. So we heard the community, and we acted on it.” The dog park officially opened in September, and the October ribbon-cutting gave residents, government officials, and local businesses an opportunity to express support for the new venture. The event included a K9 demonstration by the Lansing Police Department, dog

and owner caricatures by artist Bill Jackson, a visit from the Ted’s Feed Store mascot, and giveaways from local businesses. The park district provided a hot dog lunch to attendees. Paws ‘n Play Dog Park is located in Bock Park, along Chicago Avenue.

A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPOINTED



Michael Bolz, Regina Titsworth, and Bobb Wright are part of Lansing’s first Human Relations Commission, which met in December of 2018. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

For the first time in 21 years, Lansing formed a new Commission—and it’s a Commission with a unique assignment. The Human Relations Commission has been tasked with helping Lansing develop a culture that embraces diversity, promotes inclusion, inspires involvement, and develops civic pride among all Lansing residents. Dozens of people

applied for the role, and Mayor Patty Eidam selected 15 applicants to interview. Of those, she chose 9, and the Board approved them unanimously on September 18. Lansing’s first Human Relations Commission had a training meeting in November, and they conducted their first meeting of business on December 20, 2018. They will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month, and the public is welcome to attend.

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED



Ken Reynolds (left) and Ken Bergeron worked together to create a Memorandum of Understanding that was signed July 31, 2018. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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Month by month, the key 2019 dates* are:

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 Tuesday, September 3: on press
 Wednesday, September 4: to post office
 Thursday, September 5: in Lansing mailboxes

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Ad artwork due by noon on Friday, September 27
 September 28–30: newspaper page layout finalized
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 Wednesday, October 2: to post office
 Thursday, October 3: in Lansing mailboxes

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Ad artwork due by noon on Friday, November 1
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 Wednesday, November 6: to post office
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Lan-Oak Lanes stars in movie (along with Jon Heder and Jim O'Heir)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

CHICAGO, Ill. (December 5, 2018) – “I spent over two years scouting around 40 bowling alleys around Los Angeles. All were too big or too small, too modern, too expensive. It was not until a trip home to Chicago that I found a location that had me in tears: It was everything I pictured, nearly an exact replica of the concept art I had drawn years previous. The history and the character in the walls of this alley was just unbeatable. Filming in a small mid-western town, surrounded by my childhood friends and family, was a major driving force in creating this film. The community’s generosity

and kindness shine through the finished product, and it is clear this story has been through the hands and hearts of many.”

This quote is from Kendall Goldberg, Director of *When Jeff Tried to Save the World*. She’s talking about Lansing’s Lan-Oak Lanes.

Goldberg is a Munster native. She and her crew were in Lansing in the summer of 2017 to film the indie film, which stars Jon Heder, of *Napoleon Dynamite* fame. Jim O’Heir, of the television series *Parks and Recreation*, plays a supporting role.

Before the film’s official release, it premiered in Chicago’s Music Box Theater on December 5 and 6. Jim

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Above left: The location for the movie *When Jeff Tried to Save the World*—Lansing’s Lan-Oak Lanes—is as important a character as Jon Heder, who plays the lead. (Photo provided)

Above right: Producer Shane Simmons and co-producer Jimmy Seargeant spent time with Lan-Oak Lanes owner Don Genovese (center) during the summer of 2017. The crew spent almost two weeks filming at Lan-Oak Lanes. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

Right: Director Kendall Goldberg (far right) poses with Jon Heder and her younger sister Jolie at the LA screening of the film. (Photo provided)



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Friendship and charity draw knitters, crocheters to library

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (January 6, 2019) – Organized by a former library employee, the Purls of Wisdom knitting group has gathered weekly at Lansing Public Library for years to share a common interest and teach skills to newcomers. Besides the fellowship, the group also has aimed to create items that would be useful to others—scarves for the homeless and caps for newborn babies.



Lois Lessner (left) and Nancy Wojcik are part of the Purls of Wisdom knitting group that meets at the library weekly. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

The library employee who oversaw the group for so long has since retired, but the group has continued, according to member Nancy Wojcik. "It's been going on for years and was run by someone on staff at the library who would teach new people who wanted to learn," she said. "After she retired, the ladies who were left just kept coming. We're still here doing our thing."

THE FUN OF GIVING

The group has decreased in size over the years, but they still donate baby blankets and hats that are made on a volunteer basis by members.

"The hats and blankets used to go to St. James Hospital, but now we give them to Franciscan Hospital in Olympia Fields," said Wojcik, who

makes sure that the items get to the hospital staff. This past fall, some members of the group made purple baby caps as part of a nationwide project to promote awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The camaraderie is what keeps members like Wojcik coming back. She has been part of the group since 2007 when she retired and had more time for her hobby.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The group meets weekly, but the day of the week rotates—one week they meet on Wednesday and then the next week they meet on Friday, from 10:00am until noon. The next meeting date is Friday, January 11.

Purls of Wisdom doesn't have a Facebook page or website. Those who are interested are encouraged to just show up. Dates are posted on the library's calendar of events.

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Lansing's Rhoda Murphy turns 104

Teacher, traveler, activist, mother, and ukulele player still "living right"

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (December 20, 2018) – The setting was 1914, just days before Christmas, in a house in Lansing that still stands today on Grant Street. Mabel Vierk was in the middle of preparing a Christmas fruitcake when she found herself unable to continue. The expectant mother realized the birth of her baby was imminent.

Home births in 1914 were common, but what makes the story of this Lansing birth remarkable is that it was recently recounted 104 years later by the very daughter who was born that December 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vierk. Rhoda (Vierk) Murphy, celebrating her 104th birthday, told a roomful of party guests—friends and family—in her Lansing condo: "I think Mother was peeved that I came in the middle of baking her Christmas fruitcake. She didn't get to finish!"

GRACIOUS HOST

Those who have preconceived doubts about a centenarian's mental clarity or energy level need only meet Mrs. Rhoda Murphy once to be set straight. During her birthday party, Murphy was in command of the room, giving special attention to each of her guests. In her presence, it becomes

clear why she was such a beloved teacher for much of her life. Her friends at the party also attest that she is a great ukulele player.

INTERESTING LIFE

Though her life experiences and teaching career have taken her to places as far as Egypt, Rhoda Murphy has stayed connected to the Lansing community, and for many years has lived in a condominium building her uncle built not far from the house where she was born.

When Rhoda was a little girl, her father, Arnold Vierk, served as Mayor of Lansing from 1919–1921. When she was grown, she married Bill Murphy, and they moved to California where she was a teacher. The Murphys had one daughter, Patty.

After Bill died, Rhoda returned to Illinois and taught for 25 years at Lansing's Lester Crawl Middle School. Her fifth-grade classroom alumni include former Lansing Mayor Norm Abbot and Bud Eidam—husband of Lansing's current Mayor Patty Eidam.

Mrs. Murphy also taught for 14 years in the Hammond, Indiana, school system. Her daughter Patty eventually married and moved to Egypt, and because Mrs. Murphy wanted to visit her daughter and two granddaughters, Sumaya and Doreia, she taught in Egypt for five summers in a row. "I still think I could go in there and teach!" says Mrs. Murphy about her Egypt years.

Throughout her teaching career, Mrs. Murphy was a union activist for

the American Federation of Teachers. At her party she shared the disappointment she felt years ago when she learned what her Illinois pension would be after 25 years in the classroom. "The moral is," she advised, "if you are going to get this old, save your money!"

LIVING RIGHT

One of her guests asked, "How do you stay well?" "I live right," she answered matter-of-factly.

"She behaves herself," caregiver Maria Miron added. "We learn from her how to be strong."

If a person is judged by the company they keep, Mrs. Rhoda Murphy is in good standing. Her friend of 40-plus years, Linda Mudra, graciously hosted a beautiful party with a spread of sweets and refreshments, which included caregiver Maria's homemade donuts. Friends and family, who had shared with her news and memories, surrounded her and sang the Happy Birthday song, after which Mrs. Murphy enthusiastically sang the song's tagline: "And many mooore!"



Mrs. Rhoda Murphy (right) accepts a birthday greeting from Mayor Eidam. (Photo: Jennifer Yos)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing
Michael & Alissa Bolz of Lansing have announced the birth of their first child,
Michael Ezra Bolz

Ezra's birthday info:
- Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 4:06pm
- Comer's Children's Hospital in Chicago
- 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 21 inches long

Ezra's maternal grandparents are Raquel Chavez-Galbraith and Paul Galbraith of Lansing.
His paternal grandparent is Sheila Bolz of Lansing.

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Citizens Police Academy returns January 16

Lt. Scott Bailey encourages last year's graduates to spread the word

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 9, 2018) – “Good Morning CPA Class of 2018,” read the email from Lt. Scott Bailey of the Lansing Police Department. He was reaching out to the 25 Lansing residents who had graduated from the most recent Citizens Police Academy. It was the largest class ever enrolled, and Bailey would like to see that trend continue. “If you know anyone that might be interested in the 2019 Citizen Police Academy, please have them register,” he told the group.

The Lansing Police Department has offered a Citizens Police Academy since the early 2000s, and Bailey brings a collaborative, relationship-building spirit to the nine-week class. He considers the class an opportunity to enhance relationships between Lansing police and the general Lansing community. “It’s the police and the citizens together who make up a community,” he said last year. “We want to educate the community about how we serve them.”

Members of the Class of 2018 found themselves learning about each other as well as the police, and a number of new friendships were formed. At least two class members went on to apply for Lansing’s Human Relations Commission, partly because the Academy inspired them to be more involved in their community.

Bailey hopes the upcoming class will be representative of Lansing, in terms of race, age, and experience. Classes are often interactive, and having a variety of participants makes the discussion more meaningful.

Throughout the nine weeks, class participants will learn about Police Ethics, Crime Scene Processing, Criminal Law and Procedure, Use of Force, Drug Use, and Canine Demonstrations. Lt. Bailey will do some of the teaching, but he will also bring in guest experts on many of the topics.

The academy is open only to Lansing residents, though enrollment may be extended outside of Lansing if room in the class is available.

The classes are free, and a background check is done on all enrollees.



Above: “I just came for general knowledge,” said Marilyn Freeman (left). But she left with new friends and an opportunity to get face-to-face answers about a hypothetical speeding ticket.

Left: Lt. Scott Bailey would like to have another large class enrolled in this year’s Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is a good opportunity for police and community members to get to know each other. As of January 7, there were still seats available in the class that begins January 16. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)

The upcoming Lansing Citizen’s Police Academy will run on Wednesdays, January 16–March 20, from 7:00–9:30pm. The classroom can accommodate about 30 students. The Lansing Police Department likes to have at least 15 enrolled in order to invest staff time in the program. As of January 7, there were still seats available in the upcoming class.

Classes are held at the Lansing Police Department, 2710 170th Street in Lansing. Contact Lt. Scott Bailey for more information or to enroll:

- Call 708-895-7130
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THOMAS BECKER

Thomas Arthur Becker, age 85 of Lansing, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2018. He is survived by his beloved wife Renee Dorothy Becker (nee Turner). Loving father of: Rita (Steve) Granath, Wayne Becker, Virginia Ann Becker, Alison (Greg Kauth) Chapin, Rose Arlene (Michael) Vis. Cherished grandfather of: Jessica (nee Chapin) (Matt) Hartsough, Mitch and Raleigh Vis, Katrina (nee Szwet) (Greg) Beyer, Alex Szwet, Josephine Bates, Nicholas (Tami) Granath, Emily (nee Granath) Kroehler, Jeremy Granath, Amy (nee Becker), James Becker, Sabrena (nee Becker) (Daniel) Gorczynski, Kendra Becker, Bryan Duffy, and Robert Vondrash, and great grandfather of 16. Loving uncle of: Lauren Turner, Jean Marie (nee Becker) (Andy) Fletsch, Mary Jo (nee Becker) (Lawrence) Garretto, and fond brother-in law of: Mary Becker and Lucille Turner. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents Jesse and Clara (nee Arnold) Becker Richard Becker and Robert Becker.

Funeral services for Thomas were held on Thursday January 3, 2019, at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, 3227 Ridge Road, Lansing, Illinois, beginning with 9:30am closing prayers then processing to St. Ann Catholic Church, 3010 Ridge Road, Lansing, Illinois, for a 10:00am Mass of Christian Burial. Mr. Becker was laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois.

Mr. Becker proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Air Force Strategic Air Command and a member of the Tornados, the Calumet City Lions Club, and the Telephone Pioneers. He was a parishioner of St. Ann Catholic Church, and he graciously volunteered his time at St. Margaret's Hospital. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was loved by many and he will be deeply missed.

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

BRAMSON

A Funeral Service for Michael Bramson was held on January 7, 2019 at Thornridge Funeral Home with Rabbi Saulson officiating.

Mr. Bramson was born March 5, 1942 and died January 3, 2019. He was husband of Carol (nee Olejniczak); father of Staci (Joseph) Jaworski, and Bryan (Kimberly) Bramson; stepfather of Don Barajas; grandfather of 4; great-grandfather of 1; brother of Nancy Bramson.

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

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV Bible)



JANICE CURTIN

Janice Curtin, 74, of Anna, Illinois, passed away at 9:15pm, Thursday, December 20, 2018, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

She was born on December 11, 1944, in Lansing, Illinois, the daughter of Arnold and Eunice D. Orth.

Janice was the best mother that her children could ever ask for. She had a huge heart, was a great friend and did anything she could to help others. She loved quilting and country and gospel music. She loved singing and did it every day.

Janice is survived by her sons, Jim Curtin of Kiln, MS; Todd Curtin of Las Vegas, NV; Scott (Tracey) Curtin of Kenai, AK; and Ryan Curtin of Montgomery, TX; as well as grandchildren Adian Curtin and Ashley Curtin both of Kenai, AK; and many other relatives and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Eunice D. Orth.

Cremation was accorded with inurnment to take place at a later date.

Information provided by Crain Funeral Home—135 W. Vienna Street in Anna-Jonesboro, Illinois. Condolences may be left for the family at www.crainonline.com/obituaries/Janice-Curtin/.



CORINNE MAE FEEMSTER

Corinne Mae Feemster, 90, of Kenosha passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Froedtert South-St. Catherine's Hospital.

Born on July 17, 1928, on Chicago's south side overlooking Lake Michigan, she then spent some 70 years in Lansing, IL, before retiring to Kenosha, WI, in 2012. Corinne was the middle daughter of the late Charles and Caroline (Moog) Collins.

On Feb. 17, 1951 she was united in marriage to William (Bill) Feemster for 65 years until his passing in 2016. After graduating from high school, Corinne

was employed as a legal secretary until she married.

Corinne, affectionately known as Cis, was a fabulous cook and enjoyed hosting large gatherings for family and friends. She always made more than enough delicious food to allow take-home meals for everyone attending. Her generosity extended to providing meals to ailing friends and neighbors in the Lansing area as well as delivering Meals-On-Wheels through her Lansing Methodist Church. Her natural gift for conversation and joyful sense of humor were appreciated, and her laugh was contagious. She also found enjoyment in designing many flower and wreath arrangements for family and friends.

Corinne enjoyed viewing Lake Michigan from her Kenosha apartment and the top floor game room of her retirement complex. She said it reminded her of her Illinois childhood along the lake.

Corinne is survived by her married daughters, Holly (Steve) Coon and Heidi (Mark Dirr) Steinbrenner; seven grandchildren, Matt (Abbey), Chris, Carrie, Zach, Samantha, Heather, and Stephanie; and two great grandchildren, Ethan and Hannah.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters: Honey Stua and Babe Ostoich.

Private funeral services honoring Corinne's life to be held at a later date.

Information provided by Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home & Cremation Services—3720 39th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Condolences may be left for the family at www.piasecki-althaus.com.

GLYMBACKI

A Funeral Service for Alice M. Glymbacki was held on January 5, 2019 at Thornridge Funeral Home with Deacon Tim Springer officiating.

Ms. Glymbacki was born January 26, 1946 and died January 1, 2019. She was daughter of the late Walter and Violet (nee Budziak) Glymbacki; sister of Violet (Daniel Sr.) Przybysz, the late Josephine (Dennis) Richie, Walter Jr, James Glymbacki, and Jeanette Janicek; aunt of 4; great-aunt of 4.

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

NOVAK

A Funeral Service for Ronald J. "Ron" Novak will be held on January 12, 2019 at Thornridge Funeral Home with Deacon Tim Springer officiating.

Mr. Novak was born September 28, 1941 and died January 3, 2019. He was husband of of Angeline (nee Ortega); stepfather of Thomas W. (Lenore) Guajardo; grandfather of 4; uncle of 1.

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

WITVOET

A Memorial Service was held for Shirley May Witvoet (nee Ritsema) on January 5th, 2019 at First Reformed Church of South Holland, IL.

Mrs. Witvoet was born March 30, 1931 and passed away December 27, 2018. Mother of Deanne (Dave) Besser and Dean (Laura) Witvoet. Grandmother of five, great-grandmother of three.

Private interment will be held at Skyline Memorial Park in Monee, IL.

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Olivet Nazarene University announces new major in data science

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (November 2018) – Data science is now a major and minor offered by Olivet Nazarene University. Enrollment is open for fall 2019 to students who want to enter this interdisciplinary field that is growing in popularity. Completion of Olivet’s program will lead to a Bachelor of Science degree.

A NEW FIELD

“Data science is now being called the hottest job in the United States,” said Dr. Dale Hathaway, chair of Olivet’s Department of Mathematics and program designer. “Employers are looking for analytic skills and abilities in their new hires. Students who have an interest and aptitude in quantitative areas, like data science, are in high demand and are receiving impressive salaries for their expertise.”

A relatively new field, data science has come into existence because of the massive amounts of data to manage and process in our information age. Qualified employees are in high demand, with annual starting salaries of \$80,000 and average annual salary estimates of \$105,000.

INCREASING OPTIONS

Students who choose Olivet’s data science major will benefit from courses offered by both the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Computer Science in the Walker School of Engineering. They will learn to use computer techniques to access data and statistical techniques to analyze the data. Completing the degree requirements will prepare them for careers in the fields of big data, data analytics, or business analytics.

A degree in data science is applicable to almost any field, from astronomy to business management. Olivet’s carefully designed curriculum includes required courses in mathematics, computer science, and business, plus a required minor or second major to represent an area of application.

“Olivet is always seeking new opportunities to prepare students for entering the global workforce,” said Dr. Carol Summers, Olivet’s vice president for academic affairs. “Olivet is committed to preparing trained professionals to fill what will be an increasing demand in the data science field.”

ABOUT OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited, Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study. Olivet’s 275-acre main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 50 miles south of Chicago. Additional sites are in Rolling Meadows and Oak Brook, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Michigan; Hong Kong; and more than 100 School of Graduate and Continuing Studies learning locations throughout Chicagoland and the Midwest.



Front row, from left: Yvonne Killbred, Zaldwaynaka Scott, Dr. Lynette Stokes, Delmarie Cobb. Back row, from left: Lesley Williams, Dr. Gloria J. Gibson, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Diane Dinkins-Carr, Cynthia D. Armster, Kathy Tossas-Milligan. (Photo provided)

SSC President Lynette Stokes receives Egretha Award

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

CHICAGO, Ill. (December 22, 2018) – South Suburban College (SSC) president Lynette D. Stokes, Ed.D., recently received an Egretha Award presented by AWBC Magazine at Chicago’s SMART Museum. The Egretha Foundation was formed 12 years ago to honor and celebrate the business achievements of African American women in Chicago. The 2018 Egretha Foundation awardees are accomplished women from Education, Corporate America, Community Development, Activism, and the Arts.

The 2018 awardees include:

- Cynthia D. Armster – Womanist Educator
- Delmarie Cobb – Political and Media Consultant
- Diane Dinkins-Carr – Fine Art Appraiser and Consultant
- Dr. Gloria J. Gibson – President of Northeastern Illinois University
- Kimberly Hollingsworth – President of Olive Harvey College
- Dr. Suzet McKinney – CEO and Executive Director, Illinois Medical District
- Kathy Tossas-Milligan – UIC Epidemiologist
- President Zaldwaynaka Scott – Chicago State University
- Dr. Lynette Stokes – President of South Suburban College
- Lesley Williams – Library and Community Equity Advocate

“I applaud the Egretha Foundation for recognizing achievements of African American women in their respective fields of service,” said Dr. Stokes. “It is truly an honor and a privilege to receive this award with so many outstanding and accomplished women and also to share it with those trailblazers that have come before us.”

Homewood Chevy gifts car to elderly couple raising disabled great grandchild

BY ERIN NAUTA

HOMEWOOD, Ill. (December 25, 2018) – At 10:00am on Christmas Eve, Chevrolet of Homewood gave a brand new 2019 Chevy Sonic to Sandra and Robert Maszak, the great grandparents of 7-year-old Tori Maszak, who is largely wheelchair-bound and can walk only a few steps at a time.

Tori was born 3 months premature, weighing only 1.5 lbs. She was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Having raised a daughter of their own with cerebral palsy, Sandra and Robert confidently stepped in when Tori’s young parents found themselves overwhelmed with her care. Then, last year, at the age of six, Tori lost her cognitive thinking and reasoning and was diagnosed with Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD). This exceptionally rare condition has no cure. Tori is the only person in the U.S. known to have this combination of disabilities.

The Maszaks were among hundreds of people who entered the annual Homewood Chevy Cares giveaway. They submitted a video to explain their situation. The management team at Homewood Chevy reviewed all submissions personally, and they unanimously chose the Maszaks as this year’s recipient.

This is Chevrolet of Homewood’s fourth Christmas Eve car giveaway. Each year, the contest is open to anyone, anywhere, provided the winner is able come to Homewood to receive the car.

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Demolitions planned along Torrence Avenue

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 11, 2018) – Three Village-owned properties along Torrence Avenue are slated for demolition in an effort to improve the Torrence Avenue corridor in anticipation of potential redevelopment.

Village Administrator Dan Podgorski says the blue house at 17817 Torrence is not only in poor condition, but it is a residential property located in a business zone. The structure will be leveled and converted to a municipal parking lot that will serve the businesses in that area, relieving parking congestion in the alley and neighborhood to the east of Torrence.

The properties at 17955 Torrence (formerly a hot dog stand) and

18001 Torrence (previously South Side Control Supply Co.) will also be demolished. They will be included in a larger grouping of properties along Torrence that will be offered for redevelopment in the future. "For reference," says Podgorski, "think of what Munster did with the former Carpetland USA site [on Calumet Avenue]."

At the November 6, 2018, meeting of the Village Board, the project was awarded to Alliance Demolition, who had submitted a bid for \$44,640.00. Their bid includes not only the three buildings on Torrence, but also the storage units on Henry Street, which were removed in November, prior to the opening of the Santa House in December.



Top right: The house at 17817 Torrence is not only in poor condition, but it is a residential property located in a business zone. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Bottom right: The smaller white-sided building to the left (17955 Torrence) was formerly a hot dog stand. Along with the South Side Control Supply building (18001 Torrence) it is scheduled for demolition. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Planning and Zoning Board recommends special use permit for new Lansing Cleaners sign

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 26, 2018) - At their December meeting, Lansing's Planning and Zoning Board considered a request from Lansing Cleaners for a special use permit. Lansing Cleaners would like to update their existing sign with an electronic message center.

Tom Ustanik, owner of Lansing Cleaners, had provided the Board with concept drawings from Roeda Signs, comparing the existing sign with the proposed new one. Ustanik was present at the meeting along with Rod Roeda and Michael King from Roeda Signs.

The proposed new sign will be located in the same area, but shifted to the west in order to improve visibility for traffic exiting the parking lot onto Torrence Avenue. An LED message center will replace the two changeable lettered signs that are there now.

Bob Alderden from the Building Department affirmed that the new the sign meets all building code requirements, and he recommended that the special use be granted.

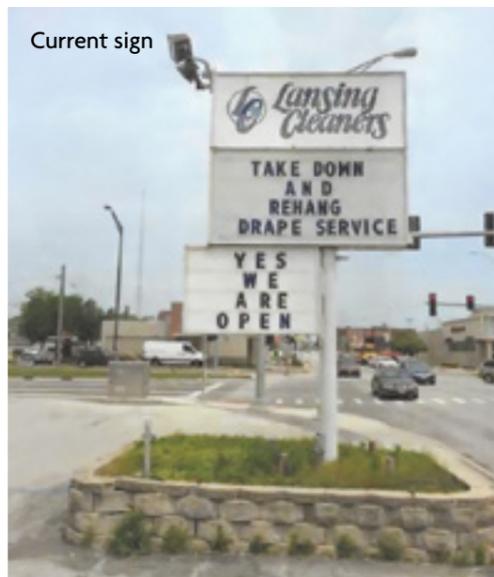
Questions from the Commissioners focused

on whether the movement and color of the new message center would be a potential distraction for drivers. Roeda replied that the sign can be programmed for flashing and movement, and that it would be up to the owner to regulate it. Ustanik assured the Board that his messaging would

be similar to what he displays now announcing services and sales.

The Planning and Zoning Board reached a unanimous decision to recommend to the Village Board the granting of a Special Use Permit for an Electronic Message Center to replace the existing

sign at Lansing Cleaners, 18210 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois 60438. Their recommendation will likely be on the agenda for discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 15.



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Top student fundraisers win lunch at Mancino's

“This is the best day ever,” says Terrell, five

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 12, 2018) – Eight students from Oak Glen Elementary School arrived at Mancino's in a white limousine at 11:30am on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The limo and lunch were a reward for their fundraising efforts for Oak Glen's Parent Teacher Association. These were the top eight fundraisers in the entire student body.

Accompanied by PTA Vice President Matthew Evans and PTA Treasurer Karie Breitenreiter, the kids filed into the restaurant and then into the kitchen, where plates of dough were waiting for them. Under the instruction of Mancino's Alyssa, they applied sauce, cheese, and toppings, then brought their creations to Andrea to put through the oven.

Mancino's Pizza serves schools, offices, families, and other groups who want to make their own pizzas as a unique dining activity. Mancino's is located at 3300 Ridge Road in Lansing, Illinois. Call 708-474-6337 for information about hosting a pizza-making field trip there.



Kindergartner Terrell watches Alyssa from Mancino's aerate her pizza dough.



Eight students from Oak Glen Elementary School arrived at Mancino's in style on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Above and right: Mia and Marlin got creative with their pizza toppings, making a meat-lover's and a veggie-lover's version of a pizza smiley face.



Below: Drake samples his creation and declares it cheesily delicious. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Below: Jasmine was brave enough to try mushrooms for the first time. She loved them. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)





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Department met to sign a Memorandum of Understanding outlining a new relationship following a 2017 incident that involved a white off-duty police officer and a black teenager. The process was often frustrating, and the journey is not over, but the signing marked a new sense of partnership and commitment to a healthier future. "It was a negative event," said Police Chief Dennis Murrin, "but it's having a positive outcome."

FOX POINTE OPENED AND HOSTED ITS FIRST EVENT

Fox Pointe is perhaps the biggest step in transforming Lansing into a

destination, a place people will make plans to visit. Autumn Fest 2018 was the first event in the new venue, and in spite of miserable weather throughout the weekend, record crowds enjoyed the food, entertainment, programs, and kids activities. In addition, having a hometown event as the first to experience the facilities, amenities, and logistics gave Village representatives a way to test drive the venue with an actual, large, multi-day event and still get valuable feedback. "I am so incredibly proud of my community for creating such a beautiful space," said one Autumn Fest attendee. "I enjoyed Autumn Fest, and I look forward to the next event."



The Fox Pointe stage is a dramatic focal point of Lansing's new outdoor entertainment venue. During the three-day Autumn Fest event, the stage hosted soloists, rock bands, a ukulele ensemble, a military tribute program, the Visible Music College local artist showdown, and a dancing chicken and pig. Even more variety is planned for 2019. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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Other Lansing firsts in 2018

The list below does not include everything that could have been considered a first-time occurrence in Lansing, but a representative sampling is included from each month of 2018.

- Lansing marked its 125th anniversary of incorporation, and anniversary events were planned throughout the year (January)
- At their first Career Fair, TF South introduced students to more than 60 local businesses (February)
- The Lansing Police Department was recognized for preventing 26 drug overdoses in 2017, more than any other police department in Cook County (February)
- Lansing women joined the Women's March in Chicago (February)
- Lansing resident Hector Caballero was featured on *American Pickers* (March)
- Lansing's first Beautification Committee held their first meeting (March)
- Lansing Walmart began offering free grocery pickup service (April)
- Lansing's Ford Hangar was included in Illinois' 200 Great Places (April)
- Lansing Walmart began offering online grocery delivery (May)
- The Legion Riders hosted their first Kids Bike Show (May)
- Lan-Oak Park District offered a series of movies in Lansing parks (June)
- The Wentworth Avenue Walgreens installed a new kiosk for safe medication disposal (June)
- Lansing community members and School Board 158 became aware of the colony of hundreds of chimney swifts taking up summer residence in the old chimneys at Coolidge Elementary School (June)
- The Lansing community began joining the Legion Riders in welcoming Lansing veterans home from Honor Flights (July)
- The Chicago White Sox offered Lansing residents a "Village of Lansing night" at Guaranteed Rate Field, and nine Lansing Little Leaguers were chosen for special on-field activities before the game (July)
- Ace Pizza opened, and many long-time Lansing residents compared it to Colucci's (August)
- The first-ever Family Matters Conference was hosted by Grace Church (August)
- Lansing Public Library hosted their first How-To Festival (September)
- Lan-Oak Park District offered Drone-Making 101 as a class (September)
- A semi crashed into an apartment on Torrence Avenue (September)
- Lansing's Sami Krusza competed in the Artistic World Skating Championships in France (October)
- Honeybee advocates succeeded at changing an ordinance (October)
- First-time voters from TF South paraded to the polls (November)
- The 1943 M5 Anti-Tank 3" Gun was refurbished and returned to the American Legion (November)
- A statue of Vietnam scout dog Artus was added to the Lansing Veterans Memorial (November)
- Lansing's first virtual reality gaming lounge—Gamma VR—opened (November)
- Lan-Oak Lanes was featured in a movie starring Jon Heder (December)
- Village staff and Trustees held a movie night to discuss fraud prevention (December)

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Building relationships

Bethel Church volunteers respond quickly to Lansing resident's need

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (January 4, 2019) – The whine of a circular saw accompanied the friendly chatter of seven men in the “Cadet room” at Bethel Church on December 27, 2018. They had planned to work onsite, outdoors, that day, but rain convinced them to accomplish as much as they could inside. Amid the stacks of 2x6s, cases of drill bits, and cups of coffee, they assembled sections of a wheelchair ramp that would be installed at a Lansing resident's house so she could return home after rehab at Hartsfield Village.

Arie Van Ek organized the crew from Bethel when Trustee Jerry Zeldenrust let him know about the situation. Zeldenrust's volunteer group, Love for Lansing, had been responding to similar needs in the community since the summer of 2017, but they were unable to take on this project. Because of the impending release from rehab, the ramp needed to be constructed quickly.

Van Ek was eager to help. A former Illiana teacher with a variety of handyman skills, he has frequently teamed up with others at Bethel to respond to needs in a way that isn't patronizing and has no ulterior religious motives. For the past several years, Bethel has partnered with a growing church in a Gary neighborhood, learning a lot about relationships along the way. Now Van Ek and Bethel would like to bring their building skills—and relationship-building skills—home to

the Lansing community as well.

This is good news for Zeldenrust, who would love to increase the number of Lansing residents his Love for Lansing volunteers can serve. “The more the word gets out [about this service], the greater the number of requests for help come in,” he said in an email. “The last half of 2018 was very busy.” Zeldenrust works with various Village contacts and departments to become aware of needs, and his team of volunteers can choose the projects that meet their skill sets. Projects have involved yard work, carpentry, tree trimming, small repairs, and clean-up.

Zeldenrust emphasizes that though his church (First Church PCA) originally started the Love for Lansing volunteer program, it is open to anyone. “It would be great if other churches and civic groups got involved,” he said, “so that no one in need in our town would be turned away.”

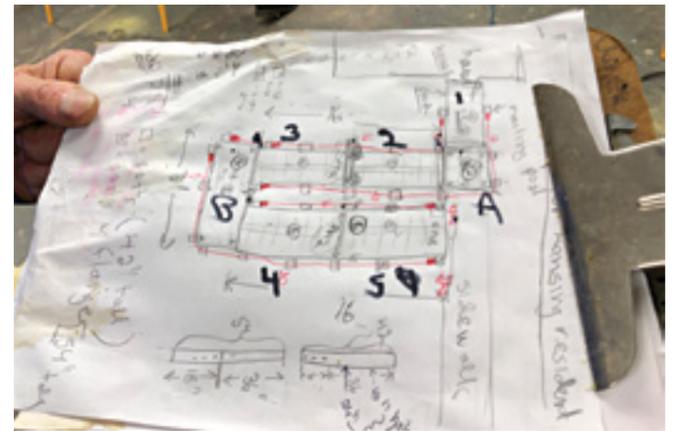
HEARTS AND HANDS

Bethel's “dream team” of volunteers for the ramp project was not composed entirely of professional tradesmen, but even the former banker, former teachers, and former home inspector have enough practical experience to do quality work. “These guys are the best,” said Van Ek, appreciating that they work with their hearts as well as their hands.

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Above: Arie Van Ek is a former teacher with a variety of handyman skills. He organized a team of volunteers from Bethel Church to meet a need in Lansing. Below: “A well-used plan is messy,” says Van Ek. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



Above: Jack Elzinga monitors the supply of 2x6s.

Below, from left: In the “Cadet room” at Bethel Church, Len De Young, Tim Eriks, and Gene Enigenburg work together on one of the ramp sections. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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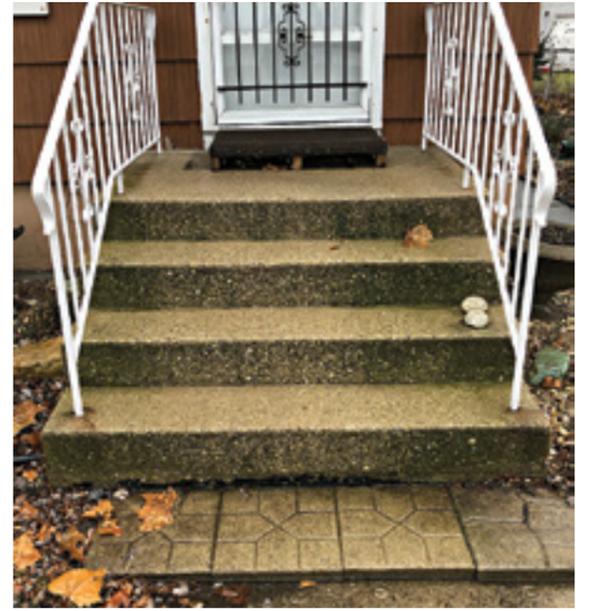
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At the resident's home the next day, (from left) Ryland Brummel, Gene Eenigenburg, Arie Van Ek, Shaun Buikema, and Tim Eriks fitted the ramp sections together and installed handrails. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



The homeowner, eager to return home, had actually been released from rehab previously, but she was too weak to walk up the front steps. The house was built in 1959 by her husband, who died in 2002. Her son understands her eagerness, but he wants to be sure she's strong enough to stay home once she gets home this time. He is impressed with the quality of the ramp, the quick response, and the genuine care for his mom's overall wellbeing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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AT THE SITE

The next day, bitter cold replaced the rain, and the team brought the five ramp sections and two landing sections to the site for installation. They were joined by Shaun Buikema, who has been a Bethel liaison in Gary for the past few years and now has joined the Bethel staff in Lansing.

Buikema too enjoys building and fixing things, but he also enjoys people. The actual ramp was completed in a matter of hours, but the relationship-building is ongoing. As a first step, Buikema reached out to the woman's family and asked if it would be okay for him to visit her at Hartsfield. "I mean, wow," said Steve Adams, the woman's only son. "What a great guy! That's just really nice." Knowing there is a community surrounding his mom helps ease the stress of navigating health-care challenges.

The woman is eager to return home—her house in Lansing was built in 1959 by her husband, who died in 2002. They had rented several

different Lansing locations when they were first married, but this is the only house they ever owned. Her son understands her eagerness, but he wants to be sure she's strong enough to stay home once she gets home.

When he heard the work was completed, Adams stopped by the house and took pictures of the ramp. He'll bring them to Hartsfield next time he visits and show his mom how beautifully her community has cared for her. Adams was very impressed with the workmanship—and amazed at how quickly Van Ek and his fellow volunteers were able to respond to his family's need. Her rehab may take longer than she wants, but her home will be wheelchair accessible whenever she is able to return.

"I'm glad my parents chose Lansing when they were ready to settle somewhere," said Adams, who has fond memories of growing up here and remains impressed with the small-town values. "It's really a great community."

GETTING INVOLVED

People who are interested in volunteering with Love for Lansing on future projects are invited to contact Jerry Zeldenrust via email or First Church PCA via phone:

- jzeldenrust@villageoflansing.org
- 708 474-9610

First Church PCA is located at 3134 Ridge Road in Lansing, the northwest corner of Ridge and Burnham.

And Buikema says that people who are interested in joining Bethel work teams on future projects around town are "more than welcome" to call the church office and ask to speak with him directly:

- 708-474-9226

Bethel Church is located at 3500 Glenwood-Lansing Road in Lansing, the northwest corner of Wentworth and Glenwood-Lansing Road.

Below: Working together at Bethel Church, Ry Brummel (left) and Jerry Van Noort measure twice and cut once.

Right: The ramp is complete, with handrails, ready whenever the homeowner is able to return home permanently. The son took photos of the ramp and showed them to his mom at Hartsfield Village. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)



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From left: Tommy Malouf, Zach Sorrow, Zachary Stevenson, and Michael Kurowski star in *Million Dollar Quartet* at Munster's Theatre at the Center. (Photo: Brett Beiner)

Million Dollar Quartet coming to Munster

Theatre at the Center announces cast for run beginning February 14

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THEATRE AT THE CENTER

MUNSTER, Ind. (January 14, 2019) – Director Daryl Brooks has cast Zach Sorrow as Elvis Presley, Michael Kurowski as Jerry Lee Lewis, Tommy Malouf as Johnny Cash, Zachary Stevenson as Carl Perkins, Sean Fortunato as record producer Sam Phillips and Aerial Williams as singer Dyanne in Theatre at the Center's production of *Million Dollar Quartet*. Additional cast members include musicians Michael Sinclair as Jay and Nick Anderson as Fluke.

Previews begin February 14, with Opening Night on February 17 and a continued run through March 31. This production is sponsored by Pat Binkley.

THE STORY

Million Dollar Quartet is a hit musical with a book by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux based on the true events of a night in rock 'n roll history. It dramatizes an actual recording session on December 4, 1956, at the Sun Records recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee: Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley assembled for an impromptu jam session. The story explains that Perkins was there to record songs with a new performer, Jerry Lee Lewis. Elvis happened to visit the studio with his girlfriend at the time, just as Johnny Cash stopped in to speak with recording impresario Sam Phillips, who was eager to re-sign Cash to a new contract, unaware he had already signed with Columbia Records.

THE LEADS

Zach Sorrow returns to TATC after his performance in last year's production of *Big River*. This is his second time playing Elvis, after understudying in the Chicago premiere of *Heartbreak Hotel*. Sorrow played Rolf in *The Sound of Music* at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. His regional credits include Lucas in *The Addams Family* at the New Theatre Restaurant and Doody in *Grease* for Royal Caribbean cruise line.

Michael Kurowski is making his Theatre at the Center debut. He recently appeared as Tootles in *Peter Pan: A Musical Adventure* at Chicago

Shakespeare, and he won a Jeff Award for Best Ensemble in *Posh* at Steep Theater. His on-screen credits include *Gran Torino*, *The Armed Boy*, and *Chicago Fire*.

Also new to the TATC stage is Zachary Stevenson, a rock 'n roll guitarist and singer who made his Chicago debut in *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* and received a Jeff Award for his performance. Select credits include *Hank Williams*, *the Show He Never Gave*, *Ring of Fire*, *Hair*, *Urinetown*, and *Assassins*. Stevenson also served as musical director for *Million Dollar Quartet* at Arts Club Theatre and *Ring of Fire* at Chemainus Theatre Festival.

Tommy Malouf is also making his TATC debut as Johnny Cash. He previously played "Man in Black" Cash in *Ring of Fire* at Metropolitan Performing Arts Center. Other credits include *Heartbreak Hotel* at Broadway Playhouse, *The Light Fantastic* at Jackalope and *Great Expectations* at Remy Bumpo/Silk Road Rising.

Sean Fortunato returns to TATC where he appeared as the Emcee in *Cabaret*, Lancelot in *Spamalot*, Franz in *The Producers*, and Max in *Lend Me a Tenor*. Other credits include Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Hedda Gabler* at Writers Theatre, *Book of Joseph and King Charles III* at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and *Measure for Measure* at Goodman Theatre. He has received six Jeff Award nominations and an After Dark award.

Aerial Williams makes her debut at TATC in the role of Elvis' gal pal Dyanne. Last May, she starred in Porchlight Music Theatre's run of *Memphis*, which is also inspired by actual events. Her favorite roles include those she's played in hit productions of *The Color Purple*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Seven Guitars*, along with credits on popular television shows like *The Chi* and *Empire*.

THE CREATIVE TEAM

Director Daryl Brooks is making his debut at TATC. In 2018, he directed *Memphis* at Porchlight Music Theater and received a Jeff Award nomination. His playwright credits include *Sammy: A Tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr.*, *Black Pearl: A Tribute to Josephine Baker*, and *Men of Soul*, all of which he also directed at Black Ensemble Theater in Chicago.

Linda Fortunato is in her fourth season as TATC Artistic Director. Her recent credits include directing and choreographing *Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical*, *Ghost: The Musical*, and *Steel Magnolias*, as well as *Cabaret* and *Big River*. Fortunato has been nominated for five Jeff Awards for her work as choreographer and director, and she received both Equity and Non-Equity Jeff Awards for Outstanding Choreography in 2013–14. Her Jeff Award for the choreography in *42nd Street* was TATC's first.

Linda Fortunato is teamed with TATC General Manager Richard Friedman and Ann Davis, TATC Head of Production.

The creative team for *Million Dollar Quartet* also includes Scenic Designer Ann Davis, Lighting Designer Denise Karczewski, Sound Designer Barry G. Funderburg, Costume Designer Caitlin Dalton, Wig Designer Kevin Barthel, and Properties Designer Emily Hartig. Stage Manager is Jessica Banaszak. Music Director is William Underwood.

SHOWTIMES AND PRICES

Following the February 17 Opening Night, performances are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 2:00pm
- Fridays: 7:30pm
- Saturdays: 3:00pm and 7:30pm
- Sundays: 2:30pm

In addition to the regular run schedule, Theatre at the Center has added the following performances during the final seventh week of the run:

- Wednesday, March 27 at 2:00pm
- Thursday, March 28 at 7:30pm
- Friday, March 29 at 7:30pm
- Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm
- Sunday, March 31 at 2:30pm and 7:00pm

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 and gift certificates are also available.

Theatre at the Center is located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana.

'Un Paseo Por el Mercado' at South Suburban College

Fermin Barbosa's exhibition showing through January 23, 2019

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (December 10, 2018) – The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College presents an exhibition of art works by Fermin Barbosa. "Un Paseo Por el Mercado" has been on display in the Dulgar Gallery since December 12 and will remain through the Artist Reception on January 23, 2019, at 12:30pm.

Born in Salvatierra, Guanajuato, Mexico, on September 2, 1993, Fermin Barbosa is a Mixed Media artist currently residing in Kankakee, Illinois. He earned a BFA from Governors State University and is the Gallery Coordinator at the Feed Arts & Cultural Center in Kankakee.

Within Barbosa's artwork, there is an established balance between geometric and natural forms. A formalist in practice, Barbosa focuses on the elements of art while painting in a spontaneous fashion. Barbosa's pictures are described as "hashed images rooted in his subconscious and inspired by the grit and hard edge of urban environments, the contour and color of organic forms, graphic design, fashion, and art history." Barbosa uses a variety of methods and materials—painting, collage, assemblage, and drawing.

The public is welcome to visit the exhibition and reception at no charge.

The Dulgar Gallery is on the first floor of South Suburban College's Main Campus, in South Holland. SSC Galleries are open Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00am–6:00pm, and Fridays from 9:00am–4:00pm.

For more information about Barbosa's exhibition or about the art education programs available at South Suburban College, call 708-596-2000, x2300, or visit www.ssc.edu/art.

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



"Un Paseo Por el Mercado" by Fermin Barbosa, is exhibiting at South Suburban College December 12, 2018, through January 23, 2019. (Photo provided)



Lansing Public Library adds film streaming service Kanopy

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

kanopy

LANSING, Ill. (November 2018) – The on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free at Lansing Public Library. Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting lansingpl.kanopy.com. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku.

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The Kanopy collection includes indie hits like *Hunt For the Wilderpeople* and *2 Days in Paris*, classic masterpieces like *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* and *Seven Samurai*, and award-winning documentaries like the 2017 Oscar®-nominated *I Am Not Your Negro* and Sundance Film Festival winner *Mother of George*.

Kanopy was founded in 2008 by CEO Olivia Humphrey as an educational tool for colleges and universities. More than 5 million Kanopy users stream acclaimed movies and documentaries from award-winning filmmakers and experience the best in independent, classic film, and world cinema.

'Radon Awareness Month' provides opportunities for young creatives

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (January 3, 2018) – Governor Bruce Rauner has proclaimed January "Radon Awareness Month" in Illinois to increase awareness about the presence of radon.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is recognized as the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It's estimated nearly 1,200 people in Illinois develop radon-related lung cancer each year.

"Radon-related health risks are preventable," said Governor Rauner. "Radon can be detected with a simple test and fixed through well-established techniques. With greater awareness we can save lives."

To increase public awareness, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the American Lung Association in Illinois (ALAIL) have announced the continuation of a statewide contest that encourages students to use their creative talents to promote radon awareness.

The Illinois Radon Poster Contest is open to students ages 9–14. Entries are due by March 1. Prizes include \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

High school students can also compete for prizes by participating in the Illinois Radon Video Contest. This contest requires students to produce a creative 30-second YouTube video about radon. The video submission deadline is March 8. Videos can be created by an individual student, a group of students, or a classroom. Student prizes include \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place, and \$250 for seven honorable mention videos.

All videos, entry forms, and release forms must be submitted by March 8. Details about the video contest are available on the ALAIL website.

All contest prizes are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Both contests are sponsored by IEMA, ALAIL, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5.



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SUBMITTED BY ELLIE SHUNKO

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (December 13, 2018) - The cast of the South Suburban College production of *The Adventures of Robin Hood* took a break from rehearsal by catching up on the news in *The Lansing Journal*.

The show, a production of the Children's Theatre Company, will run January 12 and 15-19, 2019, at South Suburban College.

Director Ellie Shunko is a Lansing resident, as are cast members Sandy Wagner, Jonathon Gralewski, and Taylor Michael.

The Adventures of Robin Hood, by Michele L. Vacca, is a fast-moving and witty play suitable for a wide age range. Robin Hood, his Merrie Band, the Sheriff of Nottingham, and Lady Marian engage each other in a variety of adventures involving disguises, contests, and challenges.

Performances are scheduled in the Kindig Performing Arts Center:

- Saturday, January 12, 11:00am and 2:00pm
- Tuesday, January 15, 9:45am and 11:30am
- Wednesday, January 16, 9:45am and 11:30am
- Thursday, January 17, 9:45am and 11:30am
- Friday, January 18, 9:45am and 11:30am
- Saturday, January 19, 11:00am and 2:00pm

Seating for weekday performances is limited and advance reservations are required.



Back row, from left: Pat Nevins of Homewood, Sandy Wagner of Lansing, Paul Braun of Highland, and Jonathon Gralewski of Lansing. Front row, from left: Jamel Williams of Chicago Heights, Malcolm Banks of Riverdale, Juniper Boerman DeYoung of Thornton, Taylor Michael of Lansing, and Betty Neil of Markham. The play is directed by Lansing resident Ellie Shunko. (Photo: Angela Martin)

SPECIAL OFFER

The regular price for tickets is \$5.00, but Director Ellie Shunko is making a special offer available to readers of *The Lansing Journal*. She says, "Show us the cast photo from *The Lansing Journal* via phone, or bring in a hard copy of the

paper, and get \$1.00 off the ticket price."

To make reservations:

- Call 708-210-5741
- Email boxoffice@ssc.edu

Visit learn.ssc.edu/theatre to learn more about

the three types of theater programming at South Suburban College.

South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State Street in South Holland, Illinois. Free, well-lit parking is available.

SUBMITTED BY MAUREEN GRADY-PEROVICH

Lansing Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich (far left) and her husband Tony, retired from the Lansing Police Department, spent Christmas in South Carolina. They brought a copy of *The Lansing Journal* to friends Stacy and Bill Hastings. As former Human Resources Director and retired LPD, the Hastings appreciate staying informed about the town they served. (Photo: Random passerby in Lake Murray)



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SUBMITTED BY JEFF WHITE

Lansing resident and Illiana teacher Jeff White (far right) is part of a national program called Close Up, which gives high school students opportunities to see their government in action. On this trip, students got to meet with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and she was delighted at the opportunity to become informed about a variety of topics in *The Lansing Journal*.

From left: Allison Meyer, Kayla Sylvester, Lizzie Knott, Andrew DeNier, Lauren Woo, Secretary DeVos, Olivia DeYoung, Matthew Huizenga, Sydney DeVries, and Jeff White.

(Photo: White House staffer)





Glenn Tallar has been playing the organ at Beggars Pizza for 16 years. (Photo provided)



The movie poster frames and ticket booth are clear reminders that Beggars Pizza used to be Lans Theater. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

16 years at the keyboards

Glenn Tallar entertains diners at Beggars Pizza

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (January 3, 2019) – In a building on Ridge Road that originated as a movie theatre and is now a pizzeria, live music is provided two nights a week. The musical entertainment isn't a live band or a vocalist or a DJ. It's way more unique—it's a professional organist on a large pipe organ.

Beggars Pizza, 3524 Ridge Road, is housed in the former Lans Theater, which later was transformed into a restaurant called Pipes and Pizza. A large pipe organ was installed to entertain guests of the restaurant. After Pipes and Pizza closed, Beggars Pizza moved in. They revived the pipe organ and again entertained guests with everything from Disney tunes to movie soundtracks.

Not only is the form of entertainment unique, but so is the story of the man who sits at the organ twice a week to play. Glenn Tallar has been playing the organ at Beggars Pizza for the past 16 years. He was only 14 when he started the job.

MUSICAL FAMILY

Introduced to piano and organ at age 5, Tallar comes from a musical family. His mother plays the organ. His brother plays the organ. "My dad only could play the radio," Tallar joked. "But he is a master craftsman and built an organ in the family basement. That's where I really started to appreciate both ends of the instrument, working the mechanics and playing."

Tallar learned skills from both parents and he now owns his own organ company, GT Organ Associates LLC, based in Frankfort, Illinois. "I get to travel all over to work on pipe organs," he said. "We take care of the Rialto and Chicago Theatre organs along with several churches in the area."

Besides working on the instruments, he is also the organist at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet and the Chicago Theatre.

DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

"Each of the Chicago, Rialto, and Beggars instruments are totally different. It's not like a piano where one could sit right down and start playing," Tallar explained. "The organ is built into the building so tonal colors are going to sound different in each venue. Luckily I get to play all three, so getting used to them is

not hard. There is a huge difference from the Chicago Theatre, which is a 3,000 seat house, to Beggars, which was around 600 seats when it was a theater."

The organ at Beggars Pizza was built by the Barton Organ Company in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and originally installed in 1927 at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee, according to Tallar. "The organ since went through alterations and many owners." In addition to mastering the keys, Tallar also controls all of the percussion, drums, and cymbals connected to the organ.

The organ he plays at the Chicago Theatre is a Wurlitzer from North Tonawanda, New York built in 1921. Rialto Square Theatre has a Barton organ from Oshkosh built in 1926. Both organs are quite large as they were built for bigger venues.

DIVERSE REPERTOIRE

Tallar's repertoire is quite diverse. "I have so many songs memorized, so you can hear anything from Joplin to Gaga. There are request slips, and people sure try to stump the organist," he said. "As far as new songs, usually if I'm getting a song requested often and I don't know it, it's time to look into making an arrangement to be played. My audience is always teaching me."

Some of his biggest requests are the movie theme from Star Wars, the "Happy Birthday" song, the theme from Phantom of the Opera, the opening song from the 1950s television show Mickey Mouse Club, and anything by Michael Jackson or the Beatles. Music from Disney movies are also frequently requested.

OLD TECHNOLOGY

Tallar has enjoyed entertaining crowds at Beggars Pizza since his early teenage years. "It's been a wonderful 16 years," he said. His favorite part of the job? "Seeing how everyone is interacting to technology that's almost 100 years old and having kids come out and be so overwhelmed by what a pipe organ can do."

Organ music can be enjoyed at Beggars' Lansing location on Tuesdays from 5:30–8:30pm and on Fridays from 5:30–9:45pm.

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Expanding the market for 'pesky but tasty' Asian carp

New grant program available from IDNR's Asian Carp Market Value Program

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (December 23, 2018) – Governor Bruce Rauner announced today that companies and individuals interested in expanding demand for food and other products using Asian carp caught in Illinois waters are invited to apply for grant funding to assist their marketing efforts.

Grants are now available through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) Asian Carp Market Value Program (MVP) to support current Asian carp processors and product-makers in expanding existing markets and developing new markets and sales opportunities

for Asian carp products.

"One of the best ways to protect the Great Lakes from Asian Carp is to reduce the population of the invasive species, and our governments spend millions of dollars each year to remove these fish from our rivers," Rauner said. "This grant program will give our fishing industry incentives to harvest even more Asian Carp by expanding and creating new markets for the fish. The end result will be savings for taxpayers and a reduced threat to the Great Lakes."

"We want to help businesses increase their sales of Asian carp products as part of the State of Illinois' effort to reduce the numbers of Asian carp and aid in managing this pesky but tasty fish," said Kevin

Irons, manager of the IDNR Aquatic Nuisance Species Program. "Taking more Asian carp out of Illinois waters helps prevent their spread, as well as reduce impacts where they are present."

Federal funds dedicated to preventing the spread of Asian carp are being used for this new business development initiative. Funding is limited for this initial effort, and a steering committee has been established to aid in reviewing applications and awarding grants.

As part of the IDNR Asian Carp Market Value Program, grants of up to \$8,000 per applicant are available (with a 20% match by the applicant) to reimburse recipients for business travel expenses and attendance at trade shows and

conferences associated with market development and sales of Asian carp products.

Eligible applicants are those currently operating Asian carp fish processors and product makers that have sales of Asian carp products over some or all of the last year from date of application. Applicants also must have purchased Illinois-caught Asian carp over the same time period.

Applicants also must have a clearly-defined plan for growth of current or new Asian carp products and achievable, quantifiable goals that will result from this grant funding.

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Sharing space with coyotes

Tips and tidbits about these intelligent creatures

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (January 2019) – You may notice more critters in your yard this time of year scouring for food. This is also a time of year when you may be more likely to spot coyotes in Lansing and the surrounding area, according to Charles “Chip” O’Leary, Deputy Director of Resource Management for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. “Coyotes are present in the area year ‘round, but may be seen more in winter because there is less cover (vegetation), and they are also working harder and taking more risks to find food.”

As with many species of animals, O’Leary notes that coyotes are usually more afraid of humans than we are of them and are generally not a threat to people. “Most often, people can simply enjoy seeing a coyote, but should exhibit caution. Cook County has not recorded a single human attack by coyotes,” he said. “A person who encounters a coyote can make noise, yell, or throw a rock in its direction to scare off the coyote. Generally, coyotes may be curious about humans, and may watch them, but shouldn’t exhibit any aggression unless they are protecting a den and the person is coming too close. If it appears the coyote is protecting a specific area, it’s best to change routes.”

COYOTE LIVING

Coyotes live in small groups, usually between two and seven together. They maintain a territory and hunt individually for food. “You may see them grouped together for other reasons, but you’re



A coyote suns himself between tracks #3 and #4 at Markham Yard (near Harwood Avenue) in Homewood, Illinois. A steady supply of rodents made this a desirable habitat for nearly a year. (Photo: Dan Bovino, 2014)

less likely to see them hunting together. They eat surprisingly little human-sourced food. They don’t like garbage; they like to hunt small mammals and frogs. They’re really opportunistic,” said O’Leary. “A pretty high percentage of their diet is wild-caught game.”

Other common parts of a coyote’s diet are mice, voles, and squirrels or rabbits—if they can catch them. They’ll also eat dead prey. In summer, their diet includes fruits and berries.

PET SAFETY

Since they prefer to hunt live animals, it may cause concern from pet owners when coyotes are spotted in residential areas. O’Leary said he wouldn’t call it “likely” that a coyote would target a small pet, but “It’s possible.”

“They might look at a dog or cat as going after the same food, so they’ll chase them off and at times kill them,” he said. “One of the most important things pet owners can do is keep food out of their yard and out of their neighbor’s yard, especially pet food. This is the number one link between a coyote attack against domestic pets—the presence of food in a yard. Another good tip is if pet owners are walking their dogs, they should always keep them on leash.”

SHARING THE AREA

About 2,000 coyotes reside in the Chicago area and may be spotted at different areas within their territory that may include golf courses, along railroad tracks, or in residential neighborhoods. Coyotes have always been native to the area and many Native American cultures revered coyotes as being intelligent and perceptive.

“One of the interesting things about coyotes is that they’re probably one of the most intelligent animals in our area. They’re really curious and will explore but will know when to get out of the way from danger,” said O’Leary. “It’s important that people remember that Cook County is incredibly diverse in terms of ecosystems and wildlife. Generally wildlife can see people coming and will hide; they’re more afraid of people than people are of them. If people are quiet, they may be lucky to spot wildlife in nature. It’s important to remember there is wildlife all around us, and we are all sharing the same spaces—being aware and respectful is the best way to enjoy the outdoors and the wildlife living in it.”

The Forest Preserves of Cook County has been part of the longest-running studies on urban coyotes, the Urban Coyote Research Project. For more information, visit urbancoyoteresearch.com.

Lan-Oak Lanes, from page 3

Grutzius and members of his bowling team, who are regulars at Lan-Oak Lanes, attended the Chicago premiere with owner and manager Dale Genovese.

“It was awesome,” confirmed Grutzius about the movie. He has

already purchased a copy for his home video library.

Bowling team member Angela Albrecht documented the team’s experience at the premiere, and created a Facebook album of the evening. The album includes snapshots of

the closing credits, which list both Dale Genovese and Lan-Oak Lanes by name.

After the showing, premiere audiences were also treated to a Q&A session with the cast and crew.

More still shots and the trailer from the movie are available in the online version of this article, and the movie itself is available for

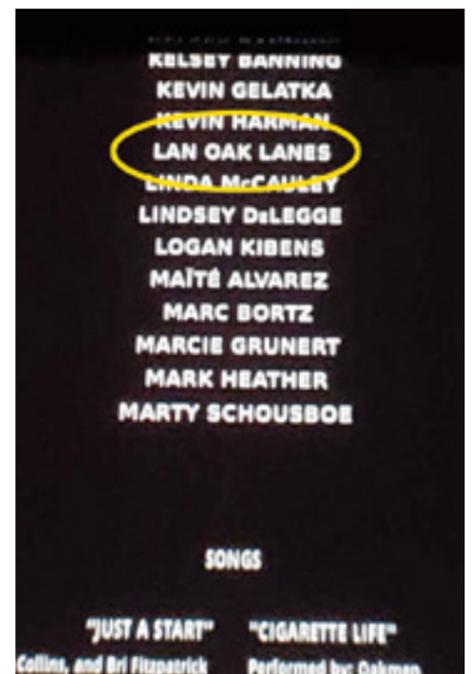
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For those who want to visit the now-famous set in person, Lan-Oak Lanes is located at 2524 Ridge Road. In spite of the recent attention from Hollywood and the media, the bowling alley has remained very approachable and welcoming.



Above, from left: Jim Grutzius, Dale Genovese, Jon Heder, Kim Stokes, Angela Albrecht, and Roseanne Grutzius attended the Chicago premiere of *When Jeff Tried to Save the World*, starring Lan-Oak Lanes. (Photo provided)

Right: Owner Dale Genovese stands outside his Ridge Road bowling alley with a poster of the movie that was filmed there in the summer of 2017. *When Jeff Tried to Save the World* is an independent film by Kendall Goldberg, a Munster native. It is available for purchase from iTunes. (Photo: Angela Albrecht)



Left: The Music Box Theater hosted the Chicago Premiere of *When Jeff Tried to Save the World*, starring Lansing’s Lan-Oak Lanes.

Above: People who stick around to watch the closing credits will see not only Lan-Oak Lanes, but also Dale Genovese listed by name. (Photos: Angela Albrecht)



Left: Lynn Erke (left), retired first grade teacher, visited with her former student RJ Ogom of Flossmoor at the alumni basketball game at St. John Lutheran School.

Above: Current principal Allison Clous and former principals Hal Gronewold and David Swanson attended the games.

Right: The St. John Lutheran family played hard and had fun at the alumni games on December 30, 2018. The games were a celebration of the school's 125th anniversary. (Photos: Carrie Steinweg)



St. John Lutheran School holds alumni games to celebrate 125th anniversary

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (January 3, 2019) – Lansing's oldest school was founded the same year that Lansing became a village—125 years ago. St. John Lutheran School has served many families over the decades, and some of the school's past students gathered on Sunday, December 30, 2018, in the school gym for alumni volleyball and basketball games. Joining them were former teachers, parents, and two of the school's past principals, Hal Gronewold and David Swanson.

Gronewold began teaching at the school in 1960 and served as principal from 1968 until 1984. Swanson followed Gronewold as principal from 1984 until 2011. Gronewold saw the school through many fluctuations in enrollment. He recalls years when it was down to 60 and years when it was well over 200. Current enrollment stands at 58, but in a school that size, many emphasize that it's much like a family.

"I think it's great we've been going this long and I hope we can keep going longer," said Gronewold, who is still active in the church, doing services when called upon and visiting shut-ins who can't make it to church services.

"I've always enjoyed the closeness of the faculty," said Lynn Erke, who retired from the school in 2013 after teaching first grade there for 10 years. "The leadership is rooted in the gospel, and that was my whole reason for teaching. The weekly chapel brought everyone together, and it's really like a family. And I always loved how the older kids were buddies with the younger ones. It's all about relationships."

Gronewold said that when he taught and served as principal, he was also a coach. He remembers that there were more sports back then.

"Even with the low enrollment, girls volleyball was first in season and third in tournament this year," said Erke. "They only had six girls with no subs. I was so proud of them. So far the boys basketball team is undefeated, too. For a small school, we have excellent dedication."

One of her former students, RJ Ogom of Flossmoor, showed up to play in the alumni basketball game. He now towers over Erke and is a junior at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. "This was a good thing," he said of the game. "It's where everything started for me, and it's good to come back." Ogom is one of five kids in his family who have attended St. John Lutheran School. He has two sisters who are currently students.

"We had a nice variety of high school and college kids who came to play in the games," said Erke. "And even one who is in the Army."

Max Jobbe attended St. John from grades 3 through 6, when his family relocated to Valparaiso. He returned to play in the alumni volleyball game and has fond memories of his time spent at St. John. "You're in the same classroom all day and not moving from one class to another. You're friends with everyone. There's no enemies, and everyone gets along, and you have great relationships with the teachers," he said.

Anthony Porter, a 2013 graduate from Chicago Heights echoed those sentiments. "The teachers here were really great, and the small class size was nice," he said.

Small class sizes have big advantages, but it can cause financial struggles for private schools. Current principal Allison Clous said that continuing to provide a Christian education for students has been difficult, but "it's a lot of the school and church supporting each other."

Eileen Gronewold, a member of the anniversary committee and wife of the former principal, was excited to see the turnout for the alumni games. "I'm glad to see so many kids come out—and they were playing hard!" she said. She reiterated what a family feel there is there and is glad that her three grandchildren are able to attend the school. "We just want to put out that we're here," she said. "Some people see this building and don't realize it's a school."

"I loved seeing how mature these kids are. I didn't even recognize some of them," said Toya Jackson,

the mother of a former student who now attends Purdue University and who has been working on projects with the anniversary committee, which included a picnic last summer, an upcoming bowling event, and a celebration dinner in April.

"St. John has always had a family atmosphere. Everyone has been supportive of the Christian day school. Many of the students moved on to do well in high school and college. We're very proud of our alumni," said David Swanson, who was principal of the

school for 27 years.

"It's been a joy to be part of the school. We've had good years and great times. It's always been a joy," said Hal Gronewold.

St. John Lutheran School is located at 18100 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing, Illinois. For more information:

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Lansing's Crosstown Classic—Memorial vs. Heritage

Middle school rivalry is alive and well

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (December 20, 2018) – The gym at Memorial Junior High School was rocking on December 17 as the Memorial Mustangs faced off against the Heritage Middle School Nationals in their annual crosstown basketball match-up.

THE BACKGROUND

Despite being the only two middle schools in Lansing and having a strong rivalry, Memorial and Heritage are in different districts and athletic conferences. Lansing police officer Wilson Pierce noticed animosity between students from the two middle schools while he served as a juvenile detective at TF South High School years ago.

"The rivalry got negative because Memorial kids never saw Heritage kids, and Heritage kids never saw Memorial kids...and then you're putting those same kids into one high school. They don't really care for each other but they don't know why," explained Pierce, who started the HOME (Helping Our Minors Excel) foundation in 2008.

Pierce reached out to both middle schools in an effort to set up a healthy way for students to participate in the crosstown rivalry. For the last seven years, the Memorial vs. Heritage basketball games have done just that.

THE COMPETITION

For the first two years, the game included only the boys teams, but for the last five, the event has featured both the boys and girls eighth grade teams. The Memorial girls have won all of their contests with Heritage while the Heritage boys have claimed two of their seven match-ups with the Mustangs.

This year, both Memorial teams took home crosstown trophies. The girls won handily, 47-19, while the boys secured a 49-33 victory.

ACTION SHOTS (AT RIGHT, PHOTOS BY JOSH BOOTSMA)

1. Memorial student Kiera Jones launches a free throw in the third quarter of Monday's contest.
2. The crosstown classic was just as much a battle of cheerleaders as a battle of basketball teams.
3. Caleb Newman intends to get the ball in-bounds for the Mustangs while Romello Ali of the Nationals is intent on the opposite.
4. The Memorial girls team proudly displays their crosstown trophy after a dominant performance.
5. The Memorial boys team hoists the crosstown trophy after a hard-fought battle.

Memorial Junior High School is located at 2721 Ridge Road. Heritage Middle School is located at 19250 Burnham Ave.

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NEW SERVICE

TV AND MONITOR PICK UP

Current Lansing residential customers can now **schedule a television or computer monitor pick-up online or by phone.** Then, simply place your TV or monitor at the front curb on your regular pick up day. A special truck will pick up and recycle your TV or monitor. This service is included with your residential garbage service. No additional charge.

- Pick-ups **must** be scheduled in advance. Call or go online to schedule.
- TV or monitor must be placed at the **front curb** of the home.
- Each address has a limit of **two** TVs or computer monitors per year.

NOTE: Items placed curbside without scheduling will not be removed. Items placed in the alley will not be removed.



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The Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act went into effect January 1, 2012. This law bans many electronics from going into landfills as these products contain hazardous material. According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the law "establishes a statewide system for recycling and/or reusing computers, monitors, televi-

sions, and printers discarded from residents by requiring electronic manufacturers to participate in the management of discarded and unwanted electronic products." All TVs and monitors must have intact screens and tubes at time of pick-up. We are not responsible for any broken glass. Customer is responsible for ensuring all personal and confiden-

tial information is erased or destroyed prior to placement for collection. Homewood Disposal Service, Inc. is not responsible for protection of personal and confidential data prior to collection. Pick-up times may vary; please have items at the curb by 7:00am. This program is for residents who are included under the Village Municipal Contract.

Homewood Disposal to pick up Lansing TVs and monitors

New Village contract expands services at no additional cost to residents

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (January 1, 2019) – "Current Lansing residential customers can now schedule a television or computer monitor pick-up online or by phone," reads the flyer distributed by the Village of Lansing (pictured above). In response to perceived need in Lansing and in partnership with Homewood Disposal, the Village is entering 2019 with a plan for addressing e-waste. The first part of that plan addresses TVs and computer monitors specifically.

Since May of 2016, when a sponsored e-recycling opportunity was overrun with hundreds of residents, many of whom had to be turned away when the provider could not accept any more TVs, the Village has been looking for ways to help residents dispose of electronic waste responsibly. In contract negotiations with Homewood Disposal, which already provides regular garbage pick-up for Lansing, Village Administrator Dan Podgorski requested e-waste pick-up as well.

Environmental stewardship is one of Homewood Disposal's core values. They have been providing residential recycling since 1990, and today serve 80 communities, including Lansing. Their state-of-the-art facilities process tons of materials each year, so they are well-equipped to handle outdated electronics responsibly. The 2012

Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act bans many electronics from going into landfills because of the hazardous materials they contain.

In an effort to avoid a glut of monitors again, the Village has set the following parameters for the first phase of the new e-recycling program, TV and computer monitor pick-ups:

- Pick-ups must be scheduled in advance. Call 708-798-1004 or go online to schedule. TVs and computers placed curbside without scheduling will not be removed.
- Pick-ups must be placed at the curb. When a pick-up has been scheduled, the owner can place the item at the front curb on his regular garbage pick-up day. Homewood Disposal will send a special truck to pick up and recycle the monitors. The truck cannot navigate alleys, so any items placed in alleys will not be

removed.

- Pick-ups are limited to two per year. Each Lansing address has a limit of recycling two TVs or computer monitors each year. The Homewood Disposal system will be able to track calls per address. Village

Communications Director Ken Reynolds assures residents that the e-recycling service is included with regular residential garbage



At the November 6, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting, Homewood Disposal's Dan Merrick answered Trustees' questions about the new services his company is offering Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

service at no additional charge. All residents who already receive garbage pick-up as part of the Village Municipal Contract are eligible for e-waste services now.

While the immediate focus is on TVs and computer monitors, the Village plans to roll out more e-recycling opportunities soon. Logistical details are still being finalized.

Residents with questions about the Village e-waste program are invited to call 708-895-7200 for more information.

Residents who are ready to schedule a TV or computer monitor pick-up are encouraged to contact Homewood Disposal directly:

- 708-798-1004
- www.mydisposal.com/ewaste



The Homewood Disposal Facebook page offers regular tips about recycling: www.facebook.com/pg/MyDisposal