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★ BONUS ISSUE: ELECTION RESULTS ★

Lansing's 2019 election results

Victory, hope, and disappointment all part of the process



From left: Winning Village Voice Party candidates Mike Fish, Saad Abbasy, and Jerry Zeldenrust give their victory speeches to the crowd of supporters gathered at JJ Kelley's on Election Night, April 2, 2019. (Photos: Josh Bootsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 2, 2019) - JJ Kelley's was abuzz with the sounds of victory on Election Night as the Village Voice Party, along with friends, family, and residents celebrated decisive victories in the race for Village Board Trustee.

Concluding a campaign that started in late 2018, Village Board Trustee candidates Saad Abbasy, Mike Fish, and Jerry Zeldenrust spent the evening talking with nearly 100 guests before giving victory speeches once it became clear that they would win.

When the first precincts started reporting around 7:30pm, the three Village Voice Party (VVP) candidates took a small lead in the race over their opponent Larry Thomas Jr., who ran as an independent. As the evening continued, the margin widened. Once 17 of the 21 districts in Lansing reported results, the party

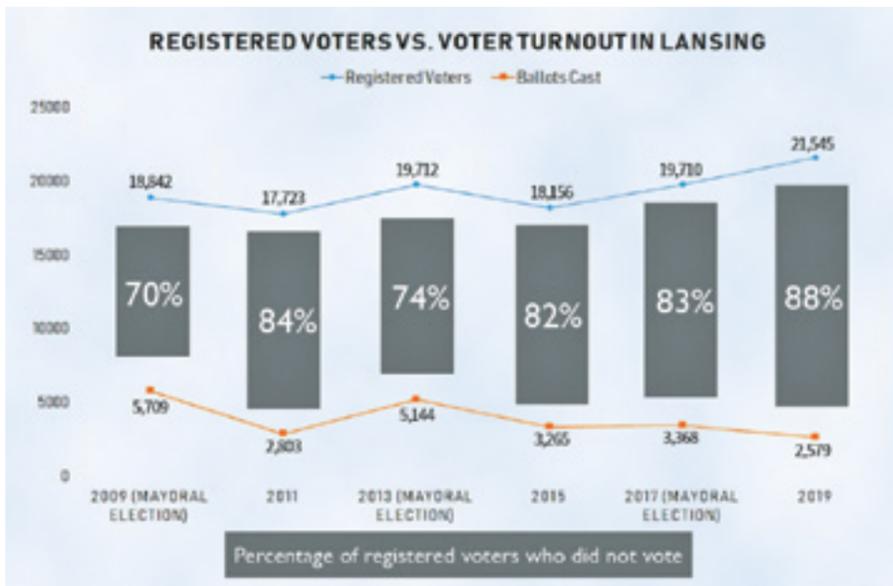
began to give its victory speeches.

VOICING VICTORY

"Lansing has spoken," said Fish in his comments to the crowd, "The Village Voice Party is strong. People believe in us."

Fish, a 50-year Lansing resident, received the most votes for Village Board Trustee with 30.3%. He served in the Lansing Public Works Department for 30 years, and made a point during the campaign to focus on the needs of seniors, pointing to a senior luncheon the VVP hosted as his favorite moment of the campaign.

Saad Abbasy received the second-most votes, notching 29.48%. Abbasy, a Lansing native, lives here with his wife and two children, and has served as chair of the Planning and Zoning Board for two years. This campaign season was the second for Abbasy, who first ran for Village Board Trustee unsuccessfully in



2015 with the Lansing Vision Party.

Abbasy began his speech by saying, "We did it! You did it. Each and every one of you in this room, whether it was a text or a phone call, passing out literature, or spreading the word, this victory—this VVP

victory—is as much you guys in this room as it is people on this stage."

Jerry Zeldenrust is the only current Village Trustee who was on the ballot in this year's race. When Patty Eidam was elected mayor in 2017,

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Friends of the Village Voice Party, the Citizens for District 215 party, and the Vivian Payne/Anthony DeFilippo ticket met at JJ Kelley's after the polls closed. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



District 215 School Board—a close race with no regrets

BY JAMIE HISKES

LANSING and LYNWOOD, Ill. (April 2, 2019) - On Election Night 2019 in Lansing, the Village Voice Party was not the only political group gathered at JJ Kelley's. The Citizens for District 215 School Board candidates were also there. At the end of a long, final day of campaigning, eyelids were heavy and muscles were tense, but optimism remained—even in the face of low voter turnout.

"It's always going to be a close race when almost 2,000 people vote in a community of 30,000, and our [school]

district represents four communities," said candidate and current School Board Vice President Michael Bolz.

"We're really allowing a small percentage of the people to decide how tax money is spent and the direction of the communities, and that's a problem."

CLOSE RACE

The School Board race was indeed a close one. With six candidates sharing 4,639 total ballots across 44 precincts, according to the Cook County Clerk's Office website, that's to be expected. Bolz was in third place by 195

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Miguel Cervantes and family speak to *Million Dollar Quartet* crowd

Hamilton star brings awareness to CURE

BY KATIE ARVIA

MUNSTER, Ind. (April 3, 2019) – On March 31, Theatre at the Center closed an unprecedented seven-week run of *Million Dollar Quartet*. The final performance was attended by a nearly sold-out crowd, as well as two very special guests: Miguel Cervantes, of *Hamilton* fame, and Kelly Cervantes, board member of Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE). They were there as ambassadors on behalf of CURE: Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy, a role they took on after their daughter, Adelaide, was diagnosed with epilepsy at just seven months after her birth.

Theatre at the Center had sold a limited number of “Meet and Greet” tickets for theater-goers

Miguel Cervantes (standing) speaks personally to fans who had purchased a special “Meet and Greet” ticket for the last showing of *Million Dollar Quartet* at Munster’s Center for Visual and Performing Arts. (Photo: Katie Arvia)



who wanted the opportunity to meet Miguel Cervantes. The additional \$50 ticket included an autographed playbill and photo op. All “Meet and Greet” proceeds were donated in entirety to CURE, along with \$5 from each single day ticket sale on performance day.

FINDING A CURE

CURE was founded in 1998 by a group of parents of children affected by epilepsy. Since its inception, CURE has raised over \$60 million to help find a cure for epilepsy.

Miguel and Kelly partnered with CURE in 2016 after their daughter, Adelaide, was diagnosed with

epilepsy. Around the same time Adelaide was diagnosed, Miguel was cast as the title role in the Chicago production of *Hamilton*.

“The word epilepsy came rushing into our lives very, very abruptly and shockingly,” Miguel said. “You can imagine the weird juxtaposition of emotions that were going on in my life at that time.”

When Miguel was cast in the musical, the family was living in New Jersey. This new role meant leaving the east coast and moving to Chicago. In the past, Kelly had worked with CURE in their New York office; fortunately, CURE’s headquarters is in Chicago, allowing Kelly to continue working with the organization.

“CURE has become an incredibly important

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Above: The Cervantes family—Miguel, Kelly, and their children—are working with CURE to raise funds for epilepsy research. Adelaide (8 months old in this photo) was born with epilepsy. Below: Miguel with 8-month-old Adelaide. He is using his celebrity platform to bring awareness to the need for a cure—1 in 26 people face an epilepsy diagnosis. (Photos provided)



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votes at the end of the night with three precincts still not reporting due to computer malfunctions.

"I'm not trying to be superstitious here, but I want to wait," Bolz joked when asked how it felt to be re-elected before all 44 precincts were in. "Only one [of the three precincts not reporting] is Lansing, which means two of them are elsewhere. ...Of course, the quote two hours from now will be, 'I knew it all along! Not nervous at all!' But you don't take anything for granted in these things."

The next morning, Bolz's victory was secured as his final tally reached 2,091 votes—still only 152 ahead of fourth-place contender Sheryl Black.

NO REGRETS

Black, a seven-year School Board veteran and member of the All Voices Matter Party, was gathered with her friends, family and fellow candidate Miacole Nelson at Lynwood Bowl on Greenwood-Lansing Road. Their gathering was much more subdued as they watched the results slowly roll in throughout the night. Their third running mate, Kevin Green, was not present.

"I'm going to finish well if I'm not elected," Black said even when there was only a 20-vote difference between her and Bolz. "I have no regrets. I'm going to continue to be the Board member I was elected to be until there are new Board members sworn in. ...End of the day, if God says, 'Sheryl, you've done enough here, I want to move you to something else,' that's fine."

With 1,334 votes, Nelson polled the lowest of the six candidates on election night. She credits some of it to low turnout in her native Calumet City but maintains that she doesn't regret running, and even has advice for anyone who would consider campaigning after her.

"Just step out and do it, in spite of the challenges that may be put in front of you," Nelson said. "Just keep going."

Back at JJ Kelley's, Board veteran Rita Oberman and first-time runner Morgan Waller had effectively secured their respective first- and second-place polling positions.

AMAZED AND OVERWHELMED

Waller, at just 24 years old, did impressively well for a newcomer to Lansing politics, remaining in second place behind Oberman and in front of Bolz for the entire night.

"It's an amazing feeling," Waller said, speaking over the excited din of the party. "The process is overwhelming. I feel as though campaigning is an experience that all individuals should experience—whether you're a candidate or a voter. I'm happy to have just had the opportunity."

Running a political campaign for the first time would be an educational experience for anyone, and Waller was no exception.

"I've learned how to stay strong, stay true to who I am," she said. "I've learned how to stay authentic and honest. And I've learned how to be here for the kids [in District 215]. Being your authentic self is very important, and I believe that is the key to success."

By the time all the ballots from all 44 precincts were counted, Waller had 2,179 votes—325 behind Oberman and 88 ahead of Bolz.

"Without knowing where those [votes] came from, I can't speculate on why Morgan's polling ahead of Michael," Board member and campaign analyst LeeAnn Revis said of Waller's

success. "She was knocking on doors and talking to people, because she knew she was an unknown. But without knowing where those numbers came from, I can't speculate."

Oberman, though she garnered the most votes of any of the six District 215 candidates, admitted there was one major thing she would have done differently in her campaign.

"We only had a forum [at TF South], and I think it would've been nice to have one at TF North," she said. "A lot of parents know us at TF North, and it would've been nice to include both schools."

WORKING TOGETHER

It was nearly midnight when the District 215 race was called with 41 of 44 precincts reporting. Oberman and Bolz had secured their next terms, Waller her first. Beaming, the three running mates posed for photographs as their families and supporters looked on.

"I'm looking forward to having a Board that wants to work together," Bolz said at the end of the night. "People are disappointed—they want to see better test scores, and everyone does. The problems facing our district aren't unique to our district. ...I'm looking forward to having a Board that wants to direct the superintendent to address those issues."

Shortly after the District 215 race results were decided, the people and energy that had built up in JJ Kelley's throughout the night began to ebb. As Waller left beside her beaming mother, she could be heard saying, "I've got to go to work in the morning. But I know I'm going to remember this, and I'm going to start crying at my desk!"

Michael Bolz and his wife Alissa are glad that campaign season is over so the real work can begin. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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Lessons from the campaign trail

LANSING JOURNAL STAFF

The Lansing Journal asked the Village Board Trustee candidates a number of questions, including lessons they learned from the campaign trail, things they wish they had done differently, and future plans. Selections from their answers are below:

Saad Abbasy—Village Voice Party



WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE ELECTION PROCESS?

Residents want to be communicated to. ...It is vital as a Trustee and a Trustee candidate to understand that residents' voices need to be heard, and they

want to be heard. I think the challenge of residents' voices is the acknowledgment that there are so many different types of voices, whether it's young, old, white, African American, Hispanic, or Middle-Eastern. ...My job as a Trustee is not to only listen to one type of voice; it's to be a representative of all those voices. I'm learning that pretty tangibly this election. ...It's about learning the different communication methods to all of these different groups of people.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY?

[One thing that's important is] taking moments throughout the campaign to take a step away, take a step back and see the bigger picture and reflect that at the end of the day, regardless of what happens, I've got people who've got my back

who love me and support me. My ultimate hope is grounded in faith.... So I think just not being so paranoid throughout the campaign process [is something I learned].

Another thing I would say is...I think all of us would like to do a better job of finding a way to increase voter turnout.

Mike Fish—Village Voice Party



WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE ELECTION PROCESS?

[I learned that] the people of Lansing listened to our platforms and our experience and that they believed in us.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN?

Because I wanted to! It's something that I've dreamed of for 40 years but due to my job commitment, it was a conflict of interest, because I worked for the Village and I couldn't run. My family was important, and I asked my family first, my wife and my two boys. [They said,] "Go for it, dad." And that's why I decided to run; because I've got the free time.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE CANDIDATES?

Do your homework. Get some experience. Join organizations. Show them that you're a true leader.

WHAT'S THE PLAN MOVING FORWARD?

Take a couple of days, recoup...and start learning. I've been attending Board meetings for the last 10 years so it's nothing new, I'll just be sitting someplace else and listen to the people, like I told them. I'm the voice.

Jerry Zeldenrust—Village Voice Party



WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE ELECTION PROCESS?

I've learned that if we had been unopposed, we probably wouldn't have been as involved and exchanging ideas and conversations, that truly benefit us

when we do the door-to-door thing [and] when we have a special event.... At first it would have been easier to be unopposed. Then it would have been, "Oh good, now we can be busy doing other things." But in actuality, now as I look back at it, that would probably not have been anything that we would wish for because we've had such great conversations with people.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?

This year we've identified streets [that need repair] that are going to bring up [the street repair budget] to about \$1 million in investment, even though we know it would cost about \$11 million to do all the repairs that we need to do. So that's an ongoing process of trying to seek grants, find more funds, figure out where that money comes from and then apply it in a smart way.

Larry Thomas Jr.—Independent candidate



WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE ELECTION PROCESS?

More than anything else, one of the things that I learned about Lansing and that I got a chance to witness was, Lansing is very much into diversity.... Coming into this

a lot of people...were saying that Lansing was not diverse. I think that's the biggest thing that I learned is that Lansing is diverse, wants diversity, and that it's a misconception that they don't. I'm glad to dispel that myth during this election.

WHY DO YOU THINK LANSING VOTERS VOTED THE WAY THEY DID?

I heard people say that I'm not from here, and not being from Lansing—I think that's a big thing [for voters]. I think that if I was an African American who was from Lansing and the people of Lansing knew my parents, knew my background, if I had went to Reavis [Elementary School] and [TF South High School] or however it worked out, I think that Lansing would be for me also. As an independent, Lansing not knowing who I was was the biggest problem.



At the Lansing Police Department, which is the polling place for District 17, Election Judges (from left) Linda Powell, Hailey Stepp, Pamela Long, and Loretta Dennis had tallied a total of 24 voters by Election Day afternoon. The percentage of registered voters who cast ballots this year—12%—is the lowest it has been in the last ten years of Lansing's local elections. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Final tallies ELECTION 2019

VILLAGE BOARD

- ✓ **Mike Fish**
Village Voice Party
30.31% • 2,086 votes
- ✓ **Saad Abbasy**
Village Voice Party
29.48% • 2,029 votes
- ✓ **Jerry Zeldenrust**
Village Voice Party
27.26% • 1,876 votes
- Larry Thomas
Independent candidate
12.95% • 891 votes

PARK BOARD

This race was uncontested.

- ✓ **Karen Adams**
(ran uncontested for two-year term)
2,139 votes
- ✓ **Jim Long**
(six-year term)
52.84% • 2,055 votes
- ✓ **Micaela Smith**
(six-year term)
47.16% • 1,834

DISTRICT 215 SCHOOL BOARD

- ✓ **Rita Oberman**
Citizens for District 215
21.08% • 2,513 votes
- ✓ **Morgan Waller**
Citizens for District 215
18.38% • 2,191 votes
- ✓ **Michael Bolz**
Citizens for District 215
17.65% • 2,104
- Sheryl Black
All Voices Matter
16.34% • 1,948 votes
- Kevin Green
All Voices Matter
15.32% • 1,826 votes
- Miacole Nelson
All Voices Matter
11.24% • 1,340 votes

DISTRICT 158 SCHOOL BOARD

- ✓ **Mary Kelly**
33.72% • 1,458 votes
- ✓ **Denise Jones-Williams**
27.84% • 1,204 votes
- ✓ **Abimael Duran**
20.12% • 870 votes
- Jencelyn King-Witzel
18.32% • 792 votes

DISTRICT 510 SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE BOARD

- ✓ **Vivian Payne**
44.81% • 15,551 votes
- ✓ **Anthony DeFilippo**
30.58% • 10,615 votes
- Max Solomon
24.61% • 8,542 votes

DISTRICT 171 SCHOOL BOARD

- ✓ **Cozette Y. Pettigrew**
27.82% • 799 votes
- ✓ **Desiree Ambrose**
27.58% • 792 votes
- ✓ **Jesse Michael Terrazas**
24.79% • 712 votes
- Dennis J Altgilbers Jr.
19.81% • 569 votes

- ✓ **David M. Lilly**
(ran uncontested for two-year term)
992 votes

LANSING LIBRARY BOARD

- ✓ **Judy Koch**
43.38% • 1,753 votes
- ✓ **Lillian Ball**
30.51% • 1,233 votes
- Geoffrey M. Erlenborn
26.11% • 1,055 votes



OBITUARIES

HARMEILING

A funeral service was held for Arlene J. Harmeling, nee Vander Schoot, on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Daniel Svendsen officiating. Mrs. Harmeling was born January 10, 1942, and passed away March 31, 2019. Wife of the late Bill Harmeling. Mother of Scott (Valorie) Harmeling and Jill (Chad) Gehring. Grandmother of four. Sister of Sharon Vander Schoot, Deborah Vander Schoot, and Doreen Anderson. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery – Elwood, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home – Dyer, IN.

LENTING JR.

A funeral service for William “Bill” Lenting Jr., was held Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at First Christian Reformed Church in South Holland, IL. Mr. Lenting was born August 17, 1951, and passed away April 5, 2019. Husband of Janet Lenting, nee DeYoung. Father of Jonathan Lenting and Tiffany (Jeff) Bandstra. Grandfather of two. Brother of the late Carolyn (late Marvin) Davis, Hank (late Marcella) and Adrian Lenting. Brother-in-law of Jerry (LuAnn) and Jim (Sue) DeYoung. Interment Oak Ridge Cemetery – Lansing,

IL. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home – Dyer, IN.

MACOCHA

A funeral Mass for Matthew M. “Mitch” Macocha was held Saturday, April 6, 2019, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dyer, IN, with Rev. Andrew Corona officiating. Mr. Macocha was born February 9, 1922, and passed away April 2, 2019. Husband of Leona B. Macocha, nee Berdis. Father of Charmaine (Fred) Blissmer, Janet (late Jim) Antilla, Susan (John) Hruskoci, Ellen (Jim) Harte, and Michael (Lisa) Macocha. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of 24. Brother of the late Chester Macocha, Walter Macocha, Genevieve Treece, and Jane Zabinski. Private interment. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home – Dyer, IN.

TARALA

A Funeral Mass for Roger L. Tarala will be held on April 10, 2019 at St. Jude the Apostle Church with Rev. Thomas Cabala officiating. Mr. Tarala was born March 13, 1953, and died April 3, 2019. He was the former husband of Toni Lynn (nee Bytnar); father of Sean (Donna), Joseph (Lisa), Nicholas (Veronica), Sam (Ben) Bet-

tenhausen, and Jeffrey (Kerry) Tarala; father figure of Stafford Owens; grandfather of Colin, Caden, Michael (Claire), James, Christa (Ryan) Romkema, Kara, Jeffrey, Matthew, Alejandra, Nico, James, Matthew, Will, Ruth, Anton, and Rosalie; great-grandfather of Anastasia, Augustine, and Felicity; brother of Marla (Curt) Malcom, and Gregory Tarala; uncle of Antonio, Michael, Matthew, and Marc.

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The Lansing Journal is a community newspaper. We welcome input from fellow residents who have thoughtful things to say about topics that are important to our community. In publishing these writings, we hope to encourage respectful conversation even in the face of disagreement. Send submissions to info@thelansingjournal.com with “Voices” in the subject line.

The thoughtful opinion below was submitted before Election Day and appeared in our daily online news. Though this year’s election is over in Lansing, the sentiment is timeless.

Vote anyway



THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE FORD

I remember the first time I got to vote, I stood in the rain with college friends waiting to cast our ballots. That evening, we talked about the election, idealism bouncing off the dorm walls. Later we learned our candidate had lost.

No matter who your candidates are—right, left, or in the middle—I hope you will consider voting on or before April 2nd. Americans can vote without fear, regard for race, religion, gender, or ethnicity. Do not believe that your vote does not matter, it does. Do not believe someone else will vote for you, so that you do not have to. A local citizen said to me, “small town elections have (more) influence on Springfield and Washington than one might think.” Do not believe otherwise. If you cannot get to the polls on Election Day, vote early after work today.

Some candidates may be running unopposed; it appears no action is required. Vote anyway, for the sake of

democracy. Show the effort, even if choices are limited. In theory, votes should be earned—study the candidates, attend a forum, listen to interviews and debates. READ.

The reality: Without question, our electoral system has issues. Campaigns and ballots can be tampered with. Computer systems can be hacked. Yet I am confident these systems can and will be improved upon. One of the students sitting in the Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, or Lynwood school district could be the one to create America’s ultimate weapon against cyber warfare! I am idealistic enough to believe with the right foundation, the right instructors, and of course funding—these students can attend IIT, MIT, and beyond. Make the challenge happen with your votes for school board candidates. Our school districts can become just as high achieving as the oft-mentioned Homewood-Flossmoor Public School System.

The Trustee race in Lansing is on—3 vacancies and 4 candidates, including 3 candidates on the same ticket and 1 independent. Exercise your voting rights anyway. The Lan-Oak Park District has a race also.

Voters must realize that once a candidate has won an election, keeping campaign promises and trying to make goals happen can be difficult. Realize that some might not want your candidate(s) to succeed. Vote anyway. Consider former generations who made it possible for women and people of color to vote in this country. Consider that in some countries women are not allowed to vote even today. Let me encourage you to read about the Voting Rights Act being chipped away—it is still necessary. Voting machines break down or malfunction—machine shortages at some polling places, citizens in long lines being told they cannot vote after 7:00pm—all happened in 2018 elections. This is why you should vote, why you should stand against such tactics.

There is power in voting. Do not let another election happen without your participation.

Vote anyway.

Michelle Ford, Lansing, Illinois

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10th annual Community Clean-Up Day: April 27

“Two hands, two hours” can impact community life and economic development

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (April 5, 2019) - On the last Saturday of April, Lansing residents will come together to participate in the village’s annual Community Clean-Up Day. The event, celebrating its tenth year, focuses not only on beautifying our town, but also on promoting camaraderie.

Village Clerk Vivian Payne said that two major goals of Community Clean-Up Day are “picking up as much garbage as we can and getting all of the different organizations together afterwards.” Last year, more than 300 volunteers from different churches, businesses, schools, and Scout programs participated.

SPRING INSPIRATION

Inspiration for Community Clean-Up Day came to Payne while she was driving around Lansing. “After the winter, it’s pretty obvious how much garbage is out there, and it doesn’t get cleaned up during the wintertime,” she said. “When I started working for Mayor Abbott, I thought it would be a great event to bring people together.”

A GOOD IMPRESSION

Unfortunately, there are several areas around

town that seem to suffer more than others in terms of littering. The worst offenders, according to Payne, are around railroad tracks, the old K-mart location, and the Torrence Avenue overpass.

“Even though that’s IDOT’s property, they rarely send IDOT personnel out there to clean it up,” Payne said regarding the overpass. “We make it a point to clean it ourselves just because it’s where everybody gets off and that’s their first impression of Lansing.”

In fact, the village cleans the area several times throughout the year; Public Works volunteers assist in the process. The goal is to encourage residents and commuters alike to keep the streets free of trash.

“When you’re driving through a community that’s clean, you’re going to think twice about throwing something out the window,” Payne explained.

ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

Not only do these efforts keep our streets clean, they also attract potential new business developers or families. Payne said that a clean community is one of the things developers look for when investing their time and money. As for families,

cleanliness is a top priority, among good schools and low crime rates.

“When folks are driving around, looking to possibly purchase a home in Lansing, that’s obviously one of the things they look at,” Payne said. “They’re going to look at how clean a community is.”

“TWO HANDS, TWO HOURS”

This year, the village is using a new slogan to help promote Community Clean-Up Day: “Two



Last year, for the second year in a row, the Southtowne Stallions—a youth football and cheer program—cleaned up Erfert Park. Pictured are: Brandon Terry Jr., Fred Ridley III, Trenton Walker, Brandi Terry, Brandon Terry, Fred Ridley Jr., and Travaughn Howse. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Hands, Two Hours.” As the name indicates, the clean-up has always been a two-hour effort. And, as Payne said, “It just take two hands and two hours to make a difference in the community.”

The day will begin at the Village Municipal Center, where volunteers will pick up garbage bags and lunch tickets. (Volunteers will be treated to a free barbecue luncheon after the clean-up, sponsored by the village.) After picking up supplies, volunteers meet their teams at their pre-assigned clean-up locations and get to work. The clean-up is strategically timed to coincide with another one of Lansing’s community-wide traditions: the Good Neighbor Day Parade.

“We do it the last Saturday in April, so it’s right before the Good Neighbor Day Parade,” Payne explained. “The thought was to get the town cleaned right before the parade.”

APRIL 27

Community Clean-Up Day 2019 will take place on April 27, from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Volunteer information and sign-ups can be found on the village’s website, under the Clerk’s tab. Interested parties may also contact Vivian Payne directly at 708-895-7207 or at vpayne@villageoflansing.org.

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she appointed Zeldenrust to finish her term as Trustee. The retired Lansing police officer claimed 27.26% of the vote, securing himself another four years as Trustee, where he currently reports on police and finance matters.

Jerry closed his victory speech by saying, “The end of [my speeches throughout the campaign] always said, ‘I envision a Lansing where dedicated people all play their part in serving and being served.’ And it’s happening before my very eyes. I couldn’t be more proud to be part of it.”

INDEPENDENTLY HOPEFUL

Independent candidate Larry Thomas did not hold an event on April 2. The 10-year Lansing resident received 12.95% of the total votes, less than half of his competition’s votes. Thomas is a member of LACE and the Lansing Lions, and works at a staffing agency.

“It’s tough to be the independent against three,” Thomas said. “It’s tough to run against the slate...and the mayor and the incumbent party that’s already sitting in the majority of the seats in the legislature. It was tough.”

Thomas said that he was not surprised by the results, but plans to run for Village Trustee again in two years.

DISAPPOINTING TURNOUT

Overall, the voter turnout in Lansing was largely unimpressive. At 12%, the percentage of registered voters who cast ballots in this year’s election is the lowest it has been in the last ten years of Lansing’s local elections. In fact, Lansing’s voter turnout has generally been in decline over the last ten years.

“I wish more people came and voted,” Fish said privately before his speech. “Every election means something and people have to get out there. ...I’m a little disappointed at the turnout.”

BOARD MEETINGS

Fish and Abbasy will take their places on the Board next month, replacing Tony Delaurentis and Mike Skrbina. Zeldenrust will retain his seat on the Board.

The Lansing Village Board regularly meets at 7:00pm on every first and third Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Court Complex (Lansing Police Department), 2710 170th Street.

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Brighter future in store for many of Lansing's streetlights

Lansing to save thousands with help from ComEd

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 5, 2019) – Two lighting improvement projects are scheduled to begin this year, replacing current light fixtures with LED fixtures on Lansing streets and in parking lots. The first project will be done by ComEd, an electric utility company that owns many of the light fixtures along village roads. The second will be done by Lansing's Public Works Department, who will install LED lights in multiple parking lots along Ridge Road. The projects are expected to save the Village thousands of dollars.

PROJECT 1 – COMED-OWNED STREETLIGHTS

Because ComEd owns many of the light fixtures on Lansing roads, it is responsible for replacing light bulbs when needed. ComEd started to replace burnt-out or damaged halogen bulbs with LEDs months ago, installing about 35 LED lights. This project, which does not yet have an official start date, will ensure that all ComEd-owned lights in the village are using LED bulbs.



The parking lot behind the American Legion is one that will receive the new money-saving LEDs. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

"As I would say to the residents, those are the wood poles," explained Public Works Director Gary Richardson at the March 5 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting.

According to Richardson, who started as Lansing's Public Works Director in January, the vast majority of the wooden street light poles are ComEd-owned, and they will be replaced. He is not sure exactly how many light fixtures will be updated by ComEd but assured The Lansing Journal in an interview that it is "quite a few."

FINANCIAL BENEFIT

Likely the largest benefit of the project will come from the Village's electricity bills. Though the streetlights are owned by ComEd, Lansing pays for the power needed to keep the lights on. In 2018, Lansing's monthly cost to power the ComEd-

owned streetlights was \$8,199.57. ComEd estimates that with the more energy-efficient LED lights, the monthly cost will decrease to \$4,549.08, resulting in a monthly savings of \$3,650.49.

PROJECT 2 – VILLAGE-OWNED PARKING LOT LIGHTS

But the ComEd project is not the only



The ComEd project will replace halogen street lights like this one...

...with LED lights like this one. (Photos: Josh Bootsma)

financial good news to hit the streets of Lansing. Recognizing that some Village-owned light fixtures could also use LED bulbs, Richardson approached a company called Universal Lighting to see if Lansing might qualify for any rebates from ComEd. The project Richardson had in mind was replacing about 90 bulbs in eight parking lots along Ridge Road, a project that would cost \$18,027. The company found a rebate for Lansing, in the form of \$17,762.50, meaning Lansing's final cost to install LED bulbs in the parking lots will be \$264.50, just under \$3 per light fixture.

"You really enjoyed telling us that, didn't you?" asked Mayor Patty Eidam at the March 3 meeting, after Richardson shared the news of both projects. "I did," he responded with a smile.

THE LOTS

Among the eight parking lots that will be better lit along Ridge road are the American Legion lot, the Gus Bock's Ace Hardware lot, and the lot behind Sandler's Shoes. Lansing Public Works employees will do the work of installing the LEDs in these areas.

"[I was] very surprised," Richardson said, recalling when he first found out that the Village would be paying so little for the LED fixtures in the parking lots. "I was not expecting anything near \$260."

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April 8: Lansing's own Memorial Day

Fallen Heroes exhibit on display through April

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (April 4, 2019) – Each year in May, our nation observes Memorial Day to remember those who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. And each year in April, Lansing observes its own memorial day—to remember two hometown heroes who lost their lives on the same day in separate years while carrying out their duties to serve and protect.

On Monday, April 8, the Lansing Historical Society invited residents to view a display honoring these two young men—Officer Kenneth Novak and LCPL Philip Martini. Novak is the only police officer in Lansing to be killed in the line of duty. He died April 8, 1992. Martini, a Marine, is the only casualty of the Iraq War from Lansing. He was killed in action on April 8, 2006.

In 2014, then-Mayor Norm Abbott issued a proclamation declaring April 8 as Lansing Fallen Heroes Memorial Day in their honor.

OBSERVING THE DAY

In observance of this day, Museum Curator Barb Dust has created a special exhibit with memorabilia and information about their lives. "We have put up a display for the two young men and kept a sort of a vigil all day on April 8 for friends and family to come and remember and the rest of the village to come and learn about who they were," she says.

The museum was open for extended hours on April 8—9:00am–7:30pm.

The exhibit includes video of Novak's funeral and news coverage about his death. The display also includes an explanation of the meaning of Gold Star Mothers as well as additional memorabilia of Ron Beuster, Lansing's first casualty of the Vietnam War.

The exhibit will remain in place for the remainder of the month and can be viewed during



Above: LCPL Martini: KIA 4/8/2006 (Photo: Dan Bovino)



Above right: Officer Novak, End of Watch: 4/8/1992 (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

Right: Museum Curator Barb Dust put together displays honoring LCPL Philip Martini (shown here) and Officer Kenneth Novak (shown above right). (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

regular museum hours:

- Mondays, 6:00–8:00pm
- Wednesdays, 3:00–5:00pm
- Saturdays, 11:00am–1:00pm

The Lansing Historical Museum is located in the lower level of the library, 2750 Indiana Avenue. For more info, contact Barb Dust: 708-474-7497.



Seventh annual Senior brunch

Thursday, May 9 (RSVP by April 19)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 6, 2019) - The student Council of Memorial Junior High School will host their seventh annual Senior Brunch on Thursday, May 9, from 11:00am–1:00pm. This is a complimentary lunch accompanied by performances from Memorial's award-winning band, choir, and drama department.

RSVPs are requested by April 19. Call 708-474-2383 with the number attending.

Memorial Junior High School is located at 2721 Ridge Road in Lansing, Illinois.

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Honor Guard honors JoEllyn Kelley

JJ Kelley's owner "out-paced the field" in supporting military and veterans

BY CARRIE STEINWEG



Left: At this year's Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard appreciation dinner, member Jeff Schoettle (standing) announced that JoEllyn Kelley, co-owner of JJ Kelley's was being honored with a special appreciation award for her efforts in recognizing and remembering veterans. "This year's recipient has certainly out-paced the field when it comes to lending her support to our military and our nation's veterans," said Schoettle. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

Above: The award was a surprise to JoEllyn Kelley, and she accepted it humbly as dinner attendees snapped photos. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

LANSING, Ill. (April 4, 2019) - The Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard held their annual appreciation dinner March 30 at JJ Kelley's in Lansing. Not only is the dinner a gathering to celebrate the group's event participation throughout the past year, to honor the efforts of members and supporters, and to remember members that have been lost, but it also commemorates the creation of the LVMCHG, which was established March 29, 1992.

SPECIAL GUESTS AND SPECIAL HONORS

Special guests for the evening were introduced from Calumet City VFW Post 8141, the Southeast Side Vietnam Veterans, Lansing Boy Scouts, American Legion Post 697 Ladies Auxiliary, Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Memorial Honor Guard, and the Lansing Junior Woman's Club. Other special guests included Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam and Claudia Paolone and Fran Mabry, wives of two late LVMCHG members.

Each year the group recognizes one of their own with an announcement and a humorous prize. The Soldier In the Barrel Award went to Pete Matrevec, who received a customized first aid kit.

Each year an appreciation award is given to a supporter of the LVMCHG. This year member Jeff Schoettle presented the award to JoEllyn Kelley, co-owner of JJ Kelley's. "This year's recipient has certainly out-paced the field when it comes to lending her support to our military and our nation's veterans," said Schoettle as Kelley was surprised with a plaque. "It's hard to think of a military group or



Pete Matrevec was presented with the Soldier in the Barrel Award. (Photo: Carrie Steinweg)

veteran's organization that hasn't been on the receiving end of her tremendous generosity, been made to feel welcome at any of the military and veterans events hosted here, and who among us hasn't heard, firsthand from her lips, her heartfelt sincere gratitude for their service."

Schoettle pointed out the American flag outside the building, a wall of heroes in the bar honoring local veterans, and a memorial to fallen Marine LCPL Philip Martini—just a few of the ways that Kelley expresses her appreciation for military veterans.

HONOR GUARD HISTORY

Intended to provide participants for military programs and ceremonies for the Lansing Veterans Memorial at the Lansing Municipal Airport, the group expanded to represent the memorial at parades and additional services within and outside the Lansing community.

The LVMCHG conducts services at the Lansing Veterans Memorial for military holidays—such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other significant events—and was created at the request of Tom Luberda, President of the Lansing Veterans Memorial. Its members have served in the Armed Forces and volunteer their time in the honor guard.

Among the highlights of the group's 27 years are participating in the South Side Irish Parade as lead color guard, receiving "WWII Commemorative Community" status from the U.S. government, participating in the M1-A1 tank memorial dedication and posting colors at Congressman Jerry Weller's inauguration ceremony. They've won a number of awards, plaques and appreciation certificates from municipalities and other veteran groups for parade participation and flag presentations. They've also been present for the dedications of several area veteran memorials, including South Holland, Highland, and Merrillville.

CLOSE-KNIT GROUP IS "LIKE FAMILY"

Claudia Paolone has been an honorary LVMCHG member since March 30, 1992, the day after the honor guard was established. Her husband, Ernie, died suddenly the day after becoming a member, and the first official function of the honor guard was Ernie's funeral. Paolone expressed how much support the members provided to her and her family during that difficult time.

"They helped with the funeral and were there for me. They treated my kids like a father and made me feel so welcome. They were always there for me and my kids, like family, in honoring my husband, and I've stayed with the group," she said.

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

With a limited number of honor guard members, the group still manages to represent the Lansing Veterans Memorial at numerous functions each year. The 14 members are planning to participate in more than a dozen events in 2019, which includes three Memorial Day services, a POW/MIA Day vigil at the memorial, leading parades, and posting colors at several local ceremonies.

As members age, there's a need for new members. Veterans who are curious about membership are invited to call 708-862-7731 or visit the "Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard" Facebook page.

"We're thankful to all the supporters who attended our annual appreciation dinner in our 27th year as an honor guard, and we are hoping to keep the momentum going for years to come," said LVMCHG member Rich Dominiak.

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From left: Major Barbara Buckner, Commander of CAP Thunder Composite Squadron; MSgt John Morgan; Jerry Ashley, President of O'Hare Chapter of the Air Force Association; and Rev. Don Ashley, Aerospace Education Officer of the O'Hare Chapter of the Air Force Association. (Photo provided)

Lansing Cadet honored by Air Force

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

LANSING, Ill. (March 19, 2019) – At Civil Air Patrol's IL Group 2 Winter Ball, representatives of the Air Force Association were on hand to present Cadet of the Year awards to cadets from each squadron.

From Lansing's Thunder Composite Squadron, Chief Master Sergeant John Morgan received the Air Force Association's Unit Cadet of the Year award for 2018. It was presented by Jerry Ashley, President of the O'Hare Chapter of the Air Force Association, and Rev. Don Ashley, the Chapter's Aerospace Education Officer.

Civil Air Patrol is an all-volunteer organization that is an auxiliary program of the U.S. Air Force and was founded in 1941. It is open to youths aged 12–20 and also includes adult senior volunteers. The organization numbers about 60,000 nationwide who support the USAF in emergency response and ground services and also contribute within their communities in public service roles. Cadets benefit from the program through its promotion of air, space, and cyber power as well as leadership opportunities.

Thunder Squadron meets weekly at Heritage Middle School, 19250 Burnham Avenue in Lansing. For more information on the program, visit civilairpatrol.com.

Payne, DeFilippo win SSC Board

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (April 5, 2019) - Lansing resident and Village Clerk Vivian Payne took home a win in the race for Trustee of the South Suburban College Board on April 2, as did her running mate Anthony DeFilippo. Payne claimed a decisive win with 44.8% of the vote, soundly beating her opponent, Max Solomon, who achieved only 24.61%. DeFilippo received 30.58%. Only two of the seven Trustee positions were up for election this year.

South Suburban College District 510 includes 18 villages in Chicago's south suburbs. Lansing is the third largest village in this district.

Payne has been a Lansing resident for 25 years, serving as Village Clerk since being elected in April of 2017. She has served on the South Suburban College (SSC) Board since November of 2017, when she was appointed to replace Jacqueline Martin, who had resigned.

VOTES OF CONFIDENCE

"I'm feeling really good. Because I'm so new to the college Board I was a little nervous. But I'm feeling really good and really thankful that I've had so much support," Payne said in response to her victory.

DeFilippo, a Calumet City resident, has been on the SSC Board since 1989.

"I feel very satisfied that people recognize what a good job we're doing at South Suburban College," he

said. "This isn't so much an indication of anything more than what the college has been doing in the community for years. ...The taxpayers, the students, and all interested parties just gave South Suburban College a vote of confidence."

CAMPAIGN LESSONS

This year's SSC Board campaign was the first for Payne, who shared her biggest lesson from the experience: "You gotta get out there. You gotta get your face out there, you have to knock on doors, and you gotta meet people. I think it's really important that people know who you are because people don't like voting for folks they don't know."

Payne spent her evening on April 2 at JJ Kelley's with the Village Voice Party. She gave a brief victory speech after the Trustee candidates made their comments. Though Payne is not a member of the Village Voice Party, she works closely with party members in her role as Village Clerk. DeFilippo joined her at JJ Kelley's later in the evening.

CONTINUING THE WORK

The two expressed interest in pursuing grant opportunities for the college, continuing to work on dual credit hour programs to benefit high schoolers, and focusing on programs for adult education.

There are seven South Suburban College Board Trustees, each of whom serve six-year terms. The Board meets once every month.

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1 From left: Dawn Meyers, JoEllyn Kelley, Mayor Patty Eidam, and Cookie Borys brought a copy of The Lansing Journal to Kitaro Surf & Turf & Sushi in Munster, Indiana, where they spent the evening celebrating the birthdays of Dawn and Cookie. (Photos of the revelry were taken by the waitress and the owner— "Such nice peeps!" said JoEllyn.)

2 Dan and Kristy Bootsma traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to watch their son Matt play baseball for Timothy Christian School. They remembered The Lansing Journal to read on the beach. (Selfie: Dan Bootsma)

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3 With London's Tower Bridge in the background, Amy Todd, Director of the Lansing Area Chamber, keeps up-to-date on news from the business community back home. (Photo: Alex Wisniewski)

4 Pictured is Richard Lund in Pensacola, Florida, though he and The Lansing Journal are somewhat dwarfed by the mural on the exterior wall of the Brew HaHa restaurant. (Photo: Diane Lund)

5 Carolyn Scofield and her daughter Dawn Stanley pose with The Lansing Journal near a Grand Ole Opry icon. "The photo was taken by a very nice tourist," says Carolyn.

6 Carolyn Scofield is the owner of Waters Edge Garden & Pond Center, so she took a break before the spring gardening season to visit Opryland. (Photo: Dawn Stanley, Carolyn's daughter)



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Mark your calendars: Fox Pointe 2019 events

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (April 10, 2019) — No need to drive into the city this summer — Lansing's premier venue, Fox Pointe, presents a 2019 concert and festival lineup that offers a variety of food, drink, music, and entertainment options.

Wednesday Concert Series

All programs in the Wednesday Concert Series are free admission. Concerts are scheduled from 7:00–9:30pm on the following Wednesdays.

MAY 29: HAIRBANGERS BALL

Tribute band recreating 1980s rock concert music from bands like Guns N' Roses, Mötley Crüe, Bon Jovi, and Poison

JUNE 5: FINAL SAY

Chicago band covering the latest Top 40 hits and classics that are sure to bring an audience to their feet

JUNE 12: ROCKZILLA

Fox Pointe Director Tony Troncozo's classic hard rock cover band, featuring Troncozo on lead vocals and guitar

JUNE 19: THE ORIGINAL HAZZARD COUNTY BAND

Midwest country band covering music of Merle Haggard, Jimmy Buffet, and more; Nelson Wynn on pedal steel guitar and vocals

JUNE 26: UNITY

Award-winning original reggae band playing old roots, rock, and reggae favorites along with original music blending roots, rock, blues, funk, and reggae

JULY 10: CRAWPUPIES

Northwest Indiana pop rock band covering bands like the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, the Doors, the Stones, U2, Counting Crows, Gin Blossoms, Poi Dog Pondering, and "everyone else who makes good music"

JULY 17: MIKE AND JOE

Modern rock cover band playing music mostly from the 90s through today, covering bands/artists like Blink 182, Maroon 5, U2, Fall Out Boy, Justin Timberlake, Third Eye Blind, Mumford and Sons, Sublime, Dave Matthews Band,

Weezer, Train, Keith Urban, Ed Sheeran, The Eagles, Jimmy Eat World, Goo Goo Dolls, Foo Fighters, Florida Georgia Line, OAR, The Cure, Pearl Jam, and more

JULY 24: DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS

Retro tribute/novelty stage show band playing cover songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and every decade thereafter

JULY 31: CADILLAC GROOVE

Chicago band covering Southern Rock, Blues, Funk, R&B, Soul, and more

BONUS EVENT: TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 5:00-8:00PM

National Night Out — a Lansing Police Department-sponsored event with fun family activities to foster connections between the Lansing Police Department and the community; hot dogs, chips, drinks, and snow cones will be served; entertainment includes magic shows, emergency vehicles on display, and music (free admission; open to the public)

AUGUST 7: LATIN SATIN SOUL

Chicago and Northwest Indiana Latin cover band playing music of Latin artists like Marc Anthony, Santana, Jay Perez, and Selena, as well as R&B, Jazz, Classic Rock, and Soul

AUGUST 14: COWBOY JUKEBOX

Chicago's five-piece country rock party band, playing country's top 40s through the decades as well as some Pop Billboard hits of the 90s and 2000s

AUGUST 21: SPOKEN FOUR

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Ronnie Baker Brooks (Saturday headliner) — respected Chicago blues and soul guitarist, singer, and songwriter, who has performed on stage with his legendary blues musician father Lonnie Brooks and has four albums: Gold-digger, Take Me Witcha, and The Torch with Watchdog Records, and a 2017 released album, Times Have Changed, with Provogue

Stoney Curtis Band (Saturday) — classic electric blues rock trio heavily influenced by 60s/70s psychedelia, featuring lead singer Stoney Curtis on strat

Steepwater Band (Sunday headliner) — blues rock band formed in Chicago in 1998, with influences from early British blues, delta blues, Psychedelia, Americana, Jazz, and 50s rock-n-roll

Jimmy Nick and Don't Tell Mama (Sunday) — high energy electric blues and rock-n-roll band featuring saxophone, bass, drums backing Jimmy's electrifying guitar play

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 3:00–11:00PM

Lansing Lions Fest — a Lansing Lions Club-sponsored event celebrating 82 years of community service with food and craft vendors, children's bouncy house, and music from Little Giant, a 1960s pop, rock-n-roll, and British Invasion cover band (on stage from 7:00–10:30pm)

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, AUGUST 9–10

Woodstock 50th Anniversary Celebration — a Lansing Public Library-sponsored event featuring live 60s music and groovy merchandising to create a throwback vibe of the epic 1969 Woodstock concert

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11–13

Autumn Fest — a LACE-sponsored three-day fall festival featuring food vendors, children's activities, a Market Place, military tribute, beer garden, and live stage entertainment

Fox Pointe Director Tony Troncozo is currently developing a Fox Pointe website that will detail these and additional upcoming concerts and events. For more information or inquiries, contact Tony Troncozo at 708-895-7200.

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Good Friday tradition continues

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 7, 2019) - This year's "Stations of the Cross" prayer walk will mark the third Good Friday that Lansing churches and community members have shared a sacred tradition.

Rev. John Holyer of Trinity Lutheran Church introduced the idea to Lansing in 2017 and made it an outdoor, community event. Other local pastors who have participated in the event include Pastor Dave Price of First United Methodist Church, Pastor Michael Eberly of Cornerstone (First Baptist) Church, and Pastor Leroy Childress of Grace Church. When Father Bill MacFarlane was at St. Ann Catholic Church, he also participated, and this year St. Ann's new priest, Fr. Mark Kalema will join as well.

The walk is open to all of Lansing, to any faith tradition or anyone spiritually curious. Participants meet in the parking lot of St. Ann (3010 Ridge Road) at noon on Good Friday, which is April 19 this year. Participants are led by a large wooden cross carried south on Chicago Avenue, and then west on Ridge Road, and north on Glen Terrace, ending at Trinity Lutheran Church. A police escort is provided, so the group can stop at 14 different points to read Scripture and recite a prayer.

Approximately 200 people participated last year, and Pastor Price would love to see the tradition grow. As Yoly Tellez, a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, said last year, "It's nice to see the community—and the religious community—come together."



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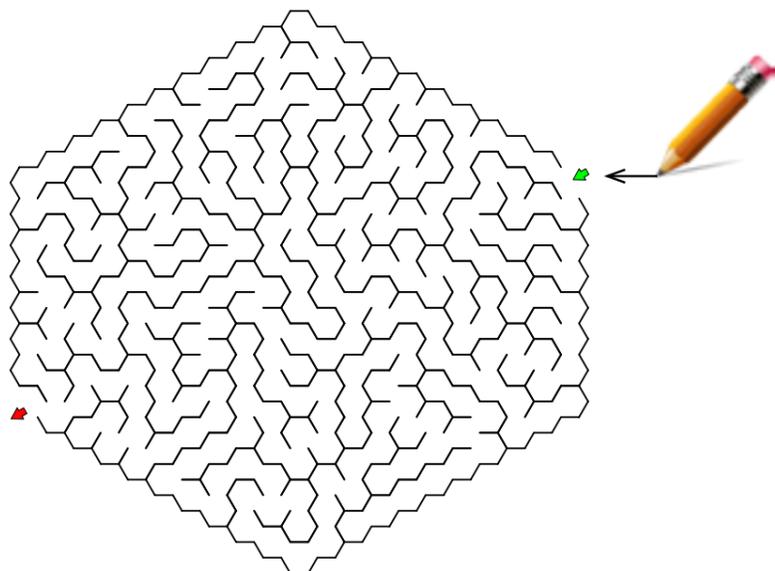
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- Monopoly purchase
- "Your majesty"
- Burrow
- Start of a refrain (hyphenated)
- Referred to previously
- "___ we having fun yet?"
- Makes insane
- Extra
- Facilitates
- Avoiding capture
- His "4" was retired
- Ratio of one country's currency to another's (3 wds)
- Essential oil from flowers
- Information unit
- Foot
- Throat dangler
- Latin dance
- Cantaloupe, e.g.
- Arctic ___
- ___ Minor
- Level, in London
- Deed
- A bunch of
- "Iliad" warrior
- Foe

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- Foundation
- Astronomy Muse
- Studio effect
- Dorm room staple
- Makeup, e.g.
- Make clear by emphasis and try to convince (2 wds)
- Brooks Robinson, e.g.
- Expand from internal pressure
- Halftime lead, e.g.
- "Fantasy Island" prop
- Make sense, with "up"
- Certain intersection
- "Go on ..."
- Final, uncompromising demands
- Concerning this
- Some deer
- "Green Gables" girl
- "___ go!"
- Infomercials, e.g.
- Concerning this (law)
- Cut baby incisors
- Bed board
- Short shot
- Fishing, perhaps
- Victorian, for one
- Relating to a mass of interstellar dust
- Gasoline additive (pl.)
- Wood sugar
- Pellagra preventer
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- Preserve a dead body
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Talent and learning on display at TF South Art Show

BY JAMIE HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (April 7, 2019) - Excitement and pride electrified the Grand Lobby of TF South High School April 5 as about 200 students, parents, and friends gathered for the annual TF South Student Art Show. Throughout the lobby, two- and three-dimensional art pieces were displayed for viewing and judging—some were even available for purchase.

The artwork on display included pencil, ink, and charcoal drawings; paintings; digital photographs; and sculptures made of clay, papier-mâché, wire, and nylon. According to Lauren Bruntjens, one of TF South's four art teachers, the school has 17 art classes with roughly 25 students in each one. The show comprised an impressive representation of many styles from those classes.

"We always love to see the community come out and see all the support from parents and families who



Far left: Senior Daisy Alvarez won the 2-D Best in Show Award.
Left: Senior Claire Redikop won 3-D Best in Show. (Photos: Jamie Hiskes)

"A couple times I had to step back and say, 'I'm teaching, and they're actually doing it!' So that's exciting."

AWARDS

After enjoying the art for about an hour, the guests filed into the Henry L. Hertz Auditorium for the awards ceremony. The first awards to be handed out were the two District Selections—a pencil drawing of a penguin by Anya Yadron, and a charcoal

portrait by Mia Alvarado. Next, TF South Principal Jake Gourley awarded a digital art piece by Max Bautista-Romero with his yearly Award of Distinction. Bruntjens then awarded Sydney Rosinia-Cowen's drawing of TF South's front entrance with the Creative Merit Award and announced that it would be purchased by the school for permanent display.

"I can't speak highly enough of our art programs here [at TF South]," Gourley said as he presented the award. "I always want students to find a home here. If you look around this room and at the passion out there in that lobby, so many of our kids find a home in the art department. That means a lot to me."

Finally, art teacher Mike Misch awarded Brooke Riddick's multicolored portrait of "Black Panther" actor Chadwick Boseman with the People's Choice Award, which students and faculty had voted for earlier in the week.

OTHER AWARDS

Following these major awards were a series of 20 Artistic Merit Awards for painting, drawing, sculpting, and digital artwork. Winners included a charcoal portrait of singer John Lennon by Riley Duggan, a digital photograph of jellyfish by Faith Wilson, and a detailed colored pencil drawing of a camera by Hendrienne Dixon.

After the first- and second-place awards were given for each art class, the two Best in Show Awards were given out. Senior Daisy Alvarez won the 2-D Best in Show Award for an inspiring black-and-white pen drawing of a girl with pink roses in her short hair. 3-D Best in Show went to senior Claire Redikop for her nylon and wireform sculpture painted to look like a blustery winter night.

ONE MORE AWARD

To her surprise, Fry was then recognized with her own award—jokingly called an "Arty," as opposed to a Grammy.

"You've taught thousands of students, you've gone to hundreds of meetings, had three brilliant colleagues, and you're one happy retiree with countless memories and plenty of good times still to come," Bruntjens said as she gave Fry the award. "We couldn't let the night go by without

recognizing all your time and hard work and dedication."

Fry happily accepted the trophy, along with hugs and words of appreciation from her colleagues.

"Please continue to support the arts," she said in her closing statement following the ceremony. "No matter if you go into it for a career or if it's a hobby, it's such a joy and a solace to the soul. That's what we see every single day, and that's what we hope to impress upon our students."

Mary Fry (left) accepts an "Arty" from Lauren Bruntjens. (Photo: Jamie Hiskes)

More photos appear in the online version of this story, at www.thelansingjournal.com/news.

PRIDE, EUPHORIA, AND INSPIRATION

Kumba Abu, the aunt of TF South first-year student Ari O'Dell, was one of the many proud family members attending the show. As she approached one of O'Dell's drawings, she beamed and exclaimed, "That's my niece!"

"It's so euphoric to see not only her piece, but to see just how talented these kids are," Abu said.

As a graduate of Columbia College Chicago, Abu said she's attended art galleries for "adult" artists, but never a student art show before—and this one left her inspired.

"It just shows you shouldn't underestimate youth," she said. "This art—looking at all these pieces—just tells me how selfless this generation is becoming."

IMPENDING RETIREMENT

Despite the smiling faces of students and families as they took in the artwork filling the lobby, there was a bittersweet note to this year's show. Art teacher Mary Fry has been at TF South since 2002, and she'll be retiring after this year. This was the last art show she'll attend as a teacher.

"It feels weird," Fry said. "It probably won't really hit me until the fall, when I don't have to come back."

Fry said the TF South Art Show is one of her favorite events of the year because it gives her an opportunity to see how her students have grown in their skills.

"The kids are so incredible with their ability to render and finish pieces with different techniques and methods," she said.



Artist Jim Siergey's next gallery showing will be at Promise You Art House in a show he is potentially calling "Painted Objects." The show will be exhibiting from April 27 to June 22, 2019. Promise You Art House is located at 8830 Kennedy Avenue in Highland, Indiana.

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organization in our lives," Kelly said.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

"It is a chronic journey for us; it affects every single day of our lives," Kelly explained. "On that journey, sometimes it can be very difficult to find hope. ...But one thing that does give me hope is CURE, because they are the number one organization out there that is raising money specifically for epilepsy research."

Adelaide, who is now three, functions more like a newborn. The family often spends many nights in the hospital with Adelaide.

Although the Cervantes family certainly has a lot to juggle, Miguel says he has no plans to slow down.

"I'm still enjoying every second [of Hamilton] and will continue to do so as long as I can, because it really is that amazing," he said.

Not only does he have fun playing the role, Miguel says he also recognizes the amazing opportunity that Hamilton has afforded him and his family: "We've been able to use this Hamilton experience and the notoriety—the

'soapbox'—they've given me to join up with CURE. ...We are very, very active with everything that they do in the epilepsy community."

ADELAIDE'S BLEND

Miguel and Kelly have also partnered with Fairgrounds Coffee to create Adelaide's Blend of coffee. 25% of sales from each bag of coffee will benefit CURE, paving the way toward finding new epilepsy treatments. While there is currently no cure for epilepsy, Miguel, Kelly, and CURE are working toward achieving that goal.

THE FIGHT AGAINST EPILEPSY

"I would love to see a day where there's a parent who receives an epilepsy diagnosis from a doctor, and, with that diagnosis, comes a treatment for a cure," Kelly said. "CURE is out there; they are fighting for the 1 in 26 people who will be

diagnosed with epilepsy in their lifetime."

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done," Miguel said. "We have taken up this banner, and I get to hold Hamilton on one side and epilepsy on the other side and wave both flags at the same time."

To learn more about CURE, visit cureepilepsy.org. Adelaide's Blend can be found at any Fairgrounds Coffee or Mariano's location throughout Chicagoland.



Miguel Cervantes spoke to theater-goers who had purchased "Meet and Greet" tickets for the last showing of *Million Dollar Quartet*, which was playing at Theatre of the Center during March. The price of the special ticket was donated to CURE. (Photo: Katie Arvia)

Plan ahead for Good Neighbor Day Parade road closings

Saturday, May 4, 2:00pm–4:00pm

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 8, 2019) - The Lansing Police Department has sent information to Lansing businesses in preparation for next month's Good Neighbor Day Parade. "This is a major annual event," wrote Lt. Scott Bailey, "and should attract over 125 entries."

Bailey also let people know that because the parade staging area is 178th Street and Wentworth Avenue, Wentworth will be closed from 178th to Ridge Road before the parade begins, approximately 11:30am–3:30pm.

The entire parade route will be closed to all non-parade traffic between 2:00 and 4:00pm. The route includes Ridge Road between Wentworth and Torrence, and Torrence between Ridge and 179th Street. The parade will end at 179th Street and Arcadia Avenue, on the west side of Lan Oak Park.

"Motorists having to travel through Lansing during the time of the parade are encouraged to seek alternate routes west of Torrence Avenue or east of Wentworth Avenue," advised Bailey.

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Fans get rooftop view of Rebel win

First United Methodist Church is located directly across the street from the TF South baseball field, providing a great venue for viewing. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)

BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (April 1, 2019) — It was a cold day for baseball, but the TF South bats were hot in an 11-1 victory over TF North on April 1.

Fans and students watched from the stands—and from the roof across the street. The Rebels' big win was also the big Rebel Rooftop kickoff at First United Methodist Church.

As the players took the field, some fans braved the windy cold to enjoy the view from the nearby church roof. Others took in the game from the TV in the "skybox" classroom or played ping pong in the game room. Church volunteers provided hot dogs and popcorn, cookies, coffee, and lemonade.

"It always takes a lot of work from a lot of people to put this together," said Bob Wood, who helps organize the event.

Some lucky fans won a pair of the 28 donated White Sox tickets in a free raffle.

The White Sox also donated hats, a barbecue set, and an autographed Jose Abreu bat. Those were raffled off to the baseball team and coaches when they walked over for hot dogs after the win.

"We had a great time; it was a really good day," said Pastor Dave Price.

The rooftop games are part of First United Methodist Church's ongoing connection with students at TF South. Students are invited every week for dinner, games, and fellowship at Walk Over Wednesday—a joint program with Increasing Faith

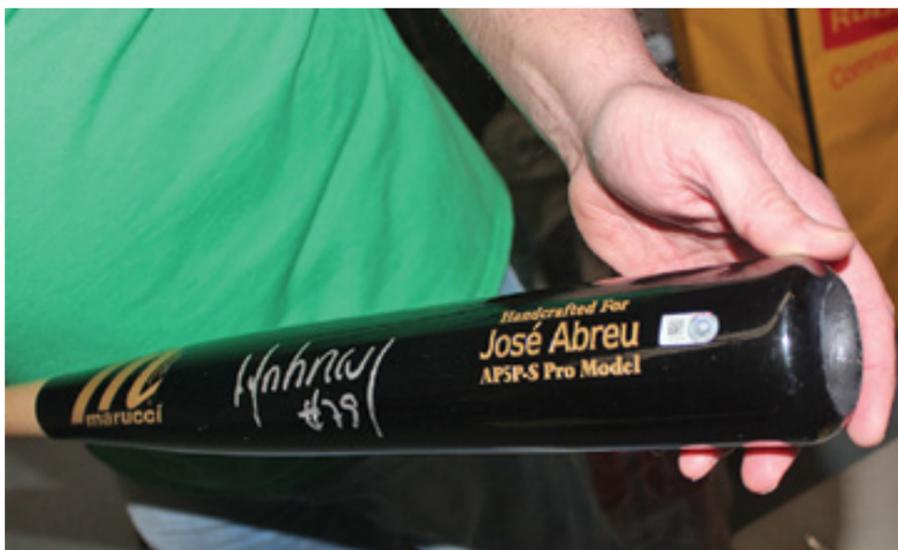
Ministries. It's especially popular with athletes, who have time between the early dismissal and their practices.

The TF South varsity baseball team will be back on their home field April 8 against Tinley Park High School.

First United Methodist Church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue in Lansing. TF South High School is located at 18500 Burnham Avenue in Lansing.



First United Methodist Church is located directly across the street from the TF South baseball field, providing a great venue for viewing. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)



Pastor Dave Price shows off one of the donated items from the White Sox—a bat autographed by Jose Abreu. (Photo: Ashlee De Wit)



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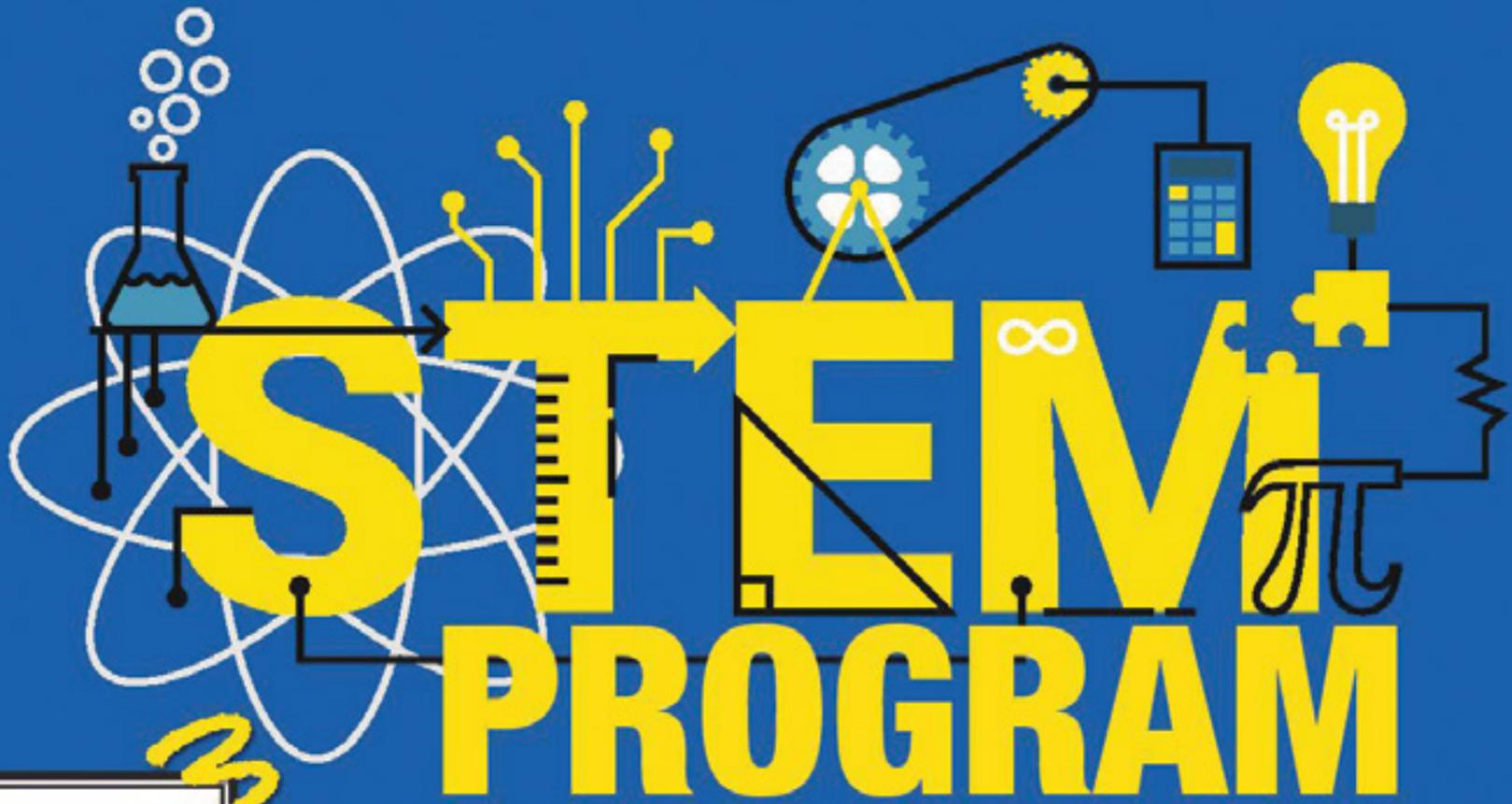


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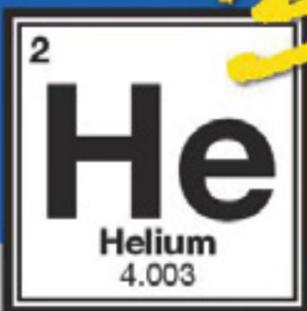
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LPD exploring opportunities for volunteer help

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (March 24, 2019) – Lt. Scott Bailey, who has taught the Citizens Police Academy for the past two years, understands that workload can sometimes affect police relationships with the community, because it means that police are not always able to be as responsive or available as they want to be. One solution Bailey and the department are exploring is to involve local volunteers to help with certain responsibilities.

VOLUNTEERING AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

For example, the Lansing Area Chamber’s Good

Neighbor Day Parade is a community event that typically involves a lot of officers in redirecting traffic or answering questions from pedestrians. Those are responsibilities that could possibly be handled by trained civilians.

To learn more about such volunteer opportunities with the Lansing Police Department, contact Lt. Bailey: sbailey@villageoflansing.org or 708-895-7130.

VOLUNTEERING AT DISASTER SITES

For people interested in disaster-related volunteer opportunities, LPD is now partnering with the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Center, and volunteers are needed for those situations. The Salvation Army

provides emergency assistance to help meet survivors’ most urgent needs for food, clothing, shelter, and medical services. They also assist emergency personnel with equipment and food. Bailey is hoping that LPD’s partnership with the Salvation Army will encourage Lansing residents to get involved as well. For those interested in learning more about the training to become a volunteer in our community, visit the Salvation Army website: disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/volunteer

Questions that are not answered on the website may be answered by Volunteer Coordinator Matthew Coatar: 847-709-6621 or Matthew_coatar@usc.salvationarmy.org.