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## Getting ready for April 2

### Fast facts about the choices Lansing voters face at the polls

**WHY VOTE?**  
Residents who vote are responsible for choosing the people who will directly impact community life and services in our schools, library, parks, and government. **Early voting begins March 18 at the Lansing Public Library. Tuesday, April 2, is Election Day at polling places throughout Lansing.**

LANSING, Ill.

(March 1, 2019) - Part of what makes election season difficult—particularly for first-time voters—is that municipal elections involve multiple entities. These entities are all supported by taxpayer

dollars, so their Boards are elected by tax-paying voters.

The boxes below give a brief overview of what these organizations do for the Lansing community. On the

pages inside, readers will find brief bios of the candidates who responded to our request for information.

The Lansing Journal does not endorse any particular candidates. We

present as much information as possible, in as balanced a format as possible, so that individual voters can decide which candidates' qualifications are best suited to the job residents' taxes are paying them to do.

#### VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEES

**WHAT THEY DO**  
Village Trustees initiate, consider, and vote on issues that affect life in Lansing—economic development, public safety, roads and infrastructure, finances, and property. Trustees make their decisions by listening to resident concerns, asking for staff recommendations, and considering long-term impacts.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$13,000/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
The Village Board consists of six Trustees elected to four-year terms. The usual meeting schedule is twice a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 3 of these 4:
- Saad Abbasy (Village Voice Party)
  - Mike Fish (Village Voice Party)
  - Larry Thomas (Independent candidate)
  - Jerry Zeldenrust (Village Voice Party)

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#### DISTRICT 215 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

**WHAT THEY DO**  
School Board 215 establishes policy to provide a school system that represents the best community and professional concepts of education. The Board oversees the Superintendent, who applies the policies and is responsible for the effective administration of the four schools in this district. District 215 includes Calumet City as well as Lansing.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
School Board 215 consists of seven Trustees elected to four-year terms. The usual meeting schedule is once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 3 of these 6:
- Sheryl Black (All Voices Matter)
  - Michael Bolz (Citizens for District 215)
  - Kevin Green (All Voices Matter)
  - Miacole Nelson (All Voices Matter)
  - Rita Oberman (Citizens for District 215)
  - Morgan Waller (Citizens for District 215)

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#### DISTRICT 171\* SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

*\*Lansing residents living south of 186th vote for this Elementary School District.*

**WHAT THEY DO**  
School Board 171 responsibilities include directing the Superintendent, overseeing the budget, approving curriculum, evaluating the educational program, and communicating the schools' activities to the community. The two schools in this district are located in Lansing and serve families in Lansing and Lynwood.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
School Board 171 is composed of seven Trustees elected to four-year terms. Usual meeting schedule is once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 4 of these 5:
- Dennis J Altgilbers Jr.
  - Desiree Ambrose
  - David M. Lilly
  - Cozette Y. Pettigrew
  - Jesse Michael Terrazas

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#### DISTRICT 158\* SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

*\*Lansing residents living north of 186th vote for this Elementary School District.*

**WHAT THEY DO**  
School Board 158 Trustees establish vision, adopt budgets, set calendars, approve curriculum, and hire the Superintendent, who oversees the five elementary schools in this district, all located in Lansing.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
School Board 158 consists of seven Trustees elected to four-year terms. The usual meeting schedule is once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 3 of these 4:
- Abimael Duran
  - Mary Kelly
  - Denise Jones Williams
  - Jencelyn King-Witzel

No bios available

#### LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES

**WHAT THEY DO**  
The Library Board hires and oversees the Library Director, who consults with them about programming and finances. The Library Board is responsible for reviewing the budget and approving all expenditures.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS**  
The seven Library Trustees are elected to staggered six-year terms. The Library Board meets once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 2 of these 3:
- Lillian Ball
  - Geoffrey M. Erlenborn
  - Judy Koch

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#### PARK BOARD COMMISSIONERS

**WHAT THEY DO**  
The Park Board is primarily responsible for policy-making, but also works closely with Lan-Oak Park District Superintendents to maintain and enhance Lansing's parks, bike path, Eisenhower Community Center, and Eisenhower Fitness Center, and to make programming and facilities available for use by residents and other community organizations.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
The five Trustees are elected to six-year terms. The Park Board meets once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 3 of these 3:
- Karen Adams
  - Jim Long
  - Micaela Smith

No bios available

#### DISTRICT 510 SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE BOARD TRUSTEES

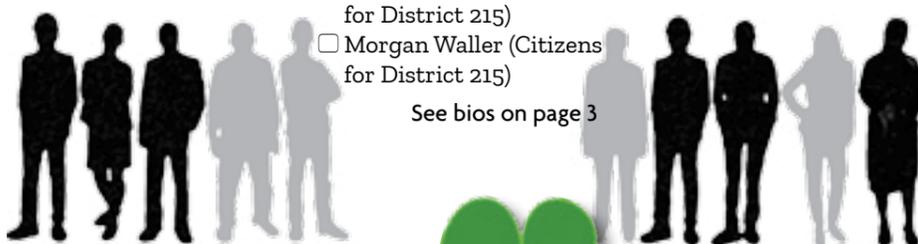
District 510 includes 18 villages, ranging in population from 1,532 (East Hazel Crest) to 56,831 (Tinley Park). With a population of 28,086, Lansing is the third largest village served by South Suburban College, so it is important for Lansing to have representation on the Board.

**WHAT THEY'RE PAID**  
\$0/year

**TERMS AND MEETINGS**  
The seven Trustees are elected to six-year terms. The South Suburban College Board meets once a month.

- VOTER CHOICES**  
Vote for 2 of these 3:
- Anthony DeFilippo
  - Vivian Payne
  - Max Solomon

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# When and where to vote in Lansing

## Early Voting, Election Day polling places, and ways to register to vote

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 1, 2019) - Voters in Lansing have a variety of options—for registering to vote as well as for actually casting a ballot. Early Voting begins on Monday, March 18, at the Lansing Public Library. And Election Day voting takes place on April 2 at the specific polling places listed in this article.

### EARLY VOTING

People who take advantage of Early Voting report that the benefits include avoiding the lines and the last-minute politicking that are typical of Election Day voting. The Lansing location for Early Voting is the Lansing Public Library. Dates and hours are:

- Monday, March 18: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Tuesday, March 19: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Wednesday, March 20: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Thursday, March 21: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Friday, March 22: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Saturday, March 23: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Sunday, March 24: 10:00am–4:00pm
- Monday, March 25: 9:00am–7:00pm
- Tuesday, March 26: 9:00am–7:00pm
- Wednesday, March 27: 9:00am–7:00pm
- Thursday, March 28: 9:00am–7:00pm
- Friday, March 29: 9:00am–7:00pm
- Saturday, March 30: 9:00am–5:00pm
- Sunday, March 31: 10:00am–4:00pm
- Monday, April 1: 9:00am–5:00pm

Voters do not need a government-issued photo ID in order to early vote, but it can be helpful in case of questions about a voter's registration, address, or signature. Registered voters who bring their Voter ID card can fast-track because Early Voting sites have card readers at every check-in station.

Early voting is set up on the second floor of the library, in the glass-walled room facing the top of the staircase. The Lansing Public Library is located at 2750 Indiana Avenue in Lansing, Illinois.

### ELECTION DAY VOTING

Tuesday, April 2, is Election Day, and then

voting will be available only at assigned polling places, from 6:00am–7:00pm. There are 10 polling places in Lansing, serving 20 precincts:

1. Bethel Church (3500 Glenwood-Lansing Rd)—Precincts 5, 14, 18, and 44
2. Coolidge School (17845 Henry St)—Precincts 16 and 65
3. First Church PCA (3134 Ridge Rd)—Precincts 43, 47, and 57
4. Lansing Police Department (2710 170th)—Precinct 17
5. Lansing Presbyterian Church (2625 Ridge Rd)—Precincts 19 and 68
6. On Election Day, Lansing Public Library (2750 Indiana Ave) is the polling place for Precinct 18. It is only during Early Voting that all Lansing residents can vote at the library, regardless of precinct.
7. New Hope Church (3642 Lake St)—Precinct 51
8. Oak Glen School (2101 E. 182nd St)—Precincts 50, 114, and 117
9. Reavis School (17121 Roy St)—Precincts 13 and 61
10. St. Anthony (3025 Spring Lake Dr)—Precinct 56

If you have a Voter ID, your precinct number is printed on it. The Cook County website also provides easy access to polling information—voters can input their address and last name, and the site will provide the name and address of the appropriate polling place, along with a map. Visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/polling-places](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/polling-places) and follow the instructions and links.

### REGISTERING TO VOTE

US citizens who turn 18 on or before April 2 this year, and who live in their election precinct at least 30 days prior to April 2, are eligible to register.

Illinois allows residents to register online. Vote.gov is a user-friendly portal to registration.

Registration is also possible at all Early Voting sites—two forms of ID are needed, one of which shows the voter's current address. Carolyn Smith is one of the officials who serve during Early Voting at the Lansing Public Library, and she and her team work hard to accommodate new voters and make the voting experience enjoyable.



Carolyn Smith shows off the selfie station during last October's Early Voting. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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CANDIDATE INFO: VILLAGE BOARD, SCHOOL BOARDS, LIBRARY BOARD, AND PARK BOARD

The Lansing Journal requested bio and platform information from all candidates in an October 27, 2018, Facebook post, our November 2018 print edition, a November

19, 2018, online post that was distributed via email, and in conversations at various events around town. Any candidate who responded with information is included

in the brief bios below. Candidates within each category are listed in alphabetical order, regardless of party or slate.

## Village Board candidates (vote for 3 of these 4)

SAAD ABBASY

**Resumé highlights**

- Chair of Planning & Zoning Board
- Certified Fraud Examiner and Senior Compliance Analyst
- Alumnus of Oak Glen School, Memorial Junior High, TF South



**Saad Abbasy:** "I understand what young families are looking for when they decide where to shop, or where to go out to eat. I understand the need for fun and affordable entertainment options for families. As a Trustee I can offer ideas on how to attract young families—ideas such as creating programs to attract or even assist first-time home buyers. Voters can also know that I will be a Trustee that prepares, and that I'll faithfully do my homework and research."

MIKE FISH

**Resumé highlights**

- 30 years in Lansing's Public Works Department, retired as Interim Superintendent
- Planning & Zoning Board member
- Former Park Board President
- Former LARC Board President



**Mike Fish:** "Voters need Trustees that listen to all concerns and then actively engage in seeking solutions. Experience in the workings and best practices of municipal government is helpful in easing the transition of these types of elected positions. A sound sense of fiscal responsibility is essential in determining what solutions to village issues are both productive and yet affordable."

LARRY THOMAS

**Resumé highlights**

- Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice
- Licensed Restorative Justice Counselor
- LACE member
- Lansing Lions Club member



**Larry Thomas:** "I'm running for all of Lansing. We are all Lansing. And Lansing voters should be looking for a candidate that can provide transparency and dedication to the people they serve. Lansing deserves that. Especially in a Trustee. I'm not interested in creating waves or in changing Lansing from what it is. I want to enhance what we already have."

JERRY ZELDENRUST

**Resumé highlights**

- Village Trustee, 2 years
- Chair of Finance Department and Police Department
- 29 years in the Lansing Police Department, retired as Commander
- Love for Lansing liaison



**Jerry Zeldenrust:** "Voters in Lansing should seriously consider who they choose to have lead their village for the next four years. My hope is they research who they are confident putting their trust in as individuals: candidates who will make informed, responsible decisions about matters that will affect all our lives in many ways. That is a huge responsibility for us as Trustees and one that should not be taken lightly."

## District 215 School Board candidates (vote for 3 of these 6)

SHERYL BLACK

**Resumé highlights**

- Current School Board member, IASB Master Board Member
- Co-Chair of Safety Committee, member of Policy Committee
- Parent of two TF South alumni
- Successful leadership of 2010 referendum campaign in District 171



**Sheryl Black:** "The number one priority for the School Board should be focusing on what is best for all the students we serve. While the demographics of the student population have changed and we now serve approximately 90% students of color, the demographics of the School Board do not reflect that change."

MICHAEL BOLZ

**Resumé highlights**

- Eight-year School Board member, current Vice President
- Chair of Curriculum Committee and Technology Committee
- Board IASB Delegate
- Masters Degree in Learning Sciences, PhD in process
- Endorsed by Local 683 IFT



**Michael Bolz:** "We [the Candidates for District 215 slate] are committed to making fiscally responsible decisions. Of course, every single candidate will tell you that. The difference here is, we read every line in every bill. It's good Board

oversight, and it lets the Administration know we are actually looking at the bills, and we are actually looking at how the taxpayers' money is being spent. We are committed to doing things responsibly; we want to do more with less. Our district has strived to keep that tax levy where it's at for the past 10 years, and we hope to do it for another 10 years."

KEVIN GREEN

**Resumé highlights**

- 5 years at Schrum Junior High School Athletic Department
- 2 years at TF South High School Athletic Department
- Administrator of youth programs in Calumet City
- Parent of a District 215 student



**Kevin Green:** "I am committed to advocating for our children, ensuring they are equipped with the tools needed to be successful. I would like to build on our after school programs, improving athletic achievement, and infusing academics and athletics. I am ready to be the voice for the students and families that constitute District 215. I am vested in the community and ready to work toward positive change."

MIACOLE NELSON

**Resumé highlights**

- Teamsters Local 700 Union Steward
- Experienced District 215 Board member
- Employed by the Clerk of the

Circuit Court

- Parent of four District 215 alumni



**Miacole Nelson:** "With my background and knowledge of our district I can help provide the necessary leadership that moves the district in right direction for the future of our children and our community. I have served within our schools working to improve student achievement and rallying parents to get engaged in educational issues. I am clear about the need to close the achievement gap, and my top priority is to ensure that all students have access to a quality education that prepares them to become productive citizens."

RITA OBERMAN

**Resumé highlights**

- Eight-year District 215 School Board member, IASB Master Board Member
- Chair of Policy Committee and Building and Grounds, Co-Chair of Safety Committee
- Six-year District 171 School Board member, serving as President, Vice-President, and Secretary
- Parent of two TF South graduates
- Endorsed by Local 683 IFT



**Rita Oberman:** "Obtaining scholarships for our students became a prime concern when I realized our

students were not applying for many scholarships available. I heard about the 100 Black Men Scholarship Program, and we were able to get several students on-the-spot scholarships—now it is an annual event we attend. Several years ago I encouraged our counselors to submit student lists for ISAC Scholarships; this year 30 students received these scholarships."

MORGAN WALLER

**Resumé highlights**

- Cook County Business Analyst
- Membership Chairman for National Black MBA Association, Chicago Chapter
- Previous substitute teacher for all four schools in District 215
- Masters Degree in Public Administration; Bachelors Degree in Public Relations and Political Science
- Endorsed by Local 683 IFT



**Morgan Waller:** "Giving back to the community has been my number one priority. I am passionate about

being a voice of the younger generation and bringing a wide range of perspectives to the table. I am passionate about applying my educational experiences to raise awareness, create fairness, and bring solidarity to District 215. I have been heavily involved in the community and because of that, I am empowered to relate, create, execute, and lead."

## District 171 School Board candidates (vote for 4 of these 5)

**DENNIS J. ALTGILBERS JR.**  
No information provided

**DESIREE AMBROSE**  
**Resumé highlights**

- Masters Degree in Public Administration; BSN-RN
- President of Chamberlain University Student Nurse Association (2016–2017)
- PTA member
- Volunteer with Ronald McDonald House Oak Lawn, Special Olympics, Feed My Starving Children



**Desiree Ambrose:** "Communication is key to helping take the district to the next level. I believe that I can bring some fresh ideas to

Sunnybrook 171. I am willing to do the work necessary to make us the best! I know that this is not an easy job because there are so many stakeholders, but we should be able to work together for the greater good—the students."

**DAVID M. LILLY**  
No information provided

**COZETTE PETTIGREW**  
**Resumé highlights**

- Six-year School Board member, current President
- IASB Master Board Member, 2017 and 2018
- School Board committee service: Policy, Teachers Contract Renewal, Strategic Planning (two consecutive terms), Second-Round Administrators Interview and Hiring

• Director at Large of South Cook's Division Governing Board



**Cozette Pettigrew:** "My love for children is why I continue to serve on the Sunnybrook 171 School Board.

I have encouraged fellow Board members to increase their learning in matters concerning our board work, enhancing our district, and engaging our community. I work with our superintendent and advocate with all stakeholders to always do what's best for our kids."

**JESSE MICHAEL TERRAZAS**  
**Resumé highlights**

- Awarded "Lansing Special Volunteer" in 2018

- Lansing Soccer Club coach
- Telecommunications technician (20 years)
- Bilingual (Spanish and English)



**Jesse Michael Terrazas:** "I am very involved in my children's education. I am a strong believer in after-school programs such as sports, STEM, IMSA, and Civil Air Patrol. I want to be part of important decisions that affect all children in District 171. I want to be an advocate for all children, parents, teachers, and community. I want to make a difference."

## Library Board candidates (vote for 2 of these 3)

**LILLIAN BALL**  
**Resumé highlights**

- District 19 Director for Illinois PTA (2004)
- President of School District 171 PTA (2009)
- Secretary of Illinois State Board of Directors



**Lillian Ball:** "If given the chance to work side-by-side with the Board members to keep programs going or share my knowledge on how to further progress, that would be an accomplishment I would be proud of."

**GEOFFREY ERLNBORN**  
**Resumé highlights**

- Retired Quality Control Inspector, US Steel
- Regular patron of Lansing Public Library
- 31-year resident of Lansing



**Geoffrey Erlborn:** "As a homeowner and property tax payer, I am very interested in how the mechanics of the library work—in other words, how our tax dollars are being spent. I hope I can make a difference."

**JUDITH KOCH**  
**Resumé highlights**

- 12-year Library Board member, 10 years Treasurer
- Former high school teacher, TF North and Rockford East
- Current Director, All God's Children Preschool



**Judith Koch:** "As a Library Trustee, I was privileged to be a part of the building of the new exterior of the library building as well as the transformation of the library interior, parking lot, and landscaping."



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Our friend Steve Lydell! (7-10:00pm)

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# Political events keep Lansing voters informed

## Larry Thomas at Lynnies Ques

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 21, 2019) - Larry Thomas Jr. hosted his first campaign event as an Independent candidate for Village Trustee on February 21 at Lynnies Ques in Lansing. The three-hour event was largely informal as the 10-year Lansing resident focused primarily on personal interactions with attendees. Approximately 45 people filtered in and out throughout the evening, most of whom were Lansing residents eager to support Thomas, learn more about him, or both.

Challenged by three candidates of the Village Voice Party—Lansing's sole political party—Thomas does not have the same system of support in place as his competition, but is confident that his network of connections and his unique outlook on village issues will influence voters to vote for him.

### DIVERSE IDEAS

"I would love to bring more diversity to [the Village Board of Trustees]," said Thomas during a short speech. "We need more innovative ideas; we need things to not be so stagnant in Lansing." Thomas is 20 years younger than most current Board members.

Lansing resident Gloria Biondi is also excited by the racial diversity Thomas would bring to the Village Board, where six white trustees currently serve. "I like the idea that we have a black candidate because we have a racially mixed community, and I've always been an activist in these areas," she explained.

### ENHANCING LANSING

Thomas has emphasized during his campaign that he doesn't want to change Lansing so much as "enhance" it, saying, "My whole campaign, everything I want to do is all about making Lansing better. I don't want to change Lansing—I don't want to do anything different in Lansing. All I want is for Lansing to become better."

### REACHING YOUTH

His message struck a chord with six-year Lansing resident Chester Kidd, who came to the event to meet Thomas for the first time and is excited by the candidate's experience working with younger residents. Kidd said, "Quite often, we have a lot of young people who are overlooked or dismissed...and I think we should give young people every chance possible to improve not only their lives but [older residents'] lives."

Cara Aljoe, who has lived in Lansing for a year and worked with Thomas on a podcast, is optimistic about his future on the Village Board: "It's amazing to see him go from just talking about it and doing the work to now actually being out there and wanting to lead with the city. ...I think Larry will really be about [the residents]."

### "I WORK FOR YOU"

Thomas concluded his speech, in part, with the following: "I would love if all of us could come out on April 2nd and do the most important thing that you can do—which is vote. Anything that you all feel I need to know so that I can make your life better and make Lansing better—you guys let me know. I work for you."

## Village Voice Party at Troost

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (February 25, 2019) - The Lansing Village Voice Party recently hosted an evening event at Troost Coffee & Tea, offering Lansing residents an opportunity to meet their three Trustee candidates, hear their platform, and ask questions before the April 2 election. About a dozen Lansing residents and supporters gathered to interact with candidates Saad Abbasy, Mike Fish, and Jerry Zeldenrust. Lansing's Mayor Patty Eidam was also in attendance to show support for her party candidates.

After an introductory welcome from Trustee candidate Saad Abbasy, the three candidates shared their personal experiences living and working in Lansing

and also their goals if elected. Current Trustee and 2019 Trustee candidate Jerry Zeldenrust spoke about the Village Voice Party's goal to give "voice" to everybody in Lansing. He pointed out that the Village Voice Party kept their 2017 campaign promises: to repave roads, to fix sidewalks, to bring back the Santa Claus House, and to create the Human Relations Commission. Mike Fish spoke of his history of commitment to Lansing through his tenure with Public Works and his community service, and he shared his interest in helping Lansing seniors and in improving technology in the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. Saad Abbasy believes his current job in financial regulation, which involves working as a fraud examiner, will help him as a Trustee to look at issues with a critical eye.

Afterwards, the three candidates took questions from the audience.

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

A couple of Lansing residents shared suggestions and concerns about economic growth in Lansing. One commented, "I'd like to hear some specifics on how you plan on attracting businesses, and what type of businesses you are trying to attract."



Independent Village Board Trustee candidate Larry Thomas Jr. chats with supporters during his February 21 event at Lynnies Ques. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

Zeldenrust responded that with a full slate of 2019 events planned, Fox Pointe will be an economic hub for Lansing with future business opportunities. Abbasy added that the Village has tax incentives they can use to court the kinds of businesses that will attract more businesses. He mentioned a couple of big-name hotels—one of them Hilton—that have shown interest in Lansing. He also added that having successful businesses in town and promoting them shows prospective businesses that there's a customer base willing to

spend money. Fish mentioned the importance of Torrence Avenue as a route to Fox Pointe and how the current Village Board has plans to fix up and beautify the Torrence corridor. Zeldenrust added that they envision attracting upscale stores with adequate parking using TIF districts and Class 8 tax incentives.

### LANSING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Another resident asked if there were plans to revitalize the airport. Zeldenrust explained that previously the airport had leases on all of the buildings with county lease taxes that no one was paying. He said it took some paperwork, but they had the lease taxes removed from all but one property, and the arrangements are now concessions. They hope to get the Ford Hangar out of FAA control so that the Ford Hangar Foundation can revitalize the structure and turn it into an asset for Lansing. Midwest Aerospace is the airport's fixed base operator that fixes planes, handles the full-service fuel, and caters to the pilots.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

A fourth resident brought up environmental concerns, mentioning a Lansing school that does not have recycling program. Abbasy encouraged her to communicate her concerns to the School Board. He added that the Village recently worked with Homewood Disposal to offer an e-waste program, and that although the Village may not be able to address every environmental concern, they can be a resource for finding solutions.

### RESIDENTIAL CONCERNS

Another resident expressed a concern about rental properties in Lansing that are not being properly maintained, and asked how the Village intends to promote homeownership and beautification in the town. Zeldenrust explained that the Village administration had, until recently, held a partnership with South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority to take over titles, fix properties up, and sell them, but they became disillusioned when they saw that renovations were superficial, houses were more likely rented than sold, and renters were not invested in the upkeep. So the Village recently cut ties with South Suburban Land

Bank and started an in-house program wherein Administrator Dan Podgorski will work with his contacts in real estate and with the Village Attorney to seek titles and demolish dilapidated properties or sell them to contractors with specific criteria for rejuvenation. Abbasy added that as Trustee, he would like to explore an incentive program for first-time home buyers in Lansing to promote homeownership in Lansing. He also feels there is a need to encourage the administration to increase code enforcement and go after repeat offenders of code violations.

## All four candidates at Lansing Public Library—March 12

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 2019) - In preparation for Early Voting (which begins March 18) and Election Day (April 2), the Lansing public will have an opportunity to meet all four candidates who are running for the three spots on the Village Board. Beginning at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 12, the Lansing Public Library will host its sixth candidate forum.

### AN ELECTION-YEAR TRADITION

The Lansing Public Library's first Candidate Forum was in 2009, when four mayoral candidates and six trustee candidates were vying for votes. Library Director Debbie Albrecht, who considers the library a community center rather than simply a book museum, invited all 10 candidates that year to share their campaign platforms, and she invited the community to attend, listen, and submit questions. Thus began a tradition that Albrecht has maintained for every election year since. In most years, the library forum is the only opportunity for Lansing voters to meet all their options and compare them side by side.

Albrecht will give each candidate two minutes for introductory remarks, and she will ask one or two general questions for all four candidates to answer, but the



Village Voice Party candidate Saad Abbasy (right) chats with supporters during the party's February 25 event at Troost. (Photo: Jennifer Yos)

rest of the evening will be a "meet and greet," during which attendees can approach specific candidates individually with questions one-on-one. The entire event is only an hour, so the candidates are carefully considering what information to highlight in their two-minute opening statements,

and what questions might be posed from audience members. (A list of sample questions appears in the online version of this article. Use "Library Forum" in the search field at [www.thelansingjournal.com](http://www.thelansingjournal.com).)

### YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE

The four Trustee candidates bring two complementary assets—youth and experience—to the municipal election ballot. All four have lengthy resumés showcasing a variety of relevant experience, in Lansing and beyond. The two youngest candidates, Abbasy (34) and Thomas (35), have related to the needs of young families, young businesses, and young people getting involved in community. At 65 and 55, Fish and Candidate Jerry Zeldenrust are both retired, with decades of service to established Lansing organizations.

### VOTER PREPARATION

Albrecht says the March 12 forum is a good way to conduct voter research. "It's a hard choice," she said about this year's candidates. "I'll be curious to see if we get a good crowd at the event."

Typically the library forums have drawn 100 people or more, and Albrecht would love to see even higher attendance, but she recognizes that voter interest declines in years when it's not a mayoral race.

The Lansing Public Library is located at 2750 Indiana Avenue in Lansing, Illinois. The opportunity to meet the four candidates running for Village Trustee is Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30pm in the stage area on the upper level.

# A chronology of the Fox Pointe contract controversy

## Trustee discussion, Google results, a case of pneumonia, and public comment

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (February 6, 2019) – An item on the February 5 Committee of the Whole agenda read, “CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SPONSORSHIPS – SINCLAIR SOLUTIONS LTD.” That item was part of a series of events that generated questions and concerns from Lansing residents and members of the business community. The Lansing Journal reported on the events in our daily online edition. The timeline below provides a summary of those articles and additional events.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 12:00PM

Mayor Eidam goes home with pneumonia.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 4:35PM

Agendas for the February 5 Board meetings are distributed. The Lansing Journal receives the agendas via email, and Lansing Trustees receive the agendas in the Board packets they pick up from Village Hall. The February 5 Board packets also include a January 22 letter and bio from Dwight Welch, and a proposed contract from Sinclair Solutions dated January 14.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7:00PM

Village Trustees discuss the Sinclair Solutions contract at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Village Administrator Dan Podgorski explains, “We’ve reached out to Sinclair Solutions, who has experience in running a venue and also in seeking sponsorships.” Podgorski also explains that “Sinclair Solutions” is Dwight Welch, the former Mayor of Country Club Hills, which also has a concert venue comparable to Fox Pointe. Podgorski proposes that the Trustees vote to approve this contract at the February 19 meeting of the Board.

Podgorski suggests that Welch’s experience would benefit Lansing as the Village works to transform Fox Pointe into a premiere venue that brings visitors, entertainment, and revenue to town. After reading parts of the contract out loud, he opens the floor for questions.

“I’ve got a lot of questions,” says Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich. “I think 20 percent is a lot of money to be giving to someone who worked on a venue that is reportedly still losing money in Country Club Hills.”

Grady-Perovich had also done a quick Google search of Dwight Welch, which revealed a number of news reports from reputable organizations detailing a history of fiscal irresponsibility by the former mayor. Some reports include references to his management of the Country Club Hills venue, like the Chicago Tribune’s Daily Southtown 2016 article, which states: “The theater, just east of city hall at 4200 W. 183rd St., hasn’t hosted a performance since the 2013 season, shuttered after tallying multimillion-dollar losses in its first few years of operation.”

At the meeting and in a follow-up conversation, Trustee Brian Hardy speaks in Welch’s defense. Hardy had met Welch several times and was impressed with his charisma and ideas and apparent connections. “He thinks big,” says Hardy. “He’s dynamic. He knows people.” Hardy suggests that Welch might be able to bring in five- or six-figure sponsorships from sources outside of Lansing—Budweiser, Miller Lite, and State Farm, for example.

Hardy says Welch had also intimated that he could bring bigger acts to Lansing’s Fox Pointe venue—names like Diana Ross and Buddy Guy—rather than relying only on local talent.

Asked about reports that the Country Club Hills venue has lost millions of dollars, Hardy says, “I don’t think you can blame those losses on Dwight.” Hardy believes Welch did his job, bringing in big names and big sponsors, and if people don’t come to the shows, that’s not the fault of the manager. Hardy believes Lansing can avoid the problems Country Club Hills experienced, even using the same fundraising manager they used. He wants to give Welch a chance.

“We’re not giving him an open checkbook,” Hardy says. “I do not want him getting any money until he produces.”

“There’s no cost upfront to us,” Podgorski says at the meeting. “I’m comfortable recommending him as a Director of Sponsorships.”

Also at the meeting, Hardy says, “If he’s not doing his job, we can get rid of him.” But Grady-Perovich points out a clause that Podgorski had not read out loud: “...exclusive right to create, provide, and sell all sponsorships for Fox Pointe Theater owned by Village of Lansing, Illinois, for a five-year period starting with this contract approval.”

Village Attorney Matt Welch (no relation) assures Grady-Perovich that this was just sample language providing a guideline for the business terms. At the February 5 meeting, Attorney Welch says he had reached out to Dwight Welch and is working on a more detailed agreement.

“I’d like to see the real contract and where we’re going with it before I would venture to vote,” says Grady-Perovich.

Besides Hardy and Grady-Perovich, Trustee Tony DeLaurentis is the only other Board member to share his thoughts on the matter, and he also notes positive personal interactions with Welch.

At the end of the discussion, it is agreed that the final contract with Sinclair Solutions will be included in the Board packets for the February 19 meetings, so that the Trustees can vote on it at the February 19 Board meeting.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The Lansing Journal reports on the February 5 Board meeting in an article titled, “Concerns raised about proposed Fox Pointe contract with former mayor of Country Club Hills.”

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Mayor Eidam, working from home while she completes her recovery from pneumonia, directs the Administration “not to pursue any type of contract with Sinclair Solutions, Ltd., whose principal is Dwight Welch.”



### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

“I never saw the February 5 Board packet because I was out of the office already by then,” says Mayor Eidam via phone call with The Lansing Journal on her 14th day at home on doctor’s orders. “If I had, it wouldn’t have been on the [February 5] agenda.”

Eidam explains that when she began checking voicemail and email early in the week, she asked Communications Director Ken Reynolds to bring a copy of the February 5 packet to her home. She conducted her own research on the matter of Dwight Welch and his proposed contract with the Village of Lansing, and she arrived at the conclusion that this would not be a good fit for Fox Pointe.

During this same phone call, Eidam also confirms that Lansing does want to find someone who has a background in corporate sponsorships to help generate revenue at Fox Pointe, but there is no specific deadline for filling that role.

The Mayor also clarifies that Tony Troncozo’s role as Director of Fox Pointe will be to recruit and schedule entertainment for the venue, not sponsorships. The roles are related inasmuch as sponsors will be attracted to the venue because of the quality of acts it can retain, but different networks and skills are required for each.

The Lansing Journal conveys the above in an article titled, “Fox Pointe sponsorships will not be on February 19 agenda.”

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Mayor Eidam returns to the office following her illness.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

The municipal offices are closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents Day, and Mayor Eidam resumes her regular work schedule on Tuesday—including presiding over the Village Board meeting. There is no Committee of the Whole meeting that night. The topic of Fox Pointe sponsorships is not on the Board agenda, but it comes up during Public Comment. Lansing resident Mary Beth Palka, the fourth of seven people to offer a comment, says, “I’m a little concerned that no one’s vetting some of the riffraff that’s being presented. And when I say ‘riffraff,’ there isn’t anybody worse for this village than [Dwight] Welch.” Palka also refers to a January 15 business proposition, this one by John Terzakis, who has also faced legal and financial troubles, as reported by Crain’s Chicago Business. The Trustees had considered partnering with him to redevelop the former Kmart property near Torrence and Bernice. Palka berates the Board: “You Trustees work for us. And I don’t feel people are safeguarding the funds of this village to want to do business with those two. Shame on you for not doing your job.” She does not receive a response from the Board, and further public comments move on to other topics.

Meetings of the Village Board are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Agendas for the meetings are posted in advance, and the public is welcome to attend. Meetings take place at the Municipal Court Complex (Lansing Police Department), 2710 170th Street.



“I created and built a 2000 seat outdoor theater in Country Club Hills in 2006. With hard work and proper sponsor packages we produced over 250 acts nationally and locally recognized,” said Dwight Welch in a January 22 letter to Mayor Eidam. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

# 5 things most people don't know about the Lansing Area Chamber

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

## 1. THE LANSING AREA CHAMBER IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE IN THE REGION.

The Lansing Area Chamber has about 200 members—roughly 25 percent of the businesses and other organizations in Lansing join each year. But what makes the Lansing Chamber distinctive, says Director Amy Todd, is how involved the members are. Each month the Chamber offers either an after-hours networking event or a lunch-and-learn educational presentation—and attendance at events is typically 40–50 members. This kind of involvement is what makes the Chamber thrive, says Todd: “We can put on all kinds of events and offer all kinds of tools, but if people don't participate, they won't get anything out of the Chamber.” Todd credits the Lansing business community for making the Lansing Area Chamber a success, because they are “people who want to network, get together, share ideas, and try to get business from each other.”

## 2. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BUSINESS TO BENEFIT FROM THE LANSING AREA CHAMBER.

Members of the Lansing Area Chamber include schools, churches, the Lan-Oak Park District, nonprofit organizations, and government employees. Because the members are so active, all types of organizations benefit from the connections they make at Chamber events. For example, at the February Business After Hours event, representatives from LARC were able to make new contacts who might be interested in attending or sponsoring their Annual Appreciation Dinner, a

Lansing tradition. And the March Chamber luncheon at JJ Kelley's will feature a presentation by Kevin Kaminski of Edward Jones, who will share information about retirement financial planning.

## 3. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ORGANIZATION TO BENEFIT FROM THE LANSING AREA CHAMBER.

Of course, a thriving business community helps the community at large, but the Lansing Area Chamber also hosts special events and programs that directly benefit residents. “We do a lot for the business community, but we also do a lot for the residents,” says Todd. Events that people might not realize are run by the Lansing Area Chamber include:

- Good Neighbor Day Parade
- LOOP Bike Ride
- Family Giving Program—school backpacks
- Family Giving Program—Christmas gifts

## 4. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO BENEFIT FROM THE LANSING AREA CHAMBER

All Chamber events are open to anyone who wants to attend. One of the member benefits is discounted pricing for events where a registration fee is required, but other networking events are free, and they're still open to anyone. Todd encourages nonmembers to attend and get a sense of the kinds of people and businesses in Lansing, and she's honest about her

motivation: “I think they'll become members once they experience our events and see what we have going on.” For example, at Business After Hours events, she says, “A LOT of business cards get passed around.”

## 5. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN LANSING TO BENEFIT FROM THE LANSING AREA CHAMBER.

Todd has built relationships with Chambers from neighboring villages, and she offers discounted rates to members of those Chambers who want to join the Lansing Area Chamber. (Those Chambers also reciprocate if Lansing businesses want to join their Chamber.) The January lunch event was hosted by the Glenwood Country Club, a new member. Todd mentioned that Gabe's Restaurant in Glenwood also recently joined.

More information about membership, benefits, and upcoming events is available from the Lansing Area Chamber:

- Website: [chamberoflansing.com](http://chamberoflansing.com)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/lansingareachamber](https://facebook.com/lansingareachamber)
- Email: [director@chamberoflansing.com](mailto:director@chamberoflansing.com)
- Phone: 708-474-4170



At the February Business After Hours event, businesses, nonprofits, School Boards, the Village Board, and the Park Board were all represented. (Chamber selfie by Amy Todd)

**nartoon** by Jim Siergey

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Artist Jim Siergey is sharing works from his *nart* series as individual nartoons in The Lansing Journal. Visit his work on display at Promise You Art House (8830 Kennedy Avenue, Highland) through April 6. Hours and other details are available at [www.pyarthouse.com](http://www.pyarthouse.com).

## District 215 introduces delayed start schedule option

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 2, 2019) – In an effort to “minimize loss of instruction” while maintaining the safety of students and staff during inclement weather, Superintendent Teresa Lance and the District 215 School Board have created a delayed start schedule. This is an option that can be implemented instead of taking a whole snow day, for example. Delaying the start of school by two hours can give snow plows a chance to clear roads—and families a chance to clear their own driveways and make adjustments to their work and childcare schedules—without sacrificing an entire school day.

In a February 20 letter to District 215 constituents, Superintendent Lance explained what a delayed start schedule would look like:

- Period 0: Canceled
  - Breakfast: 9:45–10:20am
  - Period 1: 10:25–11:00am
  - Period 2: 11:05–11:45am
  - Period 3: 11:50am–12:30pm
  - Period 4: 12:35–1:15pm
  - Period 5: 1:20–2:00pm
  - Period 6: 2:05–2:45pm
  - Period 7: 2:50–3:25pm
- Other logistics are also impacted

by a delayed start:

- Students who ride buses would report to their bus stops two hours later than normal.
- Students whose schedules provide for travel to or from the Center for Academics and Technology will remain at their home campuses the entire day, reporting to their respective libraries for CTE classes.
- Freshman Academy students and Center for Alternative Learning students will also begin two hours later than normal.

Lance assures families that if a delayed start schedule or full closure is required, she will communicate as soon as possible, and never later than 5:00am on the day of. Notifications will be sent out via phone, social media, the district website, and [emergencyclosings.com](http://emergencyclosings.com).

“We do not take school closure decisions lightly,” said Lance in her letter to constituents, “because we understand they create inconveniences for many families and require making up days at the end of the year.” Lance is hoping the delayed start option will mitigate the impact of inclement weather on the District 215 community.

# Lansing Police Department's K9 Officer Rico to receive donation of body armor

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

LANSING, Ill. (February 19, 2019) – The nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. will donate a bullet and stab protective vest to Lansing Police Department's K9 Officer Rico. The vest is sponsored by Officer Collin Rose Memorial Foundation and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In honor of Axe EOW 11/04/18 & Collin Rose EOW 11/23/16." Delivery is expected within 8–10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA, whose mission is to provide protective gear and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided

\$5.7 million dollars' worth of gear—3,300 protective vests in 50 states through private and corporate donations.

The program is open to certified dogs who are at least 20 months of age and actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950.00. Each vest weighs 4–5 lbs. and has a value of \$1,744–\$2,283 and a five-year warranty.

An estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s serve throughout the United States. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities with Vested Interest in K9s, call 508-824-6978.



Above: Officer Keith Haan (standing) is LPD's K9 officer, partnered with Officer Rico, a Belgian Malinois, a breed known for its intelligence, hard work, and loyalty to its owner. Rico is a multi-purpose police dog whose skills include sniffing out drugs and apprehending fleeing suspects. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Left: In addition to patrol duties, assisting with search warrants, and tracking offenders in Lansing, Officer Haan and K9 Rico often give demonstrations in the community. Last year they were invited to the Grand Opening of the Paws 'n Play Dog Park, and Rico showed how he apprehends suspects. He is trained to bite and hold until a human officer arrives to place the suspect in custody.

This helps ensure that the suspect will not suffer multiple bite wounds while being apprehended. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

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# OBITUARIES

## BROHOLM

A funeral service for Kenneth A. Broholm was held Monday, March 4, 2019, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Martin Dobrzynski officiating.

Mr. Broholm was born April 29, 1935, and passed away February 28, 2019. Husband of Margaret Broholm (nee Raab). Father of Kenneth (Lisa) Broholm and Denise (Robert) Briggs. Grandfather of five; great-grandfather of four. Brother of Donald (Jean) Broholm, late Elmer "Bud" (Dorothy) Broholm, late Janet Horner, and the late Roger Broholm.

Interment was private. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

## MCGRORY

A Memorial Mass for John F. McGrory was held on March 2, 2019, at St. Michael Church with Rev. Geoffrey Andama officiating.

Mr. McGrory was born September 23, 1942, and died February 25, 2019. He was the husband of the late Judith; father of Daniel (Cathy) McGrory, Nancy (Bill) Grabs, and the late Jack McGrory; grandfather of Daniel, Tyler, and Caitlyn McGrory, and James, Anthony, and Jack Grabs; brother of Anna, Joan, Madeliene, Carmel, Marie, Daniel, Loretta, Michael,

Sharon, the late Dolores, Helen, Pauline and Patricia

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

## POWERS

A funeral service for Thomas J. Powers Jr., will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Ron Kondziolka officiating.

Mr. Powers was born November 9, 1941, and passed away March 1, 2019. Husband of Cynthia Powers (nee Wydajewski). Father of Jill (Lee) Murr, Lori Powers, Janet (Rick) Cox, Tracy (Tim) Sarver, and Susan (Tim) Maslanka. Grandfather of 13. Brother of Eileen Warren; Brother-in-law of Connie (Harvey) Mazur and Nancy (Jerry) Seida.

Interment will be at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, IL. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

## VAN KLEY

A funeral service for Paul J. Van Kley, was held Monday, March 4, 2019, at First Reformed Church in South Holland, IL with Rev. Dr. Richard Grevengoed officiating.

Mr. Van Kley was born December 20, 1935, and passed away February 28, 2019. Husband of the late Karen Van Kley (nee Faber). Father of Pearl (Harold) Koning, Paul

(Janet) Van Kley, Susan (Mark Evans) Van Kley, Maria Van Kley, and Betsy (Will) Neibert. Grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of three. Brother of Gerald (late Judith) Van Kley and E. Robert (Joni) Van Kley.

Interment was at Oakland Memory Lanes, Dolton, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

## VERMEULEN

A funeral service for Anna Vermeulen (nee Lanting) will be held Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Lansing, IL with Rev. Cal Aardsma and Rev. Mark Prestriedge officiating.

Mrs. Vermeulen was born November 30, 1936, and passed away March 1, 2019. Wife of Robert Vermeulen. Mother of H. Michael (Gail) Vermeulen, Beverly (Bart) Zandstra, David (Suzanne) Vermeulen, and Pamela (Jack) Swets. Grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of 21. Sister of the late Gilbert Lanting, Ed (Marcie) Lanting, the late Matilda (late George) Zandstra, and Carol (Ray) Wise. Sister-in-law of Jerry (Carol Stack) Vermeulen, Joe (late Myra, late Kay) Vermeulen, Janet (Gary) Heneveld, and Ken (Sylvia) Vermeulen.

Interment will be at Skyline Memorial Park Cemetery, Monee, IL. Arrangements are entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home, South Holland, IL.

# Thornton Township honors current excellence during Black History Month

## Keynote speaker: Melody Winston of Golden Eagle Aviation

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THORNTON TOWNSHIP

THORNTON TOWNSHIP, ILL. (February 22, 2019) - Embracing our Current History of Black Excellence was the theme of this year's Thornton Township Black History Month event. Taking place at its Youth and Family Service Department in Riverdale, the program featured Melody Winston, vice president of Golden Eagle Aviation, a fixed base operation (FBO) that specializes in jet charters, jet maintenance, and fuel services.

Winston was actually born on the Seymour Johnson Air Force base in North Carolina where her father was a Top Gun fighter pilot. She has parlayed that early familiarity with aviation into a varied career path, creating opportunities for others along the way. In 2012, Winston and a colleague co-founded Legacy Flight Academy, an annual aviation summer camp for teens interested in aviation. The Legacy Flight Academy is located in Tuskegee, Alabama. She invites others to visit the camp website to see "more ways to give back": [www.LegacyFlightAcademy.org](http://www.LegacyFlightAcademy.org).

In addition to her professional involvement in the aviation industry, Winston is a seasoned commercial real estate investor. She began her career serving as a realtor with one of Chicago's most prestigious realty companies. Her success in that arena led to more than a decade of managing commercial properties, as well as owning and operating Golden Eagle Construction Company as a licensed general contractor. She is currently executive director of Corporate Property Assets for Living Word Christian Center, where she manages the organization's multimillion dollar portfolio of assets.

Her latest accomplishment with the Forest Park Plaza is a deal that she played a vital role in brokering to secure a new alternative independent grocery concept, named Living Fresh Market.

"She is an intelligent, innovative, entrepreneurial, game-changing influencer," said Dr. J.L. Weems, director of the youth and family services department. "She has the motivation and energy to inspire generations young and old."

## PREVIOUS HONOREES

In previous years, Thornton Township has featured internationally-known civil right activist and author Dick Gregory, and last year the Township rented out



"Excellence is not an event, it is a lifestyle," says Melody Winston on her LinkedIn profile. That concept made her a fitting choice to keynote this year's Black History Month celebration in Thornton Township: "Embracing our Current History of Black Excellence." (Photos provided)



two showings of *Black Panther* at Lansing Cinema 8. *Black Panther* was the highest grossing North American film in 2018.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

This year's entertainment included the Najwaa Dance Group, an African dance entertainment. And students from District #205 performed songs and spoken words. The event was catered by Lansing restaurant Ooo Wee Chicken & Ribs (18155 Roy Street). A five-minute video highlighted current local and national figures.

"This year we focused on the incredible people who are changing our world right now," said Ernst Lamothe Jr., communication manager for Thornton Township. "There are so many wonderful people who are currently doing great things for our community now, we thought it was important to honor them."

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Sunday School.....11:00am  
Evening Worship.....5:00pm

# Crosby Clippers will Rock the Bald at JJ Kelley's St. Baldrick's fundraiser

## For \$25,000 in donations, Laurie Crosby will go bald

BY ERNST LAMOTHE JR.

LANSING, Ill. (March 2, 2019) - The numbers are staggering. Each year, the parents of about 15,300 kids will hear the words "Your child has cancer," according to the Childhood Cancer Statistics.

Laurie Crosby was one of those parents. Twelve years ago, she had to hear that her 10-year-old son Josh was diagnosed with leukemia. It's a diagnosis that several decades ago would have been a death sentence.

"He would have had no shot, and it would have been devastating," said Crosby, of Lansing. "But there has been so much research that continues to grow that helped save my son. We wouldn't have been where we are today if not for them."

In connection with St. Baldrick's Foundation, JJ Kelley's Restaurant and Pub, 2455 Bernice Road in Lansing, will host a Rock the Bald fundraiser to conquer childhood cancers, from 12:00-6:00pm on Saturday, March 16.

"We have known Laurie, Josh, and the family since he was diagnosed, and we have all become good friends," said JoEllyn Kelley, owner of JJ Kelley's. "I just thought, wouldn't it be great to do something in Lansing and get the community involved? It was something that I was passionate about."

Kelly, Crosby, and a group of others who are helping to organize the event recruited various members of the Lansing community—police officers, library workers, Public Works officials, and other citizens to agree to shave their heads that day. So far it is more than 15 people.

"We have some great people in Lansing who are

so giving and just want to support each other," said Kelley.

Bringing any kind of awareness to cancer is essential. Cancer occurs when normal cells transform, grow, and spread too fast, forming tumors. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer- and donor-powered charity dedicated to raising money for lifesaving childhood cancer research. Since the foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005, St. Baldrick's has funded more than \$258 million to support childhood cancer research experts. Because of that research, many children survive the diagnosis. Worldwide, a child is diagnosed every two minutes.

Josh was diagnosed with leukemia, which is a cancer of the body's blood-forming tissues, including the bone marrow and the lymphatic system. Leukemia usually involves the white blood cells, which are essential and potent infection fighters. In people with leukemia, the bone marrow produces abnormal white blood cells, which don't function properly.

Crosby could soon be showing even more support. If her son's team, the Crosby Clippers, raises \$25,000, Laurie's locks will leave her head.

"I guess it was time to my head on the line," added Crosby, whose daughter Alyson, 25, has previously shaved her hair. Son Jack, 17, will shave this year after his teacher, Mary Henry, died of cancer.



Laurie Crosby and her son Josh are fighting cancer together. Both will participate in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at JJ Kelley's on March 16. (Photo provided)

"While I'm not sure I am going to be happy being bald," said Crosby, "it will be worth it. There have been so many people who showed support to Josh over the years. This is my small way of showing my appreciation for the many brave people. I am so thankful, and everyone has been incredible and amazing."

## Fox Pointe Director Tony Troncozo shares 2019 plans

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (February 25, 2019) - The Village of Lansing has big plans set and in the making for Fox Pointe's 2019 summer schedule of musical entertainment and events. Newly hired Director of Fox Pointe Tony Troncozo says they are planning for an "aggressive" 2019 schedule. "What we have [planned] right now is a Wednesday concert series that will be like a concert-in-the-park. You bring your blanket, you bring your chairs, you sit down...and we'll have a kitchen with full concessions, and we will also have drink for people."

Troncozo has booked a variety of local musical acts for the Wednesday Concert Series, including rock, country, Latin, and reggae bands. "We're going to mix it up and have a little bit of something for everyone. Hopefully people will come to one, and want to come the next week—even if it's not their favorite music—just to have the atmosphere and be out there in the summer. We haven't had anything like that in a long time."

The Wednesday concert series will run full summer with a total of 13 concerts, starting the Wednesday after Memorial Day and ending the Wednesday before Labor Day, with the exception of the July 3rd Wednesday, so as not to conflict with Fourth of July activities. Free to the general public, the Wednesday Concert Series will take place

from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. People may arrive earlier if they like, and concessions will be available before and during the concerts.

In addition to the Wednesday Concert Series, Troncozo says they are planning a food truck festival, a two-day blues festival, and a craft beer fest. For August or September he hopes to have a couple of national acts in place. Troncozo also says he expects to have a Fox Pointe website up and running by April to announce and detail upcoming events and to sell tickets online for ticketed events.

Troncozo, who was hired for the full time position of Director of Fox Pointe in December of 2018, has 30 years' experience in sound and stage production and in booking talent and promoting shows in the Chicago suburbs and Northwest Indiana. Recently married, Troncozo currently lives in Highland, Indiana, but has lived in and around the Lansing area for a good part of his life. Shortly after graduating from TF South in 1984, he explains, he moved to California, where he played as a band musician



Tony Troncozo, Director of Fox Pointe (Photo: Jennifer Yos)

first and then did some production work for KTLA. He eventually moved back to Lansing and in 1997 started his own production company, Gerard Audio.

Troncozo has helped LACE with every Autumn Fest since its inception. In the years before the Fox Pointe venue was built, he brought the stage and the generator for the Fest. He also ran sound and stage for the last four Lansing Fests at the Knights of Columbus from 1999 to 2002, and he has worked at the St. Thomas More Festival in Munster, Indiana, for 13 years. He has worked in sound and stage production for Lansing's JJ Kelley's for 25 years, for Crest Hill's Bada Brew for 12 years, and for Palatine's Dirty Nellies for 11 years.

According to Troncozo, his job description at Fox Pointe is to get Fox Pointe up and running for community events, to help LACE with Autumn Fest, and to book entertainment and the festivals. "If somebody wants to have an event, they will come through me, and I will explain how everything works and what our usage policy is and rental agreement. We can do corporate events, company picnics, maybe even weddings at some point." Troncozo will continue to assist LACE with Autumn Fest and

possibly with future Cruise Nights. He welcomes requests from all community groups—the library, Visible Music College, the schools, Lions Club, LARC, and Copper Muggers, to name a few. He also is open to submissions from musical talent for consideration for future Fox Pointe events. Troncozo can be reached at Lansing's Municipal Center: 708-895-7200.

Troncozo makes it clear that as Director of Fox Pointe, he will not be working alone. He will have an ongoing working relationship with the Village administration and Board, the Lansing Police Department, and Lansing Public Works. Plans for Fox Pointe continue to take shape as decisions about sponsorships, liquor licensing, and food vendor qualifications have been and will continue to be agenda items at Village Board meetings. A Fox Pointe usage policy and specific contract language are also being refined. The Village is currently seeking corporate sponsorships as well as applications from chefs who can provide a menu of signature fare for the Fox Pointe concessions.

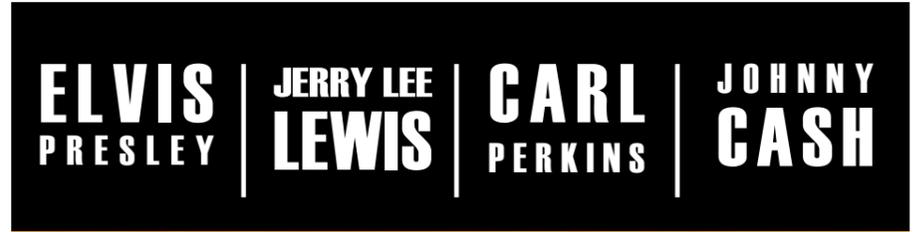
Troncozo hopes that together they will create a premier destination where both Lansing residents and visitors from out of town will return, invigorating downtown Lansing businesses. "We want them to know it's a safe, beautiful place that they can come to enjoy."

## Second Quarter Honor Roll at Marian Catholic includes 30 Lansing students

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, Ill. (February 28, 2019) – Marian Catholic High School (700 Ashland Avenue) released the following list of Lansing students who are included in the Second Quarter Honor Roll:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Leandra Cabrales | 11. Charles Gray      | 21. Andrea Roa     |
| 2. Michael Cap      | 12. Louis Gray        | 22. Ethan Roberts  |
| 3. Maya Correa      | 13. Theodore Gray     | 23. John Roe       |
| 4. Mia Dabrowski    | 14. Breion Hill       | 24. Lucas Seymour  |
| 5. Melina Duda      | 15. Kennedy House     | 25. Amaiya Torian  |
| 6. Kandis Fletcher  | 16. Christina Javorka | 26. Lysette Valdez |
| 7. Jack Foster      | 17. Alyssa Lulinski   | 27. Nasira Watts   |
| 8. Camille Fulks    | 18. Aidan McSwiggan   | 28. Sydney Wood    |
| 9. Yesenia Garcia   | 19. Kiernan McSwiggan | 29. Ryann Young    |
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# The Lansing Journal journeys –

The Lansing Journal Journeys is an ongoing feature that invites readers to submit photos of themselves in unique locations with The Lansing Journal.

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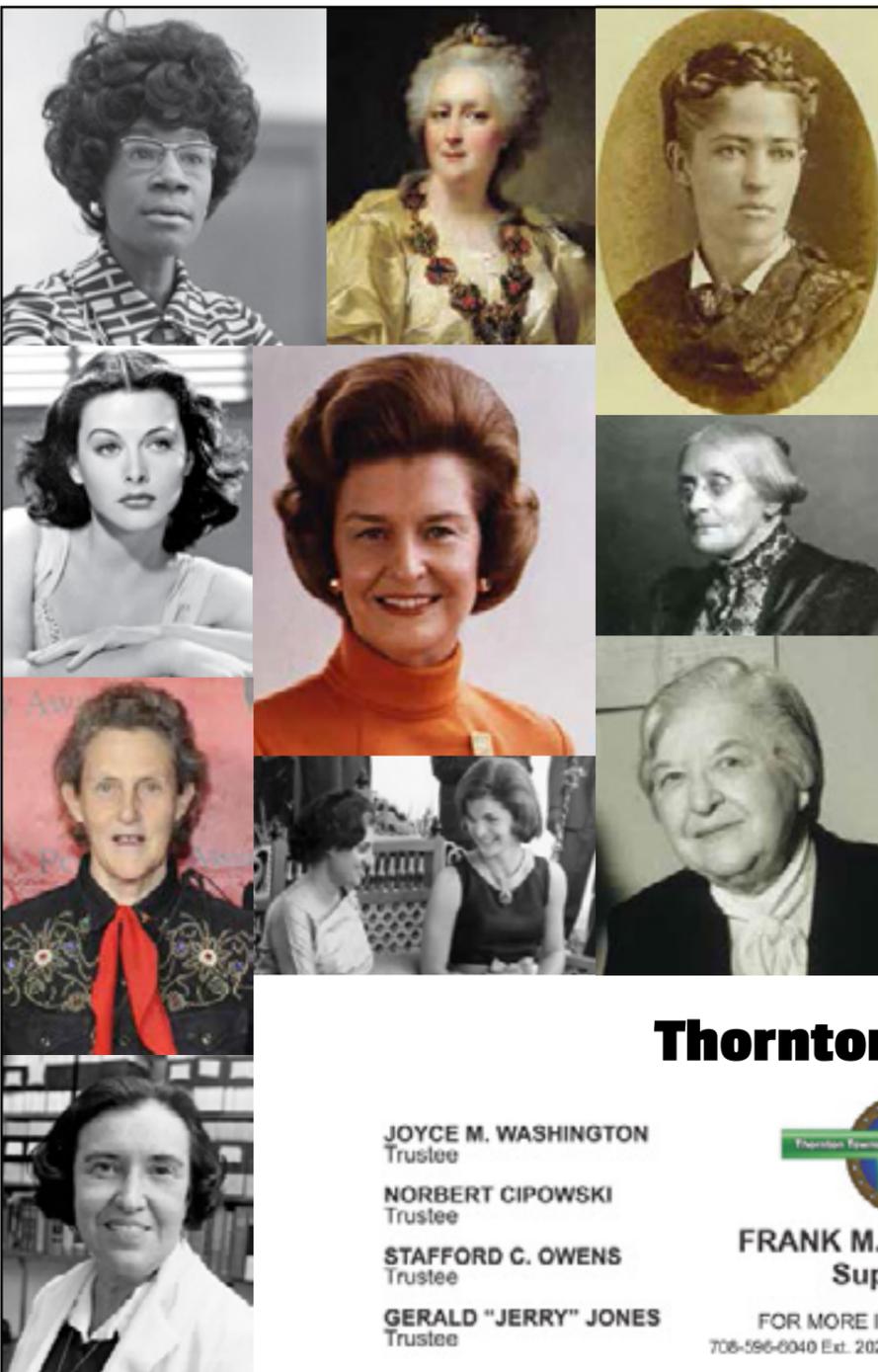
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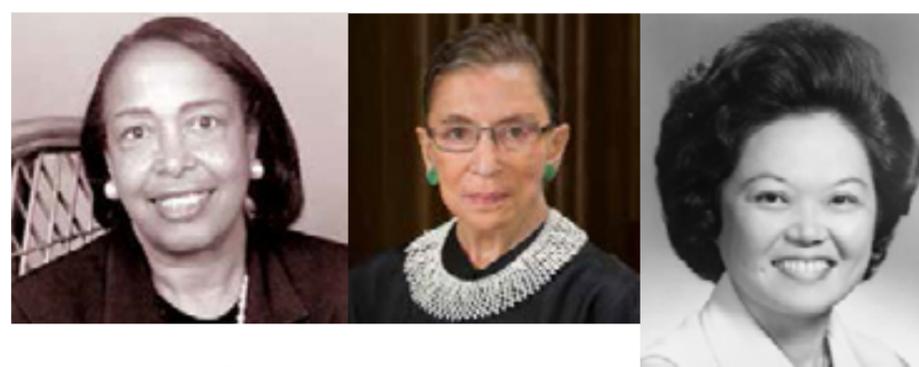
Alissa and Michael Bolz are enjoying their first Troost outing with their first baby (Michael Ezra), while displaying his baby announcement, which appeared in the first issue of 2019, which featured "A Year of Firsts" in Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Rod and Lauren Roeda brought The Lansing Journal on their vacation in Cozumel, Mexico, at the Sunscape Sabor Resort. The photo was taken by "Our new friend we met at the Resort! Mark Blackburn from Norwich, Norfolk, England."



# Women's History Month



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# to Mexico, Ireland, and local locations



Above: Village Trustee Candidate Larry Thomas (center) is also a member of the Lansing Lions Club, and he brought the February issue of The Lansing Journal—with his photo on the front page—to a recent meeting. “I think it’s important for people to give back to their community,” he says, “and that’s what the Lions are all about.” The Lansing Lions Club appreciates the youthful ideas and energy Thomas has brought to their programs, and they are eager to see him do the same for the Village Board. (Photo: Gene Williams)



Right: Allen and Patti Jongsma brought The Lansing Journal to Kilkenny Castle in Kilkenny, Ireland. “We’re in the library of the castle,” wrote Patti Jongsma. “Dad thought that would be appropriate for the Journal.” (Photo: Ken Jongsma)

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# Hungry for Hispanic cuisine? part 2

## Chimichangas, margaritas, fresh produce, ice cream, and more

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (March 3, 2019) - As we reported last month, in recent years Lansing has seen an increase in its Hispanic population, and as a result, our Hispanic dining options within the village have also increased. From Mexican restaurants to grocery stores and produce, these businesses offer authentic cuisine and fresh ingredients.

### EL BURRITO EXPRESS

El Burrito Express—at Burnham Avenue and

Bernice Road—has been open for eight years, serving a number of Mexican specialties. The De La Torre family lived in Chicago when they opened the restaurant, but they now reside in Lansing. “When we first came here, people were really welcoming,” said Moises De La Torre. “We had people who would come in all the time and tell us about the history of Lansing. Our customers are very friendly.”

Everyone in his immediate family has worked at the restaurant—his parents, brother, and sisters. Their mission is to serve up Mexican cuisine, and

while they also offer American food, like hamburgers, their most popular items by far are tacos, burritos, and chimichangas, “for those who like fried food.” Steak is the most requested meat.

Two years ago, the building was upgraded on the outside, and since then they’ve been making interior improvements little by little.

“Everything made here is made from scratch,” said De La Torre. “People love our red and green salsa, and some people come in just for that.” He said that customers are also fond of a carrot and pepper salad, similar to a giardiniera. The salad also includes cauliflower, jalapeño, onion, and garlic, and it is served as an appetizer while you wait for your food to be brought to your table.

“We’ve been consistent with our food, using quality ingredients, and we make sure it just keeps getting better,” said De La Torre. The restaurant is open daily for dine-in or carry-out, and they also offer catering for groups of 20 or more.

### MURILLO PRODUCE

When you dine at a Mexican restaurant in the area, it’s likely that you’re eating meat and produce supplied by Murillo Produce. Raymundo Murillo is a butcher and has been in the wholesale business for a long time. He is a supplier for several restaurants in the city and suburbs. In December, he opened Murillo Produce at 19261 Burnham Avenue, a mini market offering produce and groceries. In January a meat counter was added.

The opening of the store stemmed from Murillo making deliveries to Taqueria La Soga

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Left: “Our customers are very friendly,” says Moises De La Torre, of El Burrito Express—17400 Burnham Ave. Right: Raymond Murillo (left) and his son Daniel sell fresh produce and more at Murillo Produce—19261 Burnham Ave. (Photos: Carrie Steinweg)

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One thing that sets El Mariachi II apart is the large number of meats to choose from—beef, chicken, pork, steak, beef tongue, marinated pork (al pastor), or chorizo. The restaurant is located at 18331 Torrence Avenue. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)



Three Roosters will offer potato and cheese enchiladas as a special during Lent. The grocery store and restaurant—3224 171st Street—has been in the community for eight years. (Photo provided)

at 19267 Burnham. He noticed an empty storefront a couple doors down and asked if it was for rent. It was, and he moved forward in starting his own store.

Murillo Produce is a family operation. Because Murillo runs a wholesale business, he is able to offer high-quality produce at cheaper prices than large supermarkets. "We're little, but you can find everything you need here," he said. "It was a dream for me to try to build this. It's really hard, but the first year is going good, and people seem to like it."

He noted that some stores sell lower quality products to make more money, but quality is more important than profit to him. "We want people to be happy. And they come back because of the quality."

Besides typical produce you'd find in a larger supermarket, at Murillo Produce you can find more specialty ingredients for ethnic cooking—things like eggplant, dragon fruit, and fresh herbs.

Meat packages are available starting as low as \$9.99 for a pound of ground beef, chicken leg quarters, first-cut pork chops, or chicken drumsticks. Large packages are also available, up to \$299. You can also buy freshly-made tamales at the store.

**EL MARIACHI II**

The longest-running Mexican restaurant in Lansing is El Mariachi II on Torrence Avenue, which opened almost 19 years ago. It was a second location, following the original in Calumet City that opened 25 years ago and still exists. The owners of this family-owned eatery hope to open a third location in the next year, according to manager Jamie Ibarra.

Ibarra said that some of their most popular menu items are steak fajitas, enchilada suizas, carne asada, and steak tacos. They also offer fried

ice cream for dessert, and the restaurant now has a liquor license so patrons are able to enjoy a Mexican beer or margarita with their meal. "We have a little bit of everything, from tacos to good dinner plates," said Ibarra, "A lot of places say they're authentic, but they're not. Everything here is authentic and made from scratch."

Ibarra said one thing that sets the place apart is the large number of meats to choose from. "Some places will only do chicken flautas. We have more options," he said. Meat choices include beef, chicken, pork, steak, beef tongue, marinated pork (al pastor), or chorizo.

**THREE ROOSTERS**

Three Roosters is the market that has been in the community the longest. Manager Daisy

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Herrera said that after eight years in business, customers are like family. "Most who come in here we know by name," she said. "I've seen kids grow up coming in over the years. We hope to be around for a long time."

Even with so many Hispanic businesses now in Lansing, Herrera said there isn't really a competitive environment. With the size of Lansing and distance in between stores, she said people may tend to go to the closest one. "There's enough to go around," she said.

Located on the north end of town, on 171st Street, Three Roosters is a grocery with fresh produce and meat where you can also buy freshly-made hot food. Patrons can order to go or eat in the back of the store at one of the tables. The chefs make typical Mexican food like tacos, burritos, torts, and gorditas, but they also create daily specials. They plan to offer some vegetarian and seafood specials—like potato and cheese enchiladas—during the Lenten season.

Carne en su jugo is a popular item—a soup that includes beef, onions, whole pinto beans, bacon, and dried chili pepper—available daily and sold by the half gallon or the gallon. On weekends, the menu expands to include menudo, carnitas, and tamales. Herrera said they can also do special requests,

and pretty much anything from the butcher shop can be made into a meal.

"We've gotten a good response from our customers, and everything that is here is because they're buying it or they're requesting those items," said Herrera.

Tacos and tortas are best-sellers among the hot foods, and customers also like to create their own two-meat burritos. "It's like a Mexican Subway," said Herrera. "You can put whatever you want in them." Catering is also available.

## LA MICHOACANA

A couple doors west of Three Roosters you can satisfy your sweet tooth at La Michoacana. The Mexican ice cream shop has dozens of flavors of ice cream and paletas, which are Mexican popsicles made with chunks of fresh fruit. They also offer elotes (Mexican street corn) and walking tacos.

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Both Tacos and Burritos Rancho Grande locations are open daily and open late if you're having a late-night craving for a burrito, quesadilla, torta, or other Mexican specialty. They



In 2008, when renovations were being done to the building before Tacos and Burritos Rancho Grande opened, a brick wall was revealed that had a painted advertisement on it for Fox Deluxe Beer. Such ads were popular during the 1940s and 1950s. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

also serve a number of breakfast options.

If you dine in the Ridge Road store, check out the historic mural on the west brick wall, uncovered during building renovations. The owners restored it, and it's a unique historic and artistic feature of the dining room.

Owner Jorge Trujillo plans to keep the Ridge Road location open, but he hopes to relocate his Torrence Avenue restaurant, currently at 2394 172nd Street, into the former Golden Crown building and renovate the plumbing, electrical, furniture, and facade. "The inside would be totally redone," he explained at an August 21, 2018, Board meeting. "The property is over 50 years old. I could probably open it right now, but that's not ideal. We really want to develop the property. It's a great location."

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# Lansing's Gus Bock Ace Hardware featured in newly published children's book

## Author James Drury will be there for March 16 book signing

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 3, 2019) - James Drury spent only the first 10 years of his life in Lansing, but a day from that era has remained with him throughout his career. Nothing traumatic or extraordinary happened, but in *A Man Named Bub*, Drury recounts memories of three small adventures—two in Lansing and one in Schererville, Indiana—that made a lasting impression on his young mind.

"Little did I realize until much later in life how this one day affected my life," he explains in a letter describing the book. "I carried that day with me as I met people from throughout the world."

Drury is now a national speaker, author, and professional auctioneer.

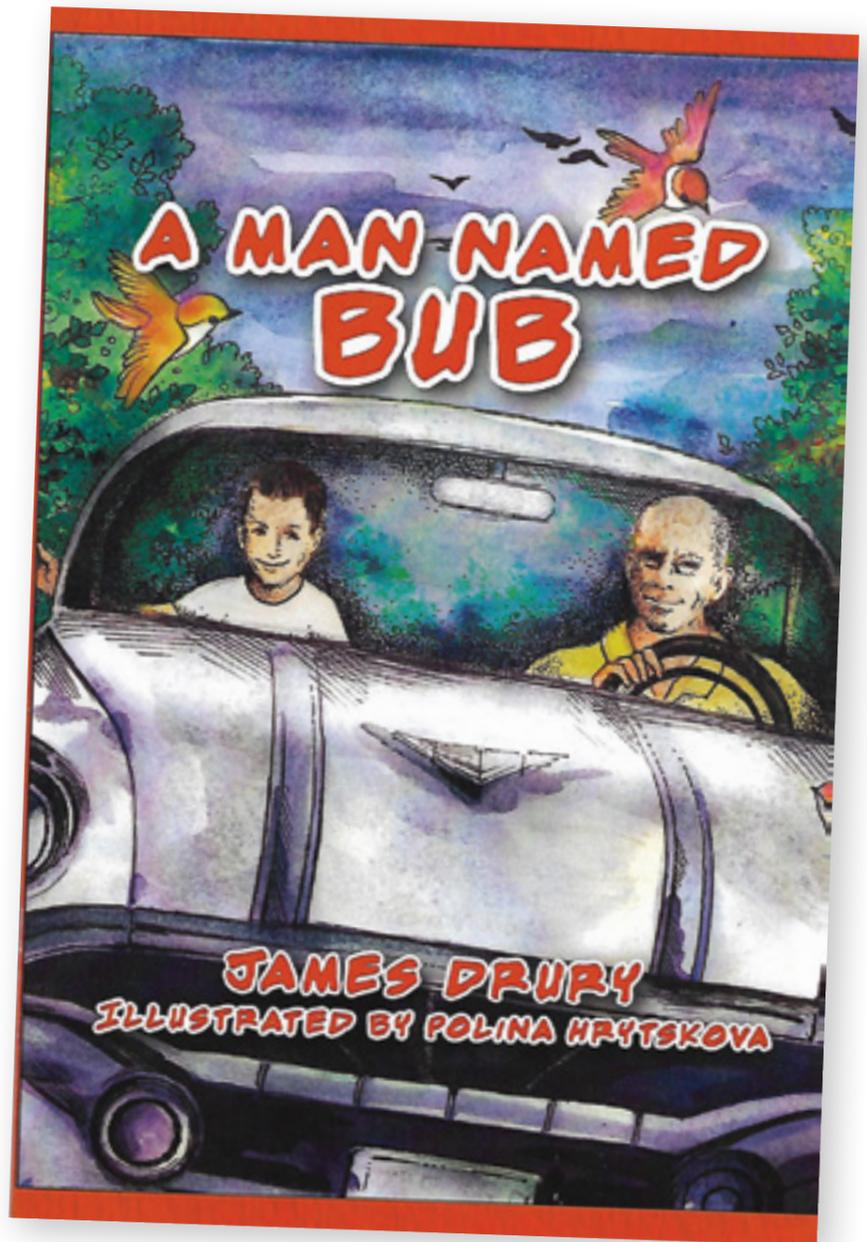
Because one of the childhood adventures happened at Gus Bock Hardware (as it was known at the time), Drury made arrangements with current owner Keith Grill to have a book signing there on Saturday, March 16, 12:00–2:00pm.

Drury says the second adventure in the book happened at the Lansing Sportsman's Club, though it is not mentioned by name in the book.

The final adventure happened at the intersection of US 41 and US 30.

None of the adventures is remarkable on its own, but Drury's simple narrative recalls the wonder of childhood discoveries and the wisdom of a grandfather who wants to expand the boy's world. The colorful drawing by Polina Hrytskova also add charm to the book.

Drury will be at Gus Bock Ace Hardware on Saturday, March 16, from noon until 2:00pm. Gus Bock Ace Hardware is located at 3455 Ridge Road in Lansing.



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## Current and former Visible Music College students to showcase original work Saturday, March 30, Living Word Church

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, IL (March 1, 2019) – Five Visible Music College students and alumni will be performing their original music at Living Word Church in Lansing on Saturday, March 30. From 7:00 to 9:00pm, the event, titled “Abounding: A Night of Worship,” will be a musical showcase opportunity for the musicians, whom are part of worship ministries at four different nearby churches. All four of these churches are partnering to host the event, and proceeds will go to Visible Music College’s scholarship fund.

### PERFORMERS

The performers are:

**Lacy Blonn:** Having released her first album, “Carried,” last year, singer and songwriter Lacy Blonn contributes to worship services at Hope Church in Griffith, Indiana, and desires to “write songs meant to live within people’s lives, not just church buildings,” according to the event’s web page.

**Grant Allison:** From Living Word Church in Lansing, Grant Allison is a Chicago native and was born into a family of musicians. Releasing his first album, “The Call,” recently, he hopes that “people experience Christ every time he sings.”

**Brooke and Corey Knudsen:** The husband and wife duet serves at Mercy Hill Church in Munster, Indiana, having released their album “Lead Me to the Rock” in 2018. Their desire is to “proclaim the name of Jesus and the Greatness of God through their lives and music.”

**Felis Mubibya:** Felis Mubibya has helped record over 30 albums, and is set to release his fourth individual album this spring, “Story of Courage.” The Democratic Republic of the Congo native serves at Crosspoint Church in Crown Point, Indiana.

### TICKET INFO

Tickets for the event are \$7 for individuals, \$25 for families, and \$75 for the performance plus a dinner fundraiser at 5:00pm at Visible Music College. To purchase tickets or learn more about the event, visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) and search for “Abounding—A Night of Worship.”

Visible Music College is located at 3404 Lake Street in Lansing and offers concerts, music lessons, open mic nights, and recording studio services in addition to its degree programs. To learn more about the college, visit [www.visible.edu](http://www.visible.edu).



## Oak Glen elementary students raise \$889.59 for American Heart Association Hoops for Heart event teaches fun and raises funds

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OAK GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LANSING, Ill. (February 26, 2019) – On Friday, February 22, Oak Glen third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders participated in Hoops for Heart, the American Heart Association fundraiser. This year’s event saw increased participation as well as increased funds—74 students raised \$889.59, compared to 42 students raising \$547.00 last year.

The goals of the Hoops for Heart event are:

- To teach the importance of developing heart-healthy habits
- To demonstrate that being physically active can be fun
- To raise funds to support cardiovascular research and education that will help save lives across the country

Three basketball players from South Suburban College attended the event— sophomore Rhyss Lewis from Chesterton, Indiana; sophomore Isaiah Robinson from Chicago, Illinois; and freshman Malcolm Bell from Chicago, Illinois. Head Coach John Pigatti also attended.

Oak Glen Elementary School is located at 2101 182nd Street in Lansing.

## Enrollment drive underway at St. John Lutheran School

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (February 28, 2019) – St. John Lutheran School continues this year in celebrating the school’s 125th anniversary, culminating with an end-of-the-year gala on April 28 at the Serbian Social Center. Two community events are also coming up that will serve as Open House events for interested families as the school works on an enrollment drive to draw in new students.

### MARCH 8

On March 8, from 6:00–8:00pm, the school will hold a Literacy and Game Night that is open to the public. Pre-K through second grade classrooms will have story readings, and grades 3–8 will have games in the gym. “They’re offering a dinner of sloppy joes and hot dogs, free of charge,”

said Principal Allison Clous. Visitors can take a tour of the school during the event.

### APRIL 13

On April 13, at 9:30am there will be a community Easter Egg Hunt open to ages 3–10 years. Tours of the school will be available before and after the event. “We offer a Christian-based education with small class sizes,” said Clous. “There are art classes, computers, a Spanish program—and each student is assigned a Chromebook.”

### ENROLLMENT INFO

Enrollment is open for preschool through 8th grade. Preschool is available for 3- and 4-year-olds, and Clous noted that there are flexible schedules. Students can enroll for half days or full days and for three days or five days. “We can work with a par-

ent’s schedule,” she said. “For working parents, we can work along with what they need.”

### EXTRA-CURRICULARS

David Swanson, a former teacher,

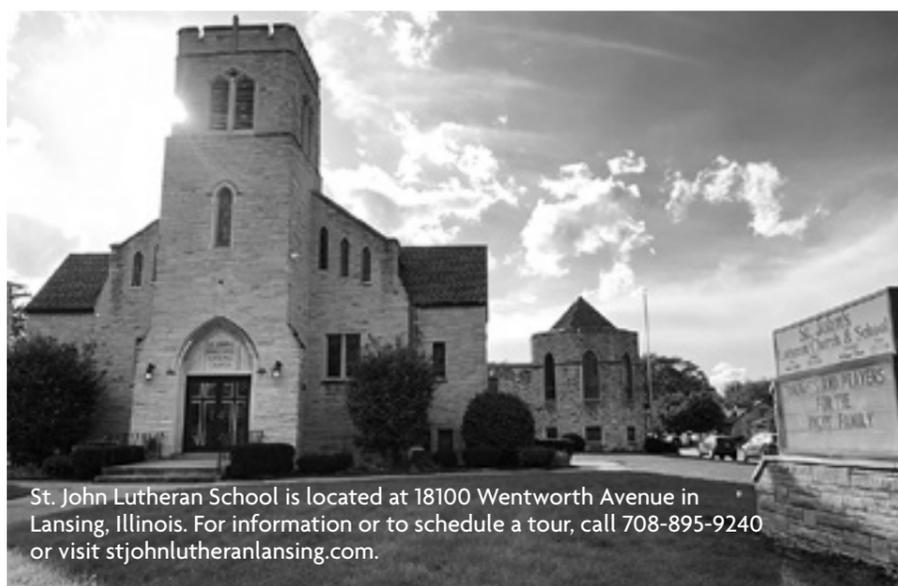
principal, coach, and athletic director, emphasized the athletic opportunities for students. “St. John has soccer for boys and girls, basketball for boys and girls, and track, and volleyball. The volleyball team won the championship last year, and the boys’ basketball team has been undefeated the last two years,” he said.

The school also has a band program and choir, as well as an active Parent Teacher League that does fundraisers and other events.

### SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

Sue Planer has two children, ages 7 and 12, who attend the school. Her older daughter started at the school in the 4-year-old preschool program. “I have nothing but good things to say about St. John’s,” she said. “The staff, pastor, teachers, and kids are so nice and friendly and helpful.”

Planer said her in-laws had been church members, and that is what led her to registering her daughter there. “We were looking for something smaller and a more of a tight-knit kind of school,” she said. “It’s kind of like a big family. We’re always there for each other. It’s been a great experience.”



St. John Lutheran School is located at 18100 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing, Illinois. For information or to schedule a tour, call 708-895-9240 or visit [stjohnlutheranlansing.com](http://stjohnlutheranlansing.com).



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# South Shore Arts presents 'Haunts'

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SHORE ARTS

MUNSTER, Ind. (February 21, 2019) – South Shore Arts presents "Haunts," the second exhibit in its "Urban Legends" series, now through April 21, 2019, at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana.

Curated by South Shore Arts executive director John Cain, "Haunts" features the work of guerrilla photographers who have been lured to Gary and other cities to capture the haunting beauty of architectural ruins on the verge of being repurposed as gardens and other public spaces.

## HONORING THE PAST

"The impetus for the 'Urban Legends' series in general and 'Haunts' in particular was my obsession with the past and appreciation for the power of the arts as a means for personal and community transformation," says Cain.

## 14 PHOTOGRAPHERS

The exhibit features the work of 14 photographers: Decay Devils Tyrell Anderson and Lori Gonzalez, along with Dennis Crane, Ashley Diener, Joel Henderson, Thomas Hocker, Eric Holubow, Matthew Kaplan, Mike Kinsch, Joey Lax-Salinas, Jamie Link, Larry D. Mickow, Jr., Bob Palmieri, and Guy Rhodes.

## NEW LIFE IN OLD PLACES

"Urban Legends" is a two-part series of exhibits that showcase artists whose work is sparking new life in old places. The exhibits are being presented at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts over a six-month period followed by subsequent showings at multiple venues in Gary. A combined



Joey Lax-Salinas: Abandoned City Methodist Church, Gary, IN

exhibit catalogue, which documents the work of artists featured in both shows, is a record of the work on display and urban redevelopment projects creating renewal through the arts within and beyond the Calumet Region.

## GRANTS AND SUPPORT

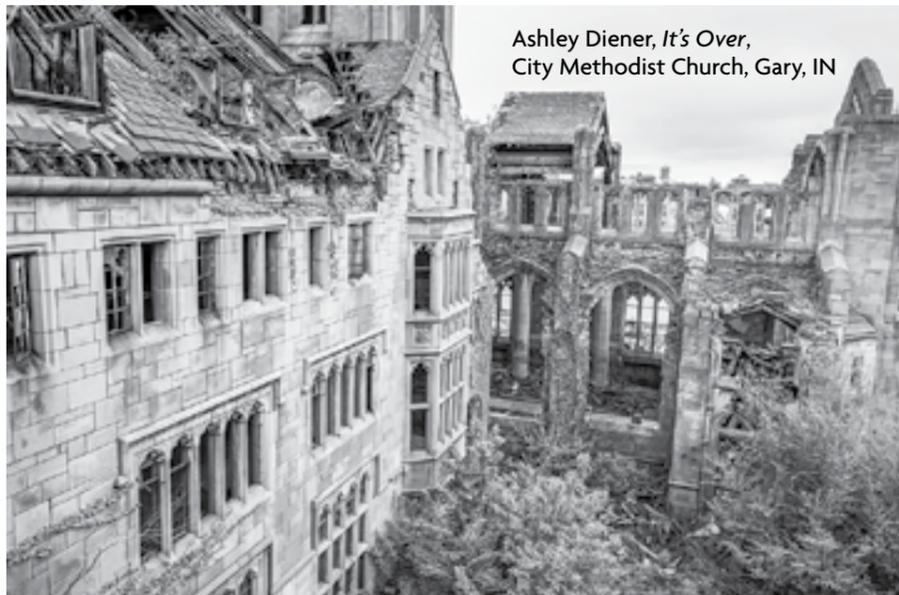
The series has been made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Legacy Foundation, Lake County's Community Foundation, and Peoples Bank. Additional funding has been provided by Hammond Machine Works, Indiana University Northwest, NIPSCO, and the TIMES Media Company. South Shore Arts programs are provided with support from the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Fund at Legacy Foundation, both of the exhibits under the heading of "Urban Legends" are traveling to multiple venues in Gary after they have been presented in Munster. Portions of "Indy Windy: A Love Story," the first exhibit in the "Urban Legends" series, are currently on view through March 10 in simultaneous presentations at ArtHouse: A Social Kitchen, 411 E. 5th Avenue; the Gary Public Library and Cultural Center, 220 W. 5th Avenue; and the Miller Beach Arts & Creative District's Marshall J. Gardner Center for the Arts, 540 S. Lake Street.

Organizers of the "Urban Legends" series understand that urban blight and the subsequent need for regeneration are not unique to Lake County communities. Their hope is that by experiencing the public artwork that Northwest Indiana artists have executed, viewers will better understand how art is used to create new environments. The images that photographers have captured among urban ruins could shed light on possibilities that lie ahead for redeveloping seemingly barren places.

For further information about this exhibition or upcoming works, contact South Shore Arts exhibitions director Bridget Covert at 219-836-1839, x108, or [bridget@southshoreartsonline.org](mailto:bridget@southshoreartsonline.org).



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## Services

**PLUMBING SERVICES: J.E.M. Plumbing & Sewer.** Drain Cleaning Specialist, water lines, pumps, water heater, faucets, toilets, same day service. 219-845-7589 or 708-896-0500

**HOME IMPROVEMENT: A&A Services.** Plumbing, carpentry, locks, electrical, toilet repairs, shelving, wind damage repairs, fence repairs. Hauling for private / businesses. Insured. Free estimates. 219-865-2345

**PLUMBING SERVICES: Call The Plumber.** Sewers, drains, rodding, water heaters, sump pumps, low water pressure, flood control valves. Drain Experts. 708-259-9721, 219-614-7283

**Quality Painting & Scraping Service.** Decks, Complete interior, paint rooms, strip wallpaper, paint cabinets, scrap peeling paint. Free Estimates. Call Normand 708-596-2170

**The Heating & Appliance Repair Man.** #1 Priority is servicing your A/C, Refrig., Washer, Dryer, Stove. \$25 discount on all repairs. Call Al. 708-985-1623

**MOVING SERVICES: Custom Pickup/Delivery Service:** Small moves; single items; classified ad items; appliances, furniture & exercise equipment assembly: IKEA, Office Depot, etc. Anyday to 9pm. 219-433-9457

**TREE SERVICE: Maggy's Tree Service.** Tree's Topped, Trimmed, Removed, Bush Removal, Stump Removal. Walks shoveled. Also Insured Bonded. Free estimates. 708-200-8078

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES: Residential Electrician,** specializing in old homes. Licensed insured, repair and replace electrical. Panel upgrades. Free estimates (restrictions) owner answered calls. 708-822-7758



**ELECTRICAL SERVICES: Kustom Electric.** We offer a wide variety of electrical services for residential & commercial properties. Licensed, bonded and insured! Credit cards accepted. [www.kustomelectric.com](http://www.kustomelectric.com) or 708-670-2295

**PAINTING SERVICES: Economy Painting.** Interior/Exterior painting 20% off. Mention this ad. Wallpaper installation. General drywall repair & installation. Best price guaranteed. Ask for Ed. 708-548-6356 or 708-288-5038

**Landline problems?** Call The Phone Doctor, former AT&T tech. 708-302-8585

**Female live-in caregiver.** Other hours are available. Fluent in English. Compassionate and experienced. References available if needed. Contact Leda. 219-588-7366

**HOME REMODELING.** Bathroom Kitchens Carpet Windows & Doors Electrical Plumbing Paint Tile Heating & Cooling. FREE Consultation CALL 312-607-5903 EMAIL [info@rodneyshr.com](mailto:info@rodneyshr.com)

**AC/HEATING SERVICES: Winter Special!** Furnaces or A/C's, Clean & check \$59.95. Furnaces, A/C's, Boilers, water heaters, sump pumps, humidifiers, installations, repairs, furnaces installed from \$1495.00 R/D Heating & Cooling. IL and IN. 219-616-3281

**Tutoring/ Nanny.** Former day care nursery school teacher. 16 years experience. Nanny for 13 years. Will babysit or tutor. Have references. 219-381-8545

**CONCRETE & PATCHING** Done On The Side to save you money. Also general contracting, handyman work, FHA work & snowplowing. Very reasonable. Call Mark 708-408-7192

**ALL HANDYMAN REPAIRS** done on-the-side to save money! Painting, drywall, tile, concrete patching, doors, roofing, hauling. Very reasonable. Mark 708-408-7192

**PLUMBING SERVICES: Battery Back-up Pumps** give you peace of mind. We have the best one, the finest we can find. Witvoet Plumbing. 708-331-7335

**PLUMBING SERVICES:** Bradford-White water heaters, hydromatic pumps. Fast installation. Witvoet Plumbing. 708-331-7335

**PLUMBING SERVICES:** Problems at your kitchen sink? Water heater on the blink? For plumbing troubles one and all, here's the number you should call. Witvoet Plumbing. 708-331-7335

## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED:** Warehouse/Driver, Delivery Driver of Building Supplies, Lumber Roll Off & Crane Deliveries. Also: Office Clerical. Inside sales, must have bldg. product knowledge, min. 2 yrs exp. Apply in person: Midway Building Supply, 16850 S. State St. South Holland, IL M-F(7-3p), Sat.(7-11a). 708-333-9977

**Love Animals? Earn cash from home** part-time or full-time with team of like-minded people. Need a computer. No membership cost. Call Gary. 219-775-6542

**HELP WANTED:** Lawn Care Landscaping. Start pay \$15/hr. Must have good driving record. Staygreen Quality Lawn Care Landscaping. [staygreen@comcast.net](mailto:staygreen@comcast.net) 708-418-8160

## Garage Sales

**March 9, 8-3**  
2635 Tulip Tree Lane, Dyer, IN

Estate sale. Everything kitchen, table w/6 chairs, chair w/ottoman, couch, coffee & end tables, tv cabinet, bedroom furniture, bar stools, records, electronics, tools, refrigerator, pool table, art, bar mirrors, ladders, tools

## Real Estate

**ROOM FOR RENT: Large room in my house.** Clean, quiet, fully furnished. In room TV with cable, electric, gas included. Full kitchen, laundry, 3 baths. Public transportation at each end of street. \$115 per week. 708-382-1335



**Manufactured Home for sale: 251 Todd Terrace, Alpine Village, Lynwood, 2 bdms.** 1 bath. Eat-in kitchen, fireplace, C/A. Asking \$3500. 708-833-8370

**Apts. Lansing, 2 & 3 bedrooms available.** Heat & water incl. New paint & carpet. Close to shopping center. Section 8 welcome. 708-932-7499 or 630-709-1289. Walking distance to SuperWalmart.

**South Suburbs Homes for rent.** Rent to own program available. Section 8 welcome. Proven Real Estate Services, LLC of Lansing. 708-418-1833

**House For Rent in Lansing.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, great location, no pets. Immediate occupancy. \$1,200/month, 1 1/2 mo. security. 708-601-0567

**Hammond Apartment. 4631 Torrence.** 2 bedroom, stove & fridge. \$700 + \$700 deposit. Near South Shore, seniors welcome. 219-629-5357

**For Sale: 4 Unit Apartment Building.** 13347 Commercial Ave., Hegewisch, IL. Maintenance free, great location, near transportation. Parking available, laundry facilities. 312-241-6354

**For Rent: Matteson 3 bdrm Town house.** \$1,200. Must show 12 months paid rent and no evictions. Section 8 ok. Tenant pays utilities. 708-382-0839

## Wanted

Wanted: Garage space to store my car in Lansing or So. Holland. (Can be half of a car garage). 708-717-8843

**WANTED: Diabetic Test Strips** Freestyle Lite One Touch Accu-Chek Contour and Others, Must be sealed, unopened, unexpired, unused boxes. 708-474-3941

**WANTED: Don't throw it away!** I am buying old stuff. Toys, signs, advertising, oil cans, and much more. Please call or text Doug. 219-616-9342

**We buy unopened and unexpired Diabetic Test Strips.** All brands, we will come to you. 312-487-1091

Looking for a house to rent. Displaced by a house fire in South Holland on February 8th. Have pets. 708-351-4872

wanted radio/tv tubes ham/cb radios Tube tester 70s high power stereos tube stereos misc elec old radios no tvs 708-536-8823

looking to purchase a 1950s Lionel train set and transformer 219-865-2008

## Autos and Vehicles

**For sale: 2006 Chrysler Pacifica** Utility, fully equipped, extra clean \$3100 obo. 708-267-0723

**For sale: 2006 Nisaan Murano,** \$3500; 2006 Honda Civic \$3500; 2008 Pontiac G6, \$3500; 2003 Mercedes Benz C320, \$3500; 2002 Saturn L200, \$1800. 708-351-9906

**2006 Cadillac STS.** Garage kept, well maintained. Sun roof, nav. Bose premium sound system, nice car, runs ex. \$4,500. 708-243-0347

**2001 Lincoln LS.** Clean & runs good, 124,000 miles. \$2,800. 708-204-0708

**2004 Chevy Malibu Base** Sliver \$2,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

**2010 Chevy Malibu LS black,** \$6,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2013 Chevy Impala LS Fleet Black,** \$8,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**2014 Ford Escape SE AWD,** Black, \$12,987. Call Bob 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee** 4WD 4DR Laredo White, \$16,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2014 Chevy Camaro LT** Magenta Metallic, \$14,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2018 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport 2.4L** Gray \$16,687. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2017 Nissan Rogue SV** AWD Gray, \$17,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2015 Jeep Cherokee** white, \$20,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

**For sale: 2019 Chevy Corvette** Stingray Z51, Black, \$68,987. Call Bob. 855-949-6000

## Misc Items For Sale

**Stair Lift.** One year old, exc. condition, just needs rails installed, \$800. 708-710-6920, 708-248-6797

antique hutch n book shelf with glass doors good condition BEST OFFER. 219-895-0871

Beautiful Berne matching sofa (80L, 34H, 36W) and love seat (60L, 34H, 36W) in dark green, like new, hardly used. Matching lime green love seat (60L) and sofa (84L) must see to appreciate. 708-448-5672

Western collector prints in oak frames 22 1/4 x 28 1/2, \$30 ea or 2 for \$50; large bulletin board \$5. 708-877-6157

Liquor cabinet, custom made, oak, 1 drawer, lower cabinet 1/2 of top opens for bottles, 38" w, 36" h, 19" d, \$250. 708-877-6157

Never worn ladies wool coat, zipper off to side, studs on shoulders, misses size large, beige, paid \$175, asking \$50. 708-877-6157

Womens black leather jacket, petite small \$10. 708-877-6157

Nordic Track Pro exerciser, like new. 312-218-0893

Ladies stuff: 15 clean sweaters, \$4 ea; new suede jacket, chestnut color \$29; wedding dress, petite, cleaned with veil \$35. 708-460-8308

Ethan Allen wing back chair \$70; Ethan Allen old sofa \$100 obo; heavy duty universal bed frame \$15. 708-481-6907

For sale: Leather, couch, love seat with ottoman set, burgundy in color, like new \$250 for all. Will text pictures. 708-418-0552

Breakfast nook with bench, good condition, \$110; dinette set with 4 chairs, good condition, \$75. Best offer. James 708-362-4311

Kenmore washer and dryer in good shape. Needs a little bit of repair. Dryer does work, \$250. 708-271-5486

White cast iron top mount double sink \$40. 708-895-2647

G.E. 1.3 HP motor 4 speed, like new cond., capacitor included, 120 volts, 1/2" shaft, AKA: furnace motor \$20. 708-891-3432

Trailer tires, 2 sizes ST205-175 \$65 ETE dryer like new \$150. 708-715-2348

mens steel toe boots. size 9 brand new \$55.00. 219-895-0871

Estate sale: Furniture: dining room; sofa \$125; occasional chairs \$50 ea; tv stand \$75; tables \$50 ea; coffee table, leaded glass \$150; recliner. 708-717-6134

Shelving: white oak drop store shelving, 54" high, 48" long with two 15", 17", 19" 22" shelves per unit with white pegboard backing, \$25 ea unit. 708-339-1708

Beautiful fur coat, size med.; cowboy boots, ladies size 8-8 1/2; pair of mens cowboy boots. All are in exc. cond., very reasonable in pricing. Must sell. Call 708-565-0251

Mens tan dress jacket \$10; mens winter rust & brown \$10, size large; George Forman electric grill, brand new \$20. 708-849-6273

Thomasville cherry dining room set 2 - 18" leafs, 6 chairs and pads, must see. Very good condition. Call 219-308-5442

Infant/toddler boy clothing. All seasons, name brand. Onesies, sleepers, blanket, outerwear. Maternity womens cloths, large/12, great condition. Cheap prices! 773-425-4355

2 green blown glass candy bowls, like new, great for St. Patrick's day! \$10 ea obo. Call 708-333-2164

Diabetic supplies: test strips, lancets, alcohol wipes, syringes, testing meters, OMRON blood pressure cuff. 708-513-8356, leave message

Electronic piano; mink coats; new deep fryer; toy tank Lionel train; beer cans; 100 lb dumbbells; new beanie babies; Precious Moments. 708-891-6138

Motionless water mattress bed w/heater, drawers underneath & head board, has shelves & storage; dresser with tri fold mirror, highboy, night stand, dark pine. 708-877-6157

Painting signed by Hargrove in frame, farm scene 16" x 30" \$80; 2 painatngs by W. Kimble 8" x 30" \$25 ea, paid \$100. 708-877-6088

Glass fish bowl \$8; premium car wash brush \$30; tempered glass shelving 15 in x 58 in, \$15 ea; new tool box w/ray stack on \$12. 708-460-8308

Dash cam pro portable hd video audio recorder, record 14 hours \$20; Aduro sound vision virtual reality glasses \$15. 708-210-1542

Afghans and throws \$10-\$75; womens new wool coat, paid \$175, asking \$50. 708-877-6157

Three piece lighted wall unit, fits 29" tv, stereos decorations and has cabinets for storage, \$150. 708-877-6157

Closing out sale: swim wear, 1 & 2 pc separates, mastectomy, 12 super size, 30% off clothing, bras, girdles, nursing, lingerie, all new.. Call am 708-917-6829

Framed needlepoint tiger 24" high 18" wide \$150. 708-877-6157

Wine couch w/throw pillows \$200; matching love seat \$100; matching ottoman \$50. Clean, good condition. 708-877-6157

New Ames bent handle shovel \$22; straight snow shovel, exc. \$10; 50 lbs calcium chloride ice melt \$29; set of champagne glasses \$15. 708-460-8308

Piano bench (cherry wood) \$30; large over the dresser mirror \$15; Ethan Allen maple chair (desk or kitchen) \$20. 708-481-6907

Post Op foot surgery boot \$15 ea. 708-895-2647

Kenmore dryer that works and needs minor repair; Kenmore washer, 3 years old, need repair. Asking \$300 together. Call Paul at 708-271-5486

1000s of Dollar Store items, great for flea market 35 cents to 40 cents ea, several skids, sold by the pallet. Bob 708-339-1708

Old watches; Nao goose; like new Lladro figurine. 708-891-6138

Wooden framed swing set, 2 swings, glider (new) slide, \$100 obo; Hargrove painting 16" x 30" signed framed \$80; aluminum camping cot \$20. 708-877-6088

10 pc deep wall socket set \$12; 5 pc miniature plier cased set \$20; 35 pc metric/inch socket set, steel case \$20. 708-460-8308

Triangle coffee table w/glass top w/roll out seat, 1 large end table and 1 nesting end tables, all for \$150. 708-877-6157

Bears XL orange / blue cleaned jacket, nice, \$35; new Bears NFL orange or gray shirts \$10; Blackhawks or muscle car XL shirts, \$15 ea.. 708-460-8308

Bar stool (metal) \$15; Lazy Boy foot stool or ottoman \$25; Stiffell brass table lamps \$25-\$30 ea. 708-481-6907

Post op foot surgery shoe \$15 ea. 708-895-2647

**Notice** is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. Registration Number: Y19000499 on February 7, 2019 under the assumed business name of LINDA'S PERSONAL TOUCH CHILD CARE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE with the business located at 19622 SEQUOIA AVENUE, LYNWOOD, IL 60411. The true and real full name(s) and residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is LINDA D TRIMUEL-GRANGER, 19622 SEQUOIA AVENUE, LYNWOOD, IL 60411, USA.

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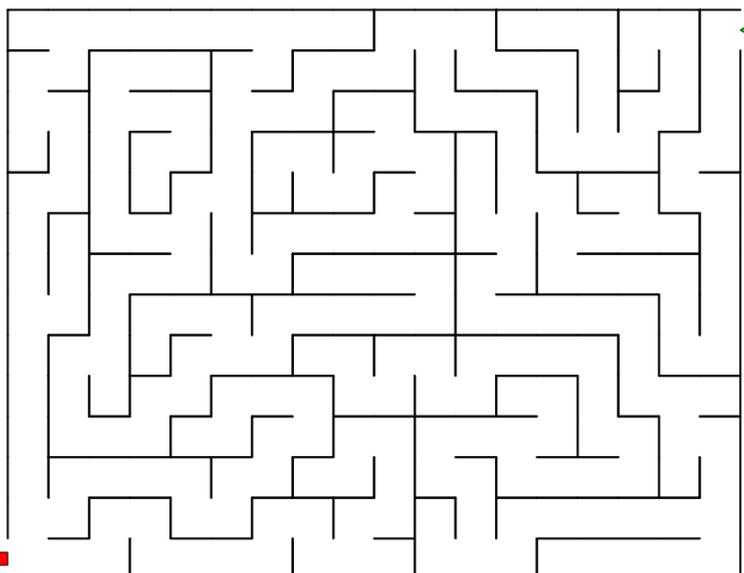
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## Games and Sport

Archery	Darts	Marathon	Soccer
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## Across

- Chip dip
- Consumes
- Call used to incite hunting dogs
- All thumbs
- Altitude
- Star in Orion
- Military flare with parachute (2 wds)
- Starbucks order
- For all to see
- Kind of network
- Go bad
- Disinfectant brand
- Anthology
- Carpentry tool
- Dweeb
- Distort
- Honoree's spot
- \_\_\_\_ and Crofts, soft rock duo
- Delight
- Moorehead of "Bewitched"
- \_\_\_\_ Earp, lawman
- Boy
- Boat race
- Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
- Salvers
- Festive celebration
- One-celled aquatic protozoa (var. spelling)
- Divine inspiration
- Ancestry
- In a manner without warmth of feeling
- Burned with little smoke and no flame
- Column base
- Bridge positions
- "\_\_\_\_ Doubtfire"
- Atlas enlargement

## Down

- Femme fatale
- Biscotti flavoring
- Playing a practical joke (hyphenated)
- \_\_\_\_ Glacier in Glacier National Park
- If nothing else (2 wds)
- Amerada \_\_\_\_ (Fortune 500 company)
- Low female singing voices
- Caribbean, e.g.
- Fastening with a hinged metal plate and a bolt
- Anglo-Saxon prince
- Bank claim
- Hang loose
- The "O" in S.R.O.
- Indy 500 sound
- Decreases in speed
- Tulip tree
- Latitude
- Study of the motion of projectiles
- Product of protein metabolism
- Coaster
- Jewish month
- "Minimum" amount
- Beam
- Car safety device
- A flat place?
- Wisps of hair
- Capital of Georgia, Russia
- Spoonful, say
- Guiding light
- Having more wisdom and calm judgment
- Gown fabric
- Heretofore (2 wds)
- \_\_\_\_ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
- One of The Three Bears
- "Aeneid" figure
- Revenuers
- Branch

## On This Date

1521 - Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan discovers Guam • 1799 - Napoleon captures city of Jaffa, defeating the Ottoman Empire • 1831 - Edgar Allan Poe expelled from West Point military academy • 1836 - Battle of the Alamo: the Alamo fell after less than 300 Texans held off Mexican forces for 13 days • 1869 Dmitri Mendeleev presents the periodic table to the Russian Chemical Society • 1899 - Aspirin is patented by Felix Hoffmann at Bayer • 1906 - Nora Blatch is 1st woman elected to American Society of Civil Engineers

## SOLUTIONS

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# Million Dollar Quartet rocks Theatre at the Center

“Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On” as rock-and-roll legends resurrect greatest hits

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

MUNSTER, Ind. (March 1, 2019) – The unmistakable sound of strumming guitars and trilling pianos is filling Theatre at the Center as four reincarnated rock-and-roll pioneers take to the stage and bring audiences back to the heyday of rock-and-roll.

The popular musical *Million Dollar Quartet* takes viewers on a journey to a small recording studio in Memphis on December 4, 1956, where Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins played and sang their way into history. Replete with chart-topping hits, the musical serves as a showcase for the foursome’s greatest work through 1956, and includes Presley’s “That’s All Right,” Cash’s “Folsom Prison Blues,” Lewis’ “Great Balls of Fire,” and Perkins’ “Who Do You Love?”

Debuting in 2006, *Million Dollar Quartet* has appealed to nostalgic audiences across the country, making its Broadway run in 2010 and 2011, and becoming a stalwart of Chicago theatre at the Apollo Theatre in Lincoln Park for over seven years before closing in 2016. The Theatre at the Center—with its intimate thrust-style stage—provides a charming version of Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux’s historically semi-accurate musical that is sure to delight.

## YESTERDAY’S TALENT TODAY

Directed by William Underwood and Daryl Brooks, the show opens as the electric guitar-wielding Carl Perkins (Zachary Stevenson) begins his recording session at Sun Records, owned and proudly operated by Sam Phillips (Sean Fortunato), whose entrepreneurial desire to spread rock-and-roll music is only limited by his somewhat meager means to do so. The young piano-pounder Jerry Lee Lewis (Michael Kurowski) accompanies Perkins, and can’t help showing off his skills during Perkins’ session. Of the four musically talented actors, Stevenson and Kurowski are afforded the most opportunities to show off their talent throughout the show, Stevenson at one point strumming his guitar behind his back and Kurowski once playing the piano from atop it.

The musical is punctuated by small asides from Phillips, who literally steps through the fourth wall to explain his first interactions with the men and reveal his desires for them to sign or re-sign a contract with Sun Records. These moments drive the plot, and provide the needed tension and background to tie together what would otherwise be only a musical of talented guys hanging out and playing music.

As Johnny Cash (Tommy Malouf) and later Elvis (Zach Sorrow) enter the small studio and the foursome plays iconic songs together, the audience



From left: Carl Perkins (Zachary Stevenson), Jerry Lee Lewis (Michael Kurowski), Johnny Cash (Tommy Malouf), and Elvis Presley (Zach Sorrow) jam in *Million Dollar Quartet*. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)



Dyanne (Ariel Williams) shows off her powerful vocal range while her boyfriend Elvis (Zach Sorrow) looks on in admiration. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)

Tommy Malouf as Johnny Cash hits some impressive low notes in Folsom Prison Blues. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)



starts to understand how special that day must have been in Memphis in 1956. But nearly as special are the moments taking place in the theatre as a handful of talented actors, in complete mastery of their material, make feet tap and heads bob throughout the audience.

In addition to the four who delightfully evoke their characters through voice, dress, and mannerism, Fortunato plays a folksy, driven, and sympathetic Phillips. Ariel Williams plays Elvis’s girlfriend Dyanne, and though her part is an unfortunately small one, she provides some of the most impressive music of the show, wielding a voice even more powerful than those of her male counterparts. The cast is rounded out nicely by Nick Anderson and Michael Sinclair who flawlessly play the percussionist and the bassist, respectively.

## THIN PLOT THICKENS

The admittedly thin plot thickens as Cash reveals that he intends to follow in Elvis’s footsteps and leave the fold of Sun Records for more promising distribution from a larger record label, lamenting, “If they wanna stop communism, they oughta let Sun distribute it.”

Amidst this and other tensions between the stars, the musical never loses its focus on what

made the men famous in the first place: their music. Some theatre-goers may find this focus odd at first as little actually happens in the first act in particular. But the plot is thin by design, intended to showcase an impressive array of rock-and-roll music rather than tell a dramatic story.

## SPOTLIGHT ON KUROWSKI

Though each actor in the quartet is charming, Kurowski is particularly winsome as Lewis, whose wit is nearly as quick as his piano fingers. The Louisiana native who once found his rustic sensibilities in awe that “the outhouse was inside” is never one to miss an opportunity to upstage his fellow performers (both verbally and musically), providing a steady source of laughs throughout the show.

It’s Kurowski who leads the audience into a post-curtain call sing-a-long, turning the *Million Dollar Quartet* into a Million Dollar Chorus. Pink lights flash at the standing audience, and as voices cheer and hands clap, the musical turns into a concert—a fitting conclusion to a show whose chief purpose is bringing new life to old songs.

Though not always true to fact in its plot, *Million Dollar Quartet*

provides a thoughtful, fun, and shoe-tapping look at a special day in the lives of four Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame inductees. Ultimately, the musical is about the same thing as the four rock legends’ lives: making music. And while not everyone will agree with Sam Phillips that rock-and-roll “is where the soul of a man never dies,” for those of us who enjoy the timeless twang of an electric guitar and the driving rhythm of a wailing piano, *Million Dollar Quartet* is exactly what we need.

## REGULAR SHOWTIMES AND TICKET PRICES

Performances are:

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

Additional performances are also available during the final week of the run.

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.

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

# Former Lansing swimmer achieves Indiana High School Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame

From Lansing Swim Organization, to St. Ann, to Bishop Noll, Berta (Fotschky) Rogers has record-setting swim career

BY JENNIFER FLOREK

HAMMOND, Ind. (February 15, 2019) – Berta (Fotschky) Rogers, who set multiple state swimming records during her time at Bishop Noll, has been selected for April induction into the Indiana High School Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame.

## BISHOP NOLL ACHIEVEMENTS

Rogers, who now lives in Florida, swam at Bishop Noll her sophomore '77 and junior '78 years and was the first IHSAA individual swimming state gold medalist in Bishop Noll history.

Her sophomore year record-setting season earned her hall of fame status. She was a standout at the fourth annual IHSAA girls state swim and diving championships, held December 16-17, 1977, at Ball State University.

Rogers outdistanced previous champions to win and establish state records in both the 200-yard individual medley (2:12.540) and the 500-freestyle (5:11.847), and she was part of Noll's championship and record-setting 200-medley relay (1:56.949).

Rogers shared the medley relay state title with team members Denise Bercik '81, Maureen Brown '80, and Wendy Ruddy '78.

Rogers' record-setting performances led Bishop Noll to a fifth-place team finish at state.

She also won each of those same events at the Merrillville sectional, and was the sectional's top individual point-getter (40 points).

As a junior, Rogers was sectional champion in the 100-free and 200-IM, and she finished fourth and third, respectively, in those events at state. Her 200-medley relay team placed second.

## ON TO NEW ZEALAND

Before her senior year, Rogers' family moved to New Zealand, where she swam with members of the New Zealand National team. Still, she considers Bishop Noll her official high school.

"I went to three different high schools. Bishop Noll was the best by far," she said.

## A COACH'S MEMORIES

Jim Tonkovich, of Schererville, was the head boys and girls swim coach at BNI from 1974-1984.



Above: Roberta Fotschky Rogers (Photo provided)



Right: The Bishop Noll 1977 state championship medley relay team included, from left, Denise Bercik, Wendy Ruddy, Berta Fotschky, and Maureen Brown. Fotschky will be inducted into the Indiana High School Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame in April. (Photo provided)

"I began coaching Roberta in 1972 at Lansing Swim Organization, and eventually when she graduated from St. Ann in Lansing, she came to Bishop Noll. She was one of the top age group swimmers in the state of Illinois and continued that in high school, obviously by being a three-time state champion and state record holder. She was always a very hard worker and strived to always be outstanding."

The hall of fame typically inducts two or three coaches and five or six athletes at each ceremony, which is only done every fourth year.

"She is the first swimmer from Bishop Noll to qualify for the hall of fame, which is really quite awesome. In 31 years as coach, I only have had one other athlete make it to the hall of fame."

"I spent a lot of hours in chlorinated water," Rogers joked. "I really never expected this. It was a very pleasant surprise. I wish my mom was here to experience it with me. She was my biggest supporter."

## PARENTAL SUPPORT

"My parents are no longer with us, but I have great memories of them both," Rogers said. "My dad was the quiet one, but always

supportive. My mom was the ultimate swimming mom.... I could always hear her cheering for me at swim meets; sometimes I could hear her while I was actually in the water swimming!"

## BEYOND THE POOL

Post high school, Rogers graduated from The Medical College of Georgia with a BS in nursing ('85). In 2005, she graduated from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, (satellite program in Tennessee) with a master's degree in health service administration ('05). She is currently the director of nursing at The Center for Specialized Surgery in Fort Myers, Florida.

The hall of fame induction is scheduled for April 14, 2019. Rogers is unable to attend but has asked Tonkovich to accept her award on her behalf.

# Rooftop baseball returns April 1

First United Methodist Church hosts community for TF South game against rival TF North

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (March 1, 2019) — First United Methodist Church of Lansing invites TF South baseball fans once again to join them for the kickoff of the annual "rooftop" games when the Rebels host rival TF North on April 1.

The church is located directly across the street from the baseball field, and they have a large, flat roof that they make available for spectators at some games, reminiscent of the rooftop seats overlooking Wrigley Field. Indoor views are another option: the church opens up one of its classrooms as a "skybox."

There is no admission fee. Hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, coffee, and hot chocolate are available for free. Local businesses, Thornton Township, and the booster club all participate in the event, now in its fifth year.

The church address is 18420 Burnham Avenue. The entrance for the rooftop seats is on Greenbay Avenue, on the west side of the church (Door #8). First pitch is scheduled for 4:30pm, and the church will open its doors at 3:30pm.

In case of inclement weather, the alternate date for the game is April 8, when the Rebels host Tinley Park.



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# Roundball Classic championship celebrates community

## Tenth year marks more than \$50,000 in local charitable contributions

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (February 28, 2019) – The Coolidge Cougars are the 10th annual Roundball Classic champions, defeating the Heritage Nationals by a score of 39–16 in the final game on Tuesday, February 26.

The fifth-grade basketball tournament, played at Memorial Junior High School, also celebrated a number of other winners and brought in significant donations for local organizations.

### “YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING”

The Lansing schools and community raised more than \$5,000 and brought in more than 5,000 food items for the Lansing Food Pantry during this year’s tournament. MLB player and TF South alum Curtis Granderson pledged to match up to \$5,000 of donations, so more than \$10,000 will be distributed to Lansing charities.

Over the 10 years of the tournament, more than \$50,000 has been raised for various local groups.

This year’s donations benefit LARC, the Lansing Food Pantry Family Giving Program, Lansing Meals on Wheels, the Chamber of Commerce, and Super Teci. Representatives from each group had the opportunity to speak to the crowd.

“I hate to say the same thing over and over, but you guys are amazing,” said Karen Adams, Director of the Lansing Food Pantry. “This is our biggest intake of food throughout the year.”

Ernie Gonzalez of LARC also spoke. “Thank you very much for this,” he said. “And thank you for all your donations and support for LARC over the years.”

Super Teci was a new addition to the list this year—Teci Avila is a Lansing resident who, at 3 years old, choked on a grape and sustained a significant brain injury. The Lansing community has come together to offer support for her family and

financial assistance for her treatments.

“We feel so grateful and blessed,” said Liz Avila, Teci’s mother. “The Lansing community has been so supportive, and I know they’re praying for us. She [Teci] is a fighter; she’s a miracle.”

### AWARDS AND COMPETITION

Before Coolidge and Heritage took the floor for the final game, the awards ceremony saw each player in the tournament receive a medal for their efforts.

To get to the championship game, Coolidge went undefeated at 4–0 in tournament play.

Heritage finished 2–2, tied with Lansing Christian—but the Nationals defeated the Warriors in head-to-head play to earn their spot in the title game. Reavis and Oak Glen each went 1–3.

St. Ann Catholic School did not field a team in the tournament this year, but they were recognized for their food drive donations: they brought in the most food items per student. Coolidge was chosen for the James “Ray” Shradler School Spirit/Sportsmanship award.

In the championship game, Coolidge got off to a big lead early, and Heritage never recovered. The Cougars were crowned champions and preserved



Above: Donations from the Roundball Classic benefit (from left) Super Teci, the Chamber of Commerce Family Giving Program, the Lansing Food Pantry, LARC, and Lansing Meals on Wheels. Representatives from these groups addressed the crowd at Tuesday night’s ceremony.

Right: The championship teams pose for a picture together to demonstrate sportsmanship.

Below: Mayor Patty Eidam throws the ceremonial tip-off for Heritage’s Jordan Coleman and Coolidge’s Josh Bell. (Photos: Ashlee De Wit)



their undefeated tournament record. Josh Bell was named MVP of the game for Coolidge, and Corion Scott got the MVP nod for Heritage.



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Coolidge's Torrence Tate (22) drives to the basket. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)



Above: Teammates congratulate Oak Glen's Jessica Campuzano on her Hot Shot win.



Left: Lansing Christian's Savannah Thomas competes in the Hot Shot final at halftime of the championship game.

Campuzano and Thomas scored 28 and 25 in the Hot Shot semi-finals, respectively. Campuzano shot lights-out during Tuesday's halftime contest, with a record-breaking score of 38 to win. Thomas put up 19 points in the final. (Photos: Ashlee De Wit)



Heritage's Robert Gillard dribbles the ball. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)



Right: The South Suburban men's basketball team attended the game to show support for the community. At halftime, they updated the crowd on their season and encouraged the students. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)

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