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Quality and community: the Gayety's difference

Laurene Lemanski reopens the family business in Lansing

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 17, 2019) – “Are you in line?” asks the man approaching the Gayety’s parlor from the back entrance hallway.

“No, I’m the owner,” smiles Laurene Lemanski, stepping aside to let him in.

“Oh, thank you for re-opening!” the man says, explaining how disappointed he and his family were when the sweet shop closed last October. “We just love this place. We’re so glad you’re back!”



Laurene Lemanski (left) talks with a customer who is grateful she reopened Gayety’s. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

REOPENING EXCITEMENT

Lemanski says she has this kind of interaction every day. “It’s amazing. People are thanking me for being open! I’m thanking *them* for coming here, and they’re thanking *me* for being open!”

Her March 27 post on the Gayety’s Facebook page said, “The Lansing location will be reopening soon, as the same Gayety’s we all know, but under new management.” Within hours the post got hundreds of likes and hundreds of comments, and now the interactions are in the thousands.

With founder James Papageorge looking over her shoulder, new Gayety’s owner Laurene Lemanski offers a view of the handmade chocolates that are included in Gayety’s Signature Box, which is popular among corporate clients. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Lemanski did a sort of “practice” opening on Wednesday, April 10. She flicked on the neon Open sign—and watched as a car drove past and then did a U-turn. People stepped into the front door cautiously, almost in disbelief, asking, “Are you really open?” When Lemanski assured them she was, they reached for their phones and began texting their friends. “I had to ask them to stop,” says Lemanski. “Because we weren’t officially open yet, and we weren’t quite ready for all that!”

But the next day, they were ready—and the line was out the door.

QUALITY

Lemanski is not planning to make huge changes. She knows that Gayety’s customers care about the ingredients in those 98-year-old recipes for ice cream and

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Gayety’s reopened in time for Easter, and the counter was filled with deluxe Easter baskets and handmade chocolate bunnies. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Local History Class turns new eyes on Ridge Road after tour

BY JAMILYN HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (April 27, 2019) – It was a pleasant sight to see more than 40 people from Lansing and surrounding communities gathered on a perfect spring evening for a “history walk” down Ridge Road. The walk was held April 24 and led by Illiana Christian School teacher Jeff White, who included it as part of his annual five-week local history class.

White, a Lansing native, showed the group some historic sites up and down the town’s main street. While some of the attendees already knew some of his fascinating facts because they’d lived in Lansing for more than 50 years, others were surprised to learn the stories behind some everyday buildings they didn’t usually look at twice.



Jeff White encourages people to “look above the street line” when they walk through Lansing. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

“I love having some of you on the tours because I learn things every time,” White told the more knowledgeable attendees.

The first stop on the walk was Fox Pointe, Lansing’s new outdoor music venue which will begin its first summer event season at the end of May. While

there, White explained what the different parts of Lansing’s flag mean and went over the history of the town. When two students raised their hands to say they were descendants of one of the first Lansing settlers, it was evidence of how deep the roots of some of the town’s residents run.

One of the most engaging parts of the history walk was the series of historical photographs printed on overhead transparencies White brought along, supplied by the Lansing Historical Society. White passed out these images to the attendees and encouraged them to look through them at specific points along Ridge Road, to see what the street looked like in the late 19th century and early 20th

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Community gathers to celebrate LARC

At LARC's Annual Appreciation Dinner on April 26, four clients were honored for significant milestones with LARC: 1- Patrice Wolfe, 30 years (Photo: Melanie Jongsma); 2- Penny Grill, 10 years (Photo: Melanie Jongsma); 3- George Fleischman, 20 years (Photo: LARC); 4- Thomas Wise, 20 years (Photo: Melanie Jongsma). In addition, George Vincent (5), owner of Unlimited Service Auto in Lansing, was awarded the Ted Sailor Humanitarian Award. Vincent was not able to be present for the honor, but Executive Director Ernie Gonzalez described to the audience his long-time generosity to LARC clients, staff, and the organization's 15 vans.



Ernie Gonzalez (standing), LARC's Executive Director, greets some of the nearly 300 dinner guests. LARC is a nonprofit organization that provides developmentally disabled adults with opportunities to live, work, and participate in community. (Photo: LARC)



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Crossing guard keeps intersection clean, festive

Marjorie Balkis picks up trash, decorates for holidays, and keeps kids safe

BY JAMIE HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (April 15, 2019) – At first glance, the plastic Easter baskets and strings of Easter eggs adorning the tree branches near the railroad crossing on Ridge Road just west of Torrence may look like debris. However, a closer look reveals them to be light-hearted, colorful decorations put there by a well-known crossing guard.

Marjorie Balkis, 72, has lived in Lansing for about 20 years and has been a crossing guard since last April. In that single year of service, she's managed to make quite a name for herself around town, attracting social media attention and gifts from passers-by.

"One person gave me a folding chair, and someone gave me a shovel. For Valentine's day I got three big hearts from people. A lady gave me hot chocolate yesterday," Balkis said with an almost awestruck smile. "I got a hat and a scarf and slippers. I never got so many gifts in my life!"

BRIGHTENING PEOPLE'S DAY

Balkis works mornings on school days from 7:00am to about 9:00, she said. During those hours, she helps children safely cross over the train tracks on their way to school and maintains her eye-catching intersection. She decorates for every holiday, careful not to break any tree branches. When there's snow, she shovels. When someone throws trash out the window of their car, she picks it up. She even sweeps stones off the sidewalk to keep it looking tidy. No single thing inspired her to start this maintenance and decoration, Balkis



Marjorie Balkis decorates her intersection with festive items for each holiday. She says she's very careful not to break any tree branches when hanging her decorations. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

said—she just likes doing it.

"It makes me feel good that people like it," she said. "And I like to do it anyway, whether people thank me or not. And if it brightens up just one person's day, well, then it's all worth it. You don't know,

sometimes, if people just lost a family member or they're not happy. And maybe just looking at this will make them smile."

STAYING HEALTHY AND STRONG

When she's not on duty as a crossing guard, Balkis helps teach martial arts at a studio in Evergreen Park. She is an award-winning kenpo karate black belt herself, which she said has oddly helped her as a crossing guard.

"It's kept me healthy and strong for sure," Balkis said.

WANTING TO SAY THANKS

As much as she loves her job, Balkis said the hardest part of it is not being able to contact and thank the people who have given her gifts during her year of service.

"I wish I knew their names," Balkis said. "I wish I could send them a card. Because they just come by here and say, 'Thank you,' and they're gone. ...I want to especially thank them for being so kind to me."

While some days can be challenging—usually when children try to run in front of cars or when drivers ignore the nearby stop signs—Balkis said she loves meeting people who cross her intersection. And she's already thinking ahead to what her Mother's Day decorations will be.

"I just don't know," Balkis said with a grin. "Maybe lots of flowers."

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Village Board approves purchase of new Public Works equipment

Director Gary Richardson cites efficiency and safety

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 18, 2019) – The Village Board voted unanimously to adopt two resolutions during its April 16 meeting, allowing Lansing Public Works to purchase a wood chipper and a digital communication system.

WOOD CHIPPER

In 2018, \$70,000 was budgeted for a new chipper, but a purchase was never made. Director Gary Richardson selected a Morbark 1821 chipper, which will cost about \$12,000 less, totaling \$58,163.73.

The current chipper employed by the Public Works Department is over ten years old and gets used almost daily during the summer months.

“The past month or so I’ve been

assessing equipment,” explained Richardson, “and the chipper that we have here—will it make it through another summer? I don’t know. On a regular, constant basis for what I want to do, it may not. But it can be used as a backup—and that’s what I plan on doing with it.”

The idea to purchase a new chipper stems from Richardson’s desire to make tree trimming and tree removal a more prominent part of the department’s services. He says the new machine will be more efficient than the old one, allowing Public Works to serve more Lansing residents.

About tree branch services, the Village of Lansing website says: “As time and weather permit, Public Works will

circulate throughout the Village to pick up branches no bigger than a 4” diameter with their wood chipper. Please stack branches neatly with the cut end to the road. This service is meant as a pruning/storm damage service.”

This service occurs in Lansing on the same day that garbage is collected.

DIGA-TALK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Village Board also approved the purchase of a Diga-Talk communication system. The systems uses push-to-talk devices as a modern two-way radio, and will allow Public Works employees to contact each other more easily, according to Richardson.

Currently, employees use smartphones to communicate, which can cause problems when they are driving or doing tasks that make pulling out and answering a phone difficult.

“We work in some dangerous situations—I don’t think people always understand. My water department, my sewer department—these guys go down in sewers and holes. I’m down in a hole and I have to figure out my phone to make a phone call?” said Richardson while shaking his head.

The Diga-Talk two-way radio and GPS system will help both Public Works and Lansing residents, says Director Gary Richardson. (Photo provided)



He is also hopeful that this addition will allow the department to respond to situations faster and more effectively, thereby serving residents better.

The Public Works Department used to have two-way radios in their trucks, but most are not in use anymore. Having a two-way radio that can be tracked with a GPS signal will be worthwhile for the department, says Richardson.

At the March 19 Committee of the Whole meeting, Richardson suggested using the savings from the under-budget chipper purchase to pay for the radio system. At the April 16 meeting, the Village Board approved the purchase of 22 Diga-Talk units, costing a total of \$5,730.

Public Works employees will continue to use their smartphones for internet purposes, as well as overnight communication needs when the Diga-Talk systems must be left at the Public Works garage.



The new Morbark 1821 wood chipper will allow Public Works to make tree trimming and tree removal a more prominent service. (Photo provided)

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Smart water meter installation nearly complete

Online customer portal will allow residents to monitor their own water usage

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (April 26, 2019) - Over the past year, the Village of Lansing has undergone a complete water meter replacement program. The project is nearly 100% complete, with only approximately 200 meters still needing to be replaced, most of which are on vacant lots.

While this project has been a big change for some residents, the new water meters come with many benefits. Core & Main, a distributor of waterworks products, presented the new features to the attendees of the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 5.

BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS

The meters, purchased from Sensus and installed by Calumet City Plumbing, will now allow residents to closely monitor their water usage using an online, interactive customer portal. Homeowners can set up usage alerts, which can help families stay on track with their water usage goals or inform a

resident if a pipe breaks while on vacation. These alerts can be sent remotely via text or email.

The alerts can be sent to multiple customers; landlords can add tenants to their portal, allowing residents to stay on top of their monthly costs.

"You can add multiple users to see these re-

sults," said Tim, a representative from Core & Main. "You can add as many as you want to your alert warnings."

The new portal also allows customers to compare current water usage to past usage, which works in terms of seasons as well. Users will be able to identify potential spikes in water consumption during the summer, for example, and

compare that to winter usage.

"They can view how they're using water in any interval they want to see," said Tim. "It's good for conservation because you can compare how much you're using and where you want to be during the next month."

The good news for residents without internet access at home is that they can still contact Public Works with any questions or concerns about their monthly water bill.

BENEFITS TO THE VILLAGE

While the new portal absolutely benefits individual residents, the program also will benefit the village.

"There's lots of analytical tools that the village can use," Village Administrator Dan Podgorski said, one of which will be seeing which properties are and are not using water. This will help the village keep track of any vacant properties throughout town. While the focus of the portal is currently on resident usage, Podgorski says he hopes to find many other beneficial uses for the program.

As of right now, the Village has not yet decided how to proceed with resident enrollment in the online program. However, when sign-ups become available, it will be an easy process that is free to all Lansing residents. (There is a small annual set-up charge, which the village plans to absorb.) Podgorski hopes the portal will be available to residents soon.

More information on the water meter replacement program can be found on The Lansing Journal's website (www.thelansingjournal.com) or by visiting the Village of Lansing website directly (www.villageoflansing.org).



St. John's Church and School celebrates 125th anniversary with gala

BY JAMILYN HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (April 28, 2019) - About 200 people gathered at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Social Center on Stony Island Ave. April 28 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School. Former students, faculty, staff, and clergy of all ages came out to celebrate the institution's longevity, sharing food, hugs, and memories throughout the afternoon.

SO MUCH HISTORY

St. John's was established in 1893—the same year as Lansing—as a two-story schoolhouse with no bathrooms at 18100 Wentworth Ave. It evolved over time, as did the community around it, and eventually became the brick building Lansing residents recognize today. During its history, it has seen two World Wars, 21 U.S. Presidents, and the invention of zippers.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING

The anniversary gala included lunch, a touching video put together by the Anniversary Committee, the reading of letters from alumni who weren't in attendance, and congratulatory statements by Northern Illinois District Representative Lois Stewart and Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam.

"The history here is so rich and there's so much to thank God for," Stewart said in her statement. "You'll notice we have various ages [of alumni] here. It's wonderful to see that you're here celebrating. Well done, St. John's Lutheran on Wentworth."

Eidam delivered a formal proclamation to St. John's during her statement, briefly detailing the institution's history and offering congratulations. She also revealed some of the personal connections to the church she'd discovered during her time at the event—for instance, she learned that



two of her neighbors and friends were long-time members, and that her aunt, Marilyn Schultz, is a member of the church as well.

"It is absolutely amazing the personal history that's oozing from all of you," Eidam said. "I've only lived in Lansing 40 years!"

Eidam also thanked St. John's for giving her the opportunity to write her own proclamation for the event, rather than having her deliver a pre-written one. "That was so valuable to me, and I was thrilled to be

able to do that," she said.

ALUMNI MEMORIES

One of the most entertaining parts of the gala was listening to alumni and former faculty and staff share their memories of St. John's. Hal Grone-wald, a former principal, talked about the many sporting events he attended for the school in the 1960s. Master of ceremonies Hank Zimmerman recalled the old playground and the Christmas Eve pageants. Mary Wells, a member of the 1972 class, simply told the crowd what each of her teachers



Above: The art for the gala program was made with the fingerprints of all current St. John students, faculty, staff, and clergy. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

Left: About 200 current and former students, faculty, staff, and clergy gathered for the 125th Anniversary Gala of St. John's Lutheran Church and School on Sunday, April 28. The celebration was held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

had taught her from kindergarten through eighth grade.

"Everything I needed to know in my life, I learned at St. John's," Wells said.

The gala concluded with a closing prayer from St. John's current pastor, Rev. Dr. John Richey, and the Doxology.

"One of the reasons I took the call to St. John's was because of the school," Rev. Richey said in his closing statement. "I'm so proud of our dedicated staff and teachers. I'm proud of our kids—they may be both sinners and saints, but aren't we all?"

Organizing the Good Neighbor Day Parade

Chamber Director Amy Todd explains the logistics

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 28, 2019) - Depending on the weather on Saturday, May 4, thousands of people will line Lansing's main streets to view the 52nd annual Good Neighbor Day parade, which will comprise entries from more than 70 organizations. For viewers, the parade may seem simple—everyone just drives slowly or walks down Ridge Road, right? But making it look simple requires a lot of planning and attention to detail.

SETTING A THEME

The parade is a function of the Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber Board of Directors chooses a theme each year with input from residents and businesses. They try to find a theme that is "fun and easy to decorate to," says Chamber Director Amy Todd, so as many entries as possible can find a way to participate.

This year's theme—May the 4th Be With You—was suggested by LNN Assistant Station Manager and Star Wars fan David Boomker. The Chamber Board had already approved a different theme, but recognizing that a Star Wars theme would be fun for a variety of groups, and that May the 4th would not fall on a Saturday again until 2024, the Board accepted Boomker's suggestion and changed their plans.

INVITING PARTICIPATION

Parade participation is open to anyone—Chamber members can participate for free, and non-Chamber members pay just \$50. All participants must complete a registration form providing information that helps the Chamber plan the parade. For example, the form asks if the entry is a float, band, decorated car, or walking group—this helps determine how much space the entry will need when lining up on Wentworth before the parade. The form asks if the entry will have music—which helps the organizers put enough space between the musical entries so they aren't competing with each other. The form also asks for the number of participants in each entry—because a hot dog lunch is provided by the Lansing Lions and the Lansing Junior Women's Club, and they

need to know how many to prepare. And the form provides a place for the organization to describe themselves or their entry. This description is then read by the parade announcer and is included in the video of the event.

LINING UP

Around 8:00am on the morning of parade day, Todd and other members of the Chamber Board can be found on Wentworth Avenue with a cache of 100 numbered wooden stakes. The numbers correspond with parade entries, and Board members pound the stakes into the ground to designate where each entry should line up, using the measurements provided on the registration forms.

Parade protocol puts government agencies and the American Legion at the front of the parade, followed by the Lansing Lions and Lansing Junior Women's Club, who need to finish first in order to prepare lunch for the others. The rest of the line-up is based on the order that registration forms are completed and returned. Registration opens already in February, and experienced participants who like to be at the beginning of the parade, return their forms immediately to reserve their spot.

GOOD GIVEAWAYS

The Good Neighbor Day Parade is about businesses as well as residents, and Todd encourages every entry to give out something. Candy is popular among recipients, as are high-value coupons, and other specialty items—magnets, jar openers, chip clips—can keep a business name in front of consumers long after parade day.

BEING FLEXIBLE

The normal parade route is Wentworth, Ridge Road, Torrence, but this year may require some flexibility if construction makes that section of Torrence inaccessible. Since Torrence is a state road, and the state doesn't always reveal their plans ahead of time, Todd has worked closely with the Lansing Police Department to come up with an alternate route that can be implemented at the last minute if necessary. "We couldn't do the parade without their help," said Todd about LPD.

Lansing Honor Roll students at Illiana, Marian

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL AND MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DYER, Ind. and CHICAGO HEIGHTS, Ill. (April 17, 2019) – The following students from Lansing, Illinois, made the Third Quarter Honor Roll and High Honor Roll at Illiana Christian High School:

HIGH HONOR ROLL

- Andrew Bakker
- Genesis Barlow
- Brittany Benson
- Rachel Bosman
- Mackenzie Boss
- Anna Buitter
- Abby Ebbens
- Madison Hoogstra
- James Iaconelli
- Julia Kooistra
- Lyla Kooistra
- Amanda Kooyenga
- Regan Lyzenga
- Emma Miedema
- Allison Murrin
- Hannah Persenaire
- Grace Peterson
- Jane Peterson
- Kenny Pickard
- Emily Poortenga
- Hannah Sliemers
- Sydnee Tuuk
- Levi VanDrunen
- Tavares VanKuiken
- Michael VanMilligan
- Max Wegner

HONOR ROLL

- Nathan Bakker
- Brandon Boone
- Alex Bosman
- Alyssa Buczkowski
- Kaleb Dennis
- Jacob DeYoung
- David Haak
- Christopher Hayslett
- Adam Persenaire
- Matteo Rossi
- Timothy Triezenberg

Illiana Christian High School is located at 10920 Calumet Avenue in Dyer, Indiana.

The following students from Lansing, Illinois, have made the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Marian Catholic High School:

- Alexandria Bland
- Leandra Cabrales
- Michael Cap
- Maya Correa
- Mia Dabrowski
- Melina Duda
- Kandis Fletcher
- Camille Fulks
- Yesenia Garcia
- Alyssa Gorski
- Charles Gray
- Louis Gray
- Theodore Gray
- Breion Hill
- Kennedi House
- Christina Javorka
- Dejontae Jones
- Alyssa Lulinski
- Aidan McSwiggan
- Kiernan McSwiggan
- Zion Nelson
- Andrea Roa
- Ethan Roberts
- John Roe
- Lucas Seymour
- Lysette Valdez
- Sydney Wood
- Ryann Young
- Alexis Zamudio

Marian Catholic High School is located at 700 Ashland Avenue in Chicago Heights, Illinois.



Denise Cox and Joann Kijewski (fourth and fifth from left) accept a check from JX Enterprises for Lansing's Meals on Wheels. (Photo provided)

JX Enterprises supports Lansing's Meals on Wheels

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 24, 2019) – On Wednesday, April 17, representatives from Lansing's Meals on Wheels program received a big check. The check was from JX Enterprises, a Wisconsin-based truck dealership with a branch in Lansing. JX employees had contributed \$1,025 to donate to a local charity of their choosing.

JX Enterprises' CEO Eric Jorgensen explains on the company's website, "JX has long been a leader in the transportation industry. ...But, what good is success, if at the end of the day, we have not made a difference in the lives of others? That's why, as a company, we seek out local community needs and as a group, give back to the communities in which we live and work."

"We're more than just trucks," Jorgensen adds.

Rick Smith is the Manager of Corporate Outreach at JX Enterprises, Inc. He made arrangements with Denise Cox, Communications Coordinator for Lansing's Meals on Wheels. Cox and fellow volunteer Joann Kijewski accepted the check from members of the Lansing JX branch, which is located at 2100 Bernice Road in Lansing.

The donation will be used to fund the hot, nutritious meals that Lansing Meals on Wheels prepares for and delivers to more than 40 Lansing residents each week. Many of the recipients are elderly, and some are homebound. The program has also been a blessing for patients undergoing chemotherapy who cannot cook for themselves.

A ministry of the First United Methodist Church, Lansing Meals on Wheels relies on dozens of volunteers who cook, bake, prepare, coordinate, and drive. Cox says the JX Enterprises donation will go a long way to buy ingredients and food supplies, but there is still a desperate need for more volunteers to get the work done.

To find out more about Lansing's Meals on Wheels program, contact First United Methodist Church in Lansing at 18420 Burnham Avenue, or call 708-895-0388.

OBITUARIES

BRUINSMA

A funeral service for Raymond L. Bruinsma was held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Protestant Reformed Church in Crete, IL with Rev. Kenneth Koole officiating.

Mr. Bruinsma was born October 10, 1924 and passed away April 23, 2019. Husband of the late Tena Bruinsma. Father of Jim (Kathy) Bruinsma, Lois (Jim) Rau, Jerry (the late Martha) Bruinsma, Karen Bruinsma, and the late Raymond Bruinsma Jr. Grandfather of 7; great-grandfather of 27; great-great-grandfather of 4. Brother of Irene Dekker, the late Edward Bruinsma, the late Wilbur Bruinsma, and the late Lewis Bruinsma.

Interment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

BUITER

A funeral service for Jean K. Buitter (nee Zandstra) was held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Crete Protestant Reformed Church in Crete, IL with Rev. Allen Brummel officiating.

Wife of Albert Buitter. Mother of Cheryl (Dave) Dotson, the late Albert Wayne Buitter, and Karen (Dale) Huizenga. Grandmother of three; great-grandmother of seven. Sister of the late Henry (Joanne) Zandstra, Barb (Skip) Hunter, Sharon (Art) Van Baren, late Mary Beth Zandstra, Cindy (Steve) Dees, and the late James Zandstra.

Interment Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

ECKRICH

A visitation for Barbara Jean Eckrich (nee Reed) was held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

Mrs. Eckrich was born April 17, 1952 and passed away April 26, 2019. Wife of Larry Eckrich. Mother of Rod (Julie) and Greg (Bridget) Eckrich. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Avis (Dewey), Lee (Jim), Pauline (Andy), Linda, Pam (Tom), Tina (Doug), Sherry (Vern), Denise (Terry), Yvonne (Pat), and the late Oz.

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

MADDEN

A funeral Mass for Mary Elizabeth Madden (nee Rebenak) was held Monday, April 29, 2019 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in South Holland, IL with Rev. Anthony Talarico and Deacon Jim Renwick officiating.

Mrs. Madden was born March 28, 1926 and passed away April 23, 2019. Wife of the late Merle "Pat" Madden. Mother of Kathleen (David Harry) Madden, the late David Madden, John (Maria) Madden, Mary (Richard Pniewski) Madden-Pniewski, Laura (Ken) Benedict, and Jeff (Jennifer) Madden. Grandmother of five; step-grandmother to several. Sister of the late Aleksander Rebenak, late Helen (late Chester) Morong, and the late Tadeusz Rebenak.

Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

MUENCH

A Funeral Service for Lorraine B. Muench (nee Bielecki) was held on April 27, 2019 at Thornridge Funeral Home with Deacon Bill Boucek officiating.

Mrs. Muench was born June 15, 1934 and

died April 20, 2019. She was the mother of Randall, Pamela, Karol and Scott; grandmother of 10.

Interment Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service).

STEVENS

A funeral service for Jacoba G. Stevens (nee Dykstra) was held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN with Rev. Alfonso Surrentt officiating.

Mrs. Stevens was born October 14, 1929 and passed away April 21, 2019. Wife of the late Harvey Stevens. Mother of Robert (Sarah) Stevens, Luanne (John) Alderden, and the late Sandra (Kurt) Veld. Grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of two. Sister of the late Bill (late Marilyn) Dykstra, Jeannette (late Bob) Fischer, Cornelia Dykstra, Helen (John) Bakker, and the late James Dykstra.

Interment was at Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

TUFO

A funeral Mass for Randall J. "Randy" Tufo, was held Monday, April 29, 2019 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in South Holland, IL, with Rev. Anthony Talarico officiating.

Mr. Tufo was born September 16, 1961 and passed away April 24, 2019. Father of Erica (Joseph) Rodgers. Son of Luella and the late August Tufo. Brother of Richard, Ronald (Pam), Rodney, and Robert (Jann) Tufo. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL.

Arrangements entrusted to Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home James E. Janusz Funeral Service, South Holland, IL.

BONNIE B. WILFORD



Bonnie B. Wilford, of Easton, Maryland, formerly of Lansing, Illinois, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Beloved wife of David Wilford. Loving mother of Edward (Elenor) Wilford, formerly of Lansing, IL, now in Cambridge, UK; and Heather (Jeff) Talbert, formerly of Lansing, IL, now in McLean, VA. Dear grandmother of Margaret (Maggie) Talbert and Beatrice (Bea) Wilford.

Also surviving are her brothers: Joe Baird of Sycamore, IL; Jim (Jolene) Baird of Bradley, IL; and numerous nieces & nephews. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents: George and Ruth

Baird, formerly of Lansing, IL; her in-laws: Percy and Ruth Wilford; and her step-mother-in-law Helen Wilford, formerly of the East Side of Chicago and Lansing, IL; and sister-in-law: Georgiann Baird, Sycamore IL.

In keeping with Bonnie's wishes, a private family celebration of life will take place this summer.

Bonnie loved Lansing and loved raising her children there. She was involved in District 158 PTA, serving as room mother, Science Fair Coordinator, and band mom. She loved her friends dearly and made everyone feel like they were family. The parties she threw were legendary—especially the famous Christmas Eve celebration. Once you were invited to that, you were part of the family! She loved supporting Lansing businesses, and one could always find her at Ben Franklin, Fashionette, Gus Bock, or Key Market—mostly for their famous potato salad! She loved going out with friends to Colucci's, Café Borgia, and other local restaurants.

Equally important to her was her career in the healthcare field. Bonnie worked for many years at the American Hospital Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the American Medical Association. It was at the AMA where her career really took off and her expertise in the Addiction Medicine field grew.

It was her work at the AMA that drew interest from Washington, DC, and in 1991, she accepted an appointment in the Executive Office of the President at the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President George H. W. Bush. From there she went on to work at the School of Public Health at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. She was recruited from the university to join a leading healthcare consulting firm where she worked until deciding to build her own organization for medical education, and she was Executive Director of that organization at the time of her passing.

In lieu of flowers, and because education was so important to Bonnie, an educational memorial fund for her granddaughters has been established, and donations can be made to: BBWilford Educational Memorial Fund c/o Davenport & Company, 1104 Commerce Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504.

Bonnie was loved by many and is missed tremendously by family, close friends and colleagues.

The Lansing Journal runs full obituaries with photos in our daily online news (thelansingjournal.com) as we receive information from funeral homes both local and out-of-state. For \$100, we can also include a version of the notice and photo in our upcoming monthly print edition. Interested families can contact The Lansing Journal directly, or ask your funeral home to do so.

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BY ASHLEE DE WIT

LANSING, Ill. (April 25, 2019) — Canned salsa or homemade soap, wooden toys or Avon: if you're looking for items from local vendors, First Church PCA invites you to its Open Air Market craft fair on Friday, June 7, from 3:00–8:00pm.

Vendors can purchase a 10x10' space on the church grounds, located at Ridge Road & Burnham Ave in Lansing. The spaces are located either in the pavilion or on the grass, and they are open to any interested sellers.



The pavilion of First Church PCA is located on the northwest side of the building. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Food, water, pop, and baked goods will also be available for purchase, and funds raised by the church will benefit its preschool program, Angel Academy. "We have a lot of fun," said event organizer Sandy Hamer, a church member. She noted that many of the vendors have been to the event every year, and there are a few new sellers as well.

The event is held rain or shine. To rent a space, contact Hamer at 708-474-1427.



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Dr. Armand Gasbarro and Class of 1959 recognized at Chicago ceremony



Dr. Armand R. Gasbarro (Photo provided)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

CHICAGO, Ill. (April 25, 2019) – At an April 12 reunion, Lansing’s Dr. Armand Gasbarro and his graduating class from Rosalind Franklin University were recognized for 60 years of medical service. Gasbarro, who graduated magna cum laude from Franklin’s Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in 1959, opened the Lansing Foot & Ankle Center in October of 1960, where he still treats patients today.

The ceremony was held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

The Lansing Foot & Ankle Center is located at 3350 Ridge Road in Lansing, Illinois.



South Suburban College’s new Student Trustee, Babatunde Adamson (far right), of Hazel Crest took his seat for the first time at the April 11 meeting of the Board of Trustees. (Photo provided) He was sworn in by Marty Lareau, SSC Vice President and Board Secretary. Adamson, 21, moved to the United States from Nigeria a little more than two years ago with his father and sister. He began pursuing his college education at South Suburban College in the Spring 2017 semester. His sister currently attends the University of Illinois–Chicago. Adamson is pursuing his Political Science degree and one day hopes to follow in his mother’s footsteps as a foreign services officer.

“I have had a great experience at South Suburban; the college faculty and support services have really provided me with a good foundation for success,” said Adamson. “I’m very excited to serve on the SSC Board of Trustees. I wanted to get involved and become a voice for the students. I hope and do as much as I can for them and that this opportunity will help me be the best I can be.”

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Left: Standing in the Fox Pointe pavilion, Jeff White's Local History class look through overhead transparencies of a 1910 photo of the farmstead that Fox Pointe used to be. The photo showed the old farmhouse, and students could line it up with the actual farmhouse, which still stands on Henry Street. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma) Center: White reads the Lansing General Store placard outside Gus Bock's Ace Hardware. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes) Right: Jeff White (standing) hands out copies of an article that describes how the Fox Deluxe Beer "ghost sign" was found during the construction of Tacos and Burritos Rancho Grande. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

History, from page 1

century. Peering through the images of the former railroad tracks that once crossed through town, old buildings

and businesses that have since been torn down, and old residences of Lansing was a fascinating way to look back through history.

When the group came to stand in front of a particular storefront, White encouraged them to look up. There, some of his students noticed apartments above the stores they hadn't paid attention to before.

"There's a whole entire world up there," White told the group.

"When I take my [Illiana] students here, I say, 'Look above the street line.'"

White also revealed that 3341 Ridge Road—the building which houses Cole and Young Jewelers and Agatha Hassan, D.D.S.—is one of the oldest business buildings in Lansing, despite its modern façade. Many tour-goers were surprised to learn this.

"[Dr. Hassan] has taken me downstairs to look at the old timbers in the basement," White said. "If you go to her, ask her to take you downstairs sometime."

After stopping at Gus Bock's Ace Hardware (3455 Ridge Road) and reading the Eagle Scout sign placed outside detailing the history of the building as the former Lansing General Store, White led the group to the final stop on the tour: Tacos and Burritos Rancho

Grande (3444 Ridge Road). Outside the cozy restaurant, White explained the history of the Fox Beer advertisement painted on the interior brick wall.

Known as a "ghost sign," the ad had been covered up at one point during the storefront's development and was only re-discovered when Rancho Grande was being constructed.

As if the enriching history lesson wasn't enough, White then brought the tour group inside to enjoy some chips, dip and tacos from a local Lansing business.

"Knowing your history is important," White said. "I had a [history] class this year of 35. And in that class of 35, I had 7 Lansing residents, 2 Dyer (Ind.) residents, 1 South Chicago resident, 1 Flossmoor—they were from everywhere. And I said to them, 'I want you to go to your respective towns and look at your town differently. I want you to look at things and ask questions.'"



The class's first stop was Fox Pointe, where they learned about the early Dutch and German settlers who first farmed the land. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)




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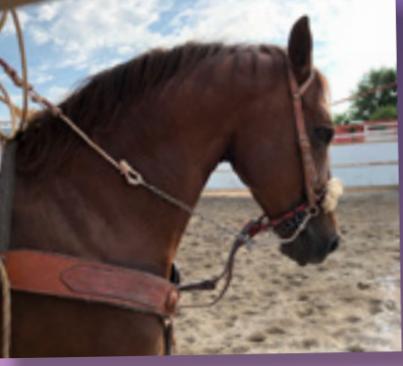
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Good Friday prayer walk participants brave the cold

Third annual Stations of the Cross involves dozens of congregants from seven denominations

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 19, 2019) – The drastic drop in temperatures did not deter nearly 200 people from participating in this year’s Good Friday Stations of the Cross prayer walk. Bundled in winter coats against the 30-mile-an-hour winds, most of the congregants and the curious gathered at noon in the parking lot of St. Ann Catholic Church, while others joined the throng as it passed their homes along Ridge Road.

The third annual Good Friday prayer walk was led by seven Lansing ministers who took turns reading the prayers and Scriptures that were printed in the program, using a megaphone provided by the Village of Lansing.

Following a large wooden cross, and escorted by Lansing police, the crowd walked south on Chicago Avenue to Ridge Road, stopping to observe the first station just as azure sky began to appear through the clouds. At 14 points between St. Ann and Trinity Lutheran Church,



a Scripture was read conveying one of the milestones of the Biblical Holy Week story. The minister concluded the reading with a one-sentence prayer, and the crowd responded with, “Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.”

The 14th station, on the lawn of Trinity Lutheran Church, acknowledged Jesus’ placement in the tomb, after which the prayer walk participants were invited into the sanctuary for a penitential service.

More photos can be seen in the online version of this story, at thelansingjournal.com.



Left, from left: Pastor Jonathan Vitale of Lansing Assembly of God, Fr. Mark Kalema of St. Ann Catholic Parish, Pastor Leroy Childress of Grace Church, Pastor LeVar Young of Increasing Faith Ministries, Rev. Mike Eberly of Cornerstone Church, Pastor David Price of First United Methodist Church, and Rev. John Holyer of Trinity Lutheran Church. (Photo: Megan Roe) Above: Hundreds of people followed the cross down Ridge Road, stopping at 14 stations for Scripture readings and prayer. (Photo: Dan Bovino)

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Grace Church's Easter Extravaganza blessed with sunshine and smiles

'We love being a good neighbor,' explains Bill VanRamshorst

BY JAMILYN HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (April 20, 2019) – Hundreds of people, most of them young families, eagerly visited Grace Church on Indiana Avenue Saturday for its Easter Extravaganza.

The event, which is put on every year by volunteers from the church, regardless of weather, included outdoor activities such as Easter egg hunts, bouncy castles, and horse rides. Indoors, there was a craft station, a face painting station, and a room full of prizes that children could win during the egg hunts. Out of about 5,000 eggs, a few hundred contained a prize voucher.

Bill VanRamshorst, the chairman of Grace Church's outreach team, had a large part in orchestrating the event—though he was humble about it. He helped families navigate to different stations and kept everything running smoothly.

"It's all about community outreach," VanRamshorst said. "We're a neighborhood church, so we love the opportunity to share love with our neighbors. We don't really have the exposure of a busy road, but we love being a good neighbor."

Throughout the late morning and early afternoon, children and their families went from station to station to partake in the festivities. There were smiles and laughs everywhere—especially when a child pulled a "LARGE PRIZE" paper slip from a plastic egg and went home with one of five donated bicycles. Happily, she said she was going to give it to her younger sister when they got home.

Volunteer and six-year Grace Church member Angie Clark congratulated the girl and said moments like that are what inspire her to volunteer

during the Easter Extravaganza each year.

"Bringing light to people and sharing that light with the community is my favorite part of this," Clark said. "You want them to have fun and enjoy the event, but you also want to spread that message."

The church does use the Easter Extravaganza to let the community know about their services, as well as teach them about Christianity. The event began with a brief gospel presentation by senior pastor Leroy Childress, and outside by the horse and pony rides, there was a blue "Prayer Tent" which was eventually crowded.

Pastor Childress, known as "PC" to the members of Grace Church, mingled outside with the families in attendance and handed out free Bibles in Spanish and English. The smiling faces of the children with prizes and full Easter baskets, he said, are his favorite part of the Easter Extravaganza.

"[Children] coming expecting nothing but walking away with a huge smile is what makes us do this every year," Childress said. "It's a safe environment where they can have fun and get together with



At Grace Church on Easter Saturday, children participated in fast-paced Easter egg hunts for candy and prizes. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

the community. That's the good stuff."

Childress said while the weather was forecast as rainy and cold for the event earlier this week, he was thrilled to be able to host the Easter Extravaganza outdoors on a sunny, 50-degree day.

"We love to give to the community and allow them to have a chance to...slow down and hang out and do fun stuff," he said. "If God provides, we'll do it again next year."

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Cold, rain, snow don't stop Lansing

BY KATIE ARVIA AND MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 27, 2019) - The rain started around 9:30am on the already-cold Saturday morning, yet hundreds of intrepid Lansing residents kept their commitment to participate in the 10th annual Community Clean-Up Day. Volunteers from church congregations, scouting troops, the Lansing Historical Society, and a variety of other groups came together to collect and properly dispose of trash in some of Lansing's worst-littered areas.

"Even in the past, despite the weather, most people have shown up," said Village Clerk Vivian Payne, as another group arrived at Village Hall to collect supplies—which included trash bags and recycling bags, plus breakfast bars and bottled water donated by Walgreens.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Among those participating were Jonathan Vitale—the

new pastor at Lansing Assembly—and his 13-year-old son Ezra. The Vitales moved to Lansing last August, and they have already made it a priority to give back to the community. "We want to be as involved with the community as possible," said Pastor Jonathan. "The fact that there is a lot of community involvement is really inspiring."

Ezra added, "If some people start cleaning up garbage, it'll help inspire other people to do it. This world doesn't have to be so dirty."

The Lansing Assembly volunteers were joined by several food pantry workers, who also helped clean up across town, near Family Dollar and the alleys behind the old Music Lab building. By 11:00am, they had collected at least 10 full bags of trash, with no sign of slowing down.

Not only adults helped out: Lansing Boy Scout Troop #276 was stationed in the alleyway behind Besse's Shirt Lettering on Torrence Avenue.

"As Boy Scouts, we always want to leave a place better

than we found it. That's our motto," said Troop Leader Ray Fumi. "I think it's always a great idea to help clean up the neighborhood where you live. We love conservation projects. Any time we can help out, that's what we're all about. Helping out the community and giving back."

A group from Oak Glen United Reformed Church expressed the same sentiment and were determined

Brothers Kevin and Ryan Lemenager (foreground) were among the Lansing Food Pantry volunteers who cleaned up the alley behind the Family Dollar. (Photo: Katie Arvia)



Lansing Historical Society members Joe and Jen Saia helped clean up the grassy field near the vacated PetSmart building. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



From left: Kathy Doan, Matthew Pimentel, Mrs. Ouida Dyer-Bradford (Sponsor), and Mayra Velazquez (President) of TF South's Environmental Club spent a Spring Break Saturday making a visible difference in Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



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residents from making a difference

not to let the weather keep them from getting involved and getting to know some neighbors. With gloves and grabbers, half the group tackled a litter-filled ditch near Tri-State Nursing Home. The other half of the group cleaned up around Burlington Coat Factory.

It was shortly after 11:00am that the rain began freezing into snowdrops—yet the workers kept working. In the field near the old PetSmart building, a dozen members of the Lansing Historical Society filled bag after bag of trash. Another group finished cleaning up

Lan-Oak Park, and rather than going home, they expanded into the surrounding neighborhoods.

SNOW AND FELLOWSHIP

By 11:30am, the snow was falling thick and fast, and

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Ray Fumi (left) and Boy Scout Troop #276 are all about helping out. (Photo: Katie Arvia)



Above: By the time Mario Bovino (foreground) and other clean-up volunteers made it to the pavilion for lunch, the snow was falling thick and fast. (Photo: Melanie Jongma)



Left: Mayor Patty Eidam (right) returns from clean-up duty and warms up by the grill, where (from left) Trustee Mike Manno, Trustee Brian Hardy, and Volunteer Tom McSwiggan were busy cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for Clean-Up Day participants. (Photo: Melanie Jongma)

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Gayety's, from page 1

chocolate, and she won't skimp on the quality. Not only is Gayety's vanilla ice cream, for example, made with real vanilla beans (as evidenced by the black specks), but the genuine vanilla Lemanski uses costs \$450 per gallon. So yes, customers who bemoan the high prices at Gayety's are right—quality costs more. Hand-crafting costs more. And hiring people who care about the product and the experience costs more. But Lemanski believes the investment is worth it.

Early response indicates that discerning customers agree.

COMMUNITY

Those quality ingredients and quality interactions are foundational to the sense of community that Lemanski is reviving in her shop. Gayety's is a place to sit down and socialize, whether you've chosen the South Chicago Strawberry-Banana Split, a Muddle® Sundae, or the Gayety Special. The socializing begins while people are waiting in line, and it continues with workers during the order-taking process at the counter, so that by the time you and your group are seated in the parlor or at an outdoor picnic table, the sense of community is as warm as the homemade hot fudge.

Lemanski's love for Gayety's is obvious. "I still have the same enthusiasm that I did 30 years ago!" she affirms. She was hired in 1988 at the age of 17 by Lee Flessor, nephew of the founder, James Papageorge. She remembers the fun and hard work that she and her co-workers enjoyed during those early days, and she wants to bring that back. In fact, many of those employees—now that their families are grown or other jobs have ended—are returning to the reopened

A quality experience depends on quality staff, and Eva is part of the Gayety's team chosen by owner Laurene Lemanski. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Lansing shop. Lemanski's history with Gayety's began as a customer. She and her parents and family frequented the 9207 S. Commercial location for decades. The company later opened a location on Torrence Avenue, and that's where Lemanski was hired by Flessor. Even at 17 she was something of an "old soul," and she loved hearing Flessor's stories about his service in the Air Force during World War II. Shelves in the Torrence Avenue Gayety's were filled with old photos of Flessor and his buddies from the 44th Bomb Squadron; Lemanski would carry them over to Flessor and his circle of friends, so they could share the stories with each other and with her.

She'd love to recreate that tradition by inviting today's customers to come in and share their own stories of why they love Gayety's.

CHANGES

The few changes she's making to Gayety's are all about enhancing community. She's added a window to the candy-making room, for example, so customers can watch Muddles® and other candy creations while they are standing in line. (Lemanski explains that Turtles® were a popular chocolate-caramel-nut confection created and registered by another candy maker, so Flessor named his Muddles®—"because turtles play in the mud!")

Sometimes after closing, when she's alone in the shop, she walks around trying



Laurene Lemanski was hired by second-generation owner Lee Flessor (pictured) in 1988. She feels like part of the family. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

to see things through her customers' eyes. "I sit at each booth," she says. "I want to see what they see." That perspective led her, for example, to move the giant photo of Papageorge from the hallway to a prominent position behind the candy counter where patrons in the parlor can see him. (She also thinks that he likes the view better.)

Lemanski's career as a realtor (Briar Executive Realty), her hands-on experience flipping houses,

and her degree in Clinical Psychology all seem to coalesce in equipping her for a Gayety's comeback. She understands what people are looking for when they walk into a physical space, and she was able to give the Gayety's building the love and updates it needed. Years of developing direct relationships with people have honed her natural sales and marketing skills, and her interactions convey passion rather than pushy-ness, helpfulness rather than hype. People understand that she is an authentic part of the Gayety's story, and they are delighted that she wants them to be part of it too.

The time is right, she believes, for Gayety's to be in Lansing. The opening of Fox Pointe gives her a premier venue for sharing her premier confections, and this summer's concerts and programs will give her opportunities to share the Gayety's story with out-of-towners as well as locals.

"Hopefully we'll be around for another 100 years," she says. And then the wheels start turning as she thinks of ways to make sure that happens.

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cleaning teams were starting to arrive for the picnic lunch provided in the First Church PCA pavilion.

"We've never had snow before!" laughed Payne, who has coordinated 10 years of rainy, sunny, windy, and cold Community Clean-Up Days. "I'm surprised how many people came out." Payne has always scheduled the event on the Saturday before the Good Neighbor Day Parade, but next year she's considering moving it up a week. That would allow a make-up day on the next Saturday in case of inclement weather.

But fellowship was warm under the pavilion, and tired volunteers laughed about the crazy day. One pointed out that the smell in the ditch she cleared would have been much worse in warm weather. Another expressed appreciation for low winds, which made it easier to handle the trash and bags. And everyone liked being able to see the visible difference they had made in their town.

And the difference was even clearer the next morning, when snowclouds gave way to bright skies smiling on Lansing's litter-free parks and roadsides. Ron Tuinstra, a member of the crew from New Hope Church that has participated in the last three Community Clean-Up Days, summarized the experience: "It's amazing how much you can get done in such a short amount of time with just a few people."

More information and photos from Community Clean-Up Day will be included in the daily online version of this article. Subscribe today to receive it via email: www.thelansingjournal.com/news/subscribe



From left: Jay Krygsheld (in the weeds), Clara Krygsheld, Samantha Venhuizen, Sandy Venhuizen, Kevin Ooms, and Bob Venhuizen were part of a group from Oak Glen United Reformed Church who saw Community Clean-Up Day as an opportunity to make a difference in their village. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Also, Saturday was Shred Day

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 27, 2019) - Illinois State Representative Marcus Evans partnered with Walgreens and ComEd to offer a free post-tax-season Shred Day for Lansing residents on Saturday. The event was held at the Lansing Public Library, and pre-event publicity limited each participant to two bags of documents. However, Saturday's weather was miserable enough to limit participation, so the restrictions turned out not to be necessary.

Evans is the State Representative for the 33rd district, which includes parts of the Burnside and Chatham neighborhoods of Chicago as well as the suburbs of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, Lynwood, and Sauk Village.



Left: Lansing resident Micaela Smith (right) is Marcus Evans' assistant, and she was onsite helping would-be shredders on Saturday morning.



Below: Because the crowds were minimal, Ed from Iron Mountain Shredding could offer car-side service, so participants didn't have to get rained on. (Photos: Melanie Jongsma)

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Lansing's K9 Officer Rico receives bullet and stab protective vest

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 23, 2019) – Lansing Police Department's K9 Officer Rico has received the bullet and stab protective vest he was granted in February, thanks to a charitable donation from the nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was sponsored by the Officer Collin Rose Memorial Foundation and embroidered with the sentiment "In honor of Axe EOW 11/04/18 & Collin Rose EOW 11/23/16."

Officer Rico's vest was custom built for him and provides coverage to all his vital organs without reducing mobility. The lightweight (4–5 lbs) design includes a breathable Dri-Lex® mesh that is both comfortable and durable. The vest comes with a five-year warranty from the manufacturer. Rico will wear it when he is conducting building searches, tracking suspects, and responding to any call for service that might place him or his partner, Officer Keith Haan, in danger.

Lt. Scott Bailey, who has unofficially served as Officer Rico's PR agent during the grant application and acceptance process, relayed this statement from Rico: "Putting on the protective vest for the first time was a little ruff, but I'm ready to work!"

ABOUT VESTED INTEREST IN K9S

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests 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 potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers.

Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 3,300 protective vests in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$5.7 million. The regular price to purchase a K9 vest is around \$2,000. Through an exclusive partnership with the vest manufacturer, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. can provide a vest for a donation of \$950.

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.

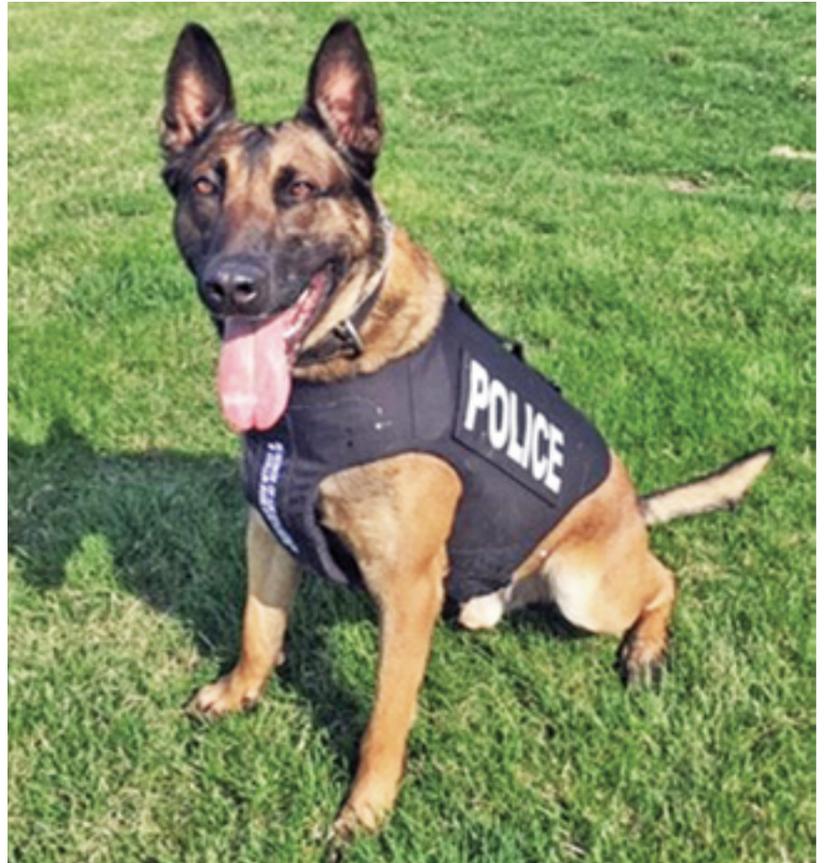
An estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s serve throughout the United States.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities with Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., call 508-824-6978 or visit www.vik9s.org.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination:

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K9 Officer Rico sports the bullet and stab protective vest he received through a donation from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. (Photo provided)





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2019 Neighborhood Watch meetings

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 21, 2019) – The Village of Lansing is divided into four beats. Each beat has a Neighborhood Watch meeting four times a year, led by a Lieutenant from the Lansing Police Department. This year all meetings take place in the Lansing Police Department Courtroom, at 2710 170th Street. Any Lansing resident can participate in any Neighborhood Watch meeting—renters, homeowners, landlords, and businesses are all welcome.

BEAT 1

The Beat 1 Team Leader is Lt. Mizner: cmizner@villageoflansing.org

- February 19, 6:30pm
- April 23, 6:30pm
- August 21, 6:30pm
- November 12, 6:30pm

BEAT 3

The Beat 3 Team Leader is Lt. Biron: tbiron@villageoflansing.org

- March 13, 6:30pm
- April 24, 6:30pm
- July 3, 6:30pm
- October 23, 6:30pm

BEAT 2

The Beat 2 Team Leader is Lt. Hoving: rhoving@villageoflansing.org

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- May 16, 6:30pm
- September 5, 6:30pm
- November 21, 6:30pm

BEAT 4

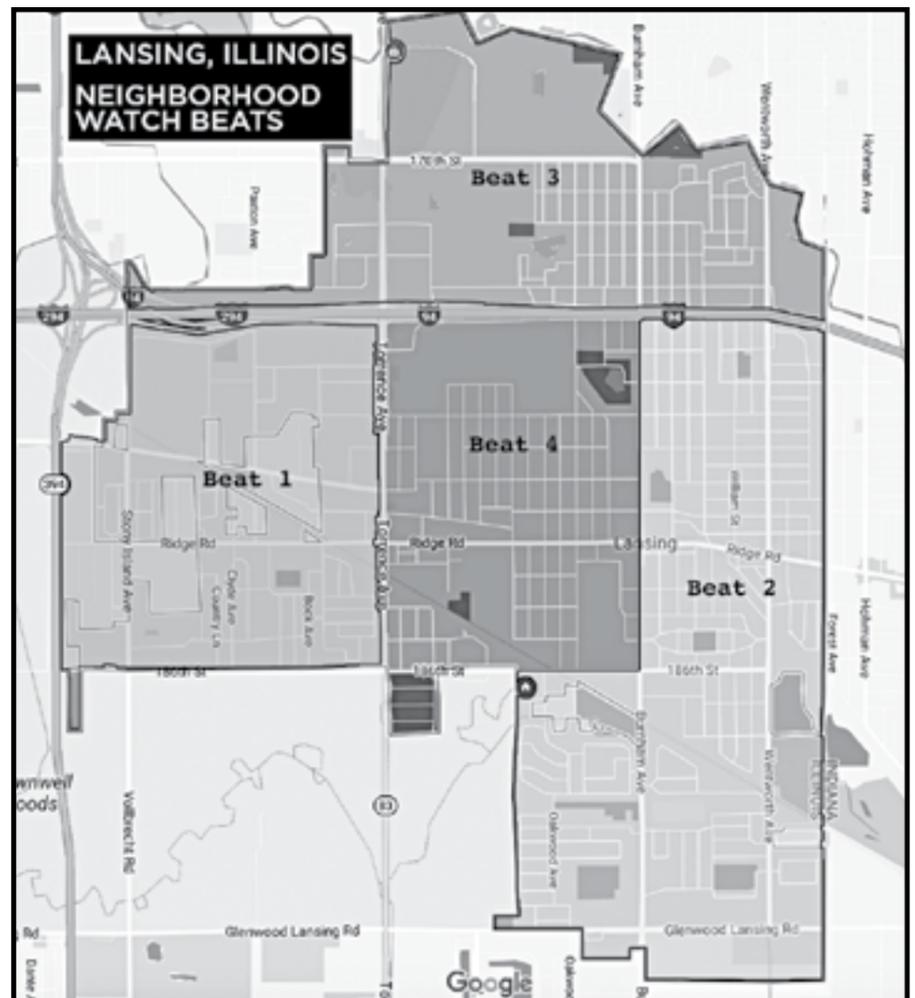
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- December 19, 6:30pm

BUILDING COMMUNITY

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- July 17: Mike and Joe
- July 24: Dick Diamond & the Dusters
- July 31: Cadillac Groove
- Bonus TUESDAY Event—August 6: National Night Out, sponsored by the Lansing Police Department**
- August 7: Latin Satin Soul
- August 14: Cowboy Jukebox
- August 21: Spoken Four
- August 28: Gone 2 Paradise

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- Saturday, June 8, 8:30pm: Cruise Night Concert #1
- Saturday, July 13: Food Truck Fest (3pm) and Cruise Night Concert #2 (8:30pm)
- Saturday–Sunday, July 20–21: Blues Fest—"Blues, Brews & BBQs"
- Saturday, July 27: Lansing Lions Summer Fest, with music by Little Giant (Sponsor—Lansing Lions Club)
- Saturday, August 3, 8:30pm: Cruise Night Concert #3
- Friday–Saturday, August 9–10: Woodstock 50th Anniversary Celebration (Sponsor—Lansing Public Library)
- Friday–Sunday, October 11–13: Autumn Fest (Sponsor—LACE)

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Free self defense class offered to local women

Saturday, May 18, 9:00am–12:00pm

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (April 25, 2019) – Trinity Lutheran Church and One Light Self Defense are partnering to offer a self defense class for women. The class is free to participants, though donations will be collected for the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter in Homewood, Illinois.

Participants will learn simple and proven techniques such as:

- Avoidance tactics
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The class is open to women of high-school age and older. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver before attending.

Women interested in registering should contact Trinity Lutheran Church at 708-474-7997.

The class will be held in the gymnasium of Trinity Lutheran Church, 2505 Indiana Avenue in Lansing.

Electronic Music Production course now offered at Purdue

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PURDUE UNIVERSITY

HAMMOND, Ind. (April 8, 2019) – Purdue University Northwest has introduced Electronic Music Production to the course catalog that will be offered in the fall on its Hammond campus. Visiting Instructor Michael Shallow teaches the class of 14 students how to use software and hardware controllers to make beats and create electronic music using industry-leading software like Reason and Reaper.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Students learn how to create sounds from scratch which then make up a communal sample pack collection of the class's work. Using the sample pack and the digital software, students stack, layer, and create progressions to produce a song.

At the end of the course, all of the sounds will make up a beat tape. Although all students pull from the same pool, no two songs sound the same.

"Everyone hears the song they want to make in their head," said Shallow. "Even if they use the same sounds, they will manipulate them differently to create a completely different vibe."

Broadcast student Ryan Stephens plans to apply the teachings to add a personal touch to the music he uses to DJ. "I appreciate the amount of creative control we have with

our assignments," said Stephens, "the prompts and parameters guide us to staying within the electronic music genre, but there are so many sub-genres to explore which allow us to be confident in the sounds we create."

IN THE MUSIC COMMUNITY

Along with creating the beat tape, students are also tasked with going out in the music community to interact with people who work in those spaces. Meet-ups for musicians, DJs, and beat-makers are recommended more often than live shows, where the barrier between fan and musician is more prominent.

"Social engagement is where inspiration comes from, and music is almost always social," Shallow said. "When people share music, it comes alive."

The class has many beneficial aspects, whether students have a broad sense of knowledge about music theory or not.

Senior Brad Brooks had

never worked with Reason but quickly caught on. "I've recommended the class to so many people. It's a good stepping stone for anyone who wants to try to do music for a living," said Brooks.

EXPERIENCE AND TEACHING

Shallow has 15 years of experience creating electronic music and teaching classes about visual communication and art appreciation.

Throughout his undergraduate and graduate studies, Shallow edited music for dance companies, mixed tracks for cheerleading competitions, and worked sound production with five bands, occasional-

ly stepping in as a piano and violin player. After pitching the production course to the university, Shallow was able to bring his passion of music to the classroom.

"Music has affected every aspect of my life," said Shallow. "Music is a language. Just like the English language, it's not a separate entity. It permeates my life."

Michael Shallow (standing), instructor at Purdue University Northwest, assists students while they work on their music projects. (Photo provided)



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Help Wanted: Need extra income? Looking for serious people to work from home as travel professionals, unlimited income. Pay off some serious debt. 708-455-1105

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Garage Sales

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One Day Only- May 4th 9am-??? 13692 105th Place Dyer, IN 46311

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Living Word Church is located at 2248 186th St in Lansing, just two blocks west of Torrence Ave. This fun event will happen rain or shine!

May 4th, 8am-1pm 11441 W. 78th Ct. St. John, IN Baby & Toddler Clothes, Toys, Treadmill, Household Items & More

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

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Wanted: Vintage, carpenter, mechanics, tools, axes, advertising items, padlocks, knives, magazines, radios, oil cans, signs, vises, railroad items. Call Lee. 219-923-8669

Wanted: a new 70,000 btu gas furnace in Schererville, IN. 219-730-3370

Autos and Vehicles

For sale: 2009 Toyota Camry LE, 94,000 miles, \$6500; 2002 Lexus SC 430, 83,000 miles, \$11,500. Price negotiable. 773-407-3591

For sale: 2008 Madza Tribute 6-cylinder, silver, 4dr. 149,000 miles, fully loaded, minor rust around back wheels, 2 new front tires, runs well. \$3400. 708-510-3366

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Boat for sale: 1998 14 footer Alumacraft w/trailer, trolling motor, 25 horse Honda motor, 4 stroke, 2 batteries, triple charge system. So. Holland. \$3000/obo. 708-829-2470

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Boat for sale: 12' Aluminum, Seamaid row boat, \$300. 708-951-5634

For sale: 2007 Dodge Caliber, \$2500; 2004 Toyota Carolla \$3500; 2005 Buick Rendezvous \$2500; 2002 Toyota Camry, \$3000. All runs great. 708-351-9906

1995 Ford Mustang Red Convertible, tan interior&top. V6 engine, 170,450mi., 5spd., new tires/clutch, runs great. Needs minor bodywork. \$3000/obo. Call Pat. 708-898-0108

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Misc Items For Sale

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Moving sale: Barbie collection over 100; Mickey/ Minnie Mouse collection; corningware dish set; 2-4ft W cubicles, darkbrown; Sterling silver/Costume jewelry. 708-528-1125

For sale: Large couch, mustard color; silvertrim glass livingroom tables w/ wooden legs; 13 inch TV all for \$400. 773-556-2807

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For sale: Jang T Fang Art Love Suite Art, Brokerage \$2,800. Must sell \$1,250 in tube for transportation, medium size. Excellent shape, nice. Ed 219-712-4101

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16. Burrow
17. Disembowel
19. A chip, maybe
20. Reverberate
21. System to reduce indoor temperature and humidity (shortened)
23. Goes after
24. Inquirer
25. "Harper Valley ____"
26. Those who select
29. Memory units
32. ____ Miller, big band musician
33. Oolong, for one
34. Knowledge gained through tradition
35. They're entered in court
36. Numero uno
37. "____ we having fun yet?"
38. Archaeological find
39. Adhesive
40. Cooperative effort by a group
42. "Gee whiz!"
43. Angler's gear
44. Botches
48. Gunk
50. Medicated lozenge
51. "____ of the Flies"
52. Vexation
54. Biblical shepherd
55. Who "ever loved you more than I," in song (2 wds)
56. Absorbs, with "up"
57. ____ mortals

Down

1. "Lohengrin," e.g.
2. Washes
3. Towels off
4. Anatomical ring
5. Nostrils
6. Alum
7. Undertake, with "out"
8. ____ Act of 1571, forbade criticism of the British monarchy
9. Round lot's 100
10. Coalesces
11. A chorus line
12. "____ here long?"
14. Coop flier
18. I.O.U.'s
22. Religious image: Var.
24. Up, in a way
26. Court employee
27. Medical advice, often
28. Fill
29. Make a harsh or raucous noise
30. Auld lang syne
31. Chief financial officer
32. Dirty look
35. Calls from radio listeners (hyphenated)
36. Outlaws
38. Draft
39. Ziti, e.g.
41. Be a busybody
42. Fellow
44. Acadia National Park locale
45. Hodgepodes
46. Run off to the chapel
47. Taste, e.g.
48. Brickbat
49. Brain area
50. Figurehead's place
53. ____ v. Wade

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1 From left: Dorelle Scheeringa, Daneen Krygsheld, Brenna Krygsheld, and Carisa Krygsheld brought a copy of The Lansing Journal to the top of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France, so they could capture the Eiffel Tower in the background. "The photo was taken by our tour guide for the day, Pamela," says Carisa.

2 "Happy Easter from Rome!" wrote Peter Chmura (right). He and wife Nancy and son Joseph posed with The Lansing Journal at the Trevi Fountain. (Photo: Joseph Chmura—"My son has long arms and takes all of our family selfies," explained Pete.)

3 Lynn Cartwright, owner of Lynnies Ques Airport Bar & Grill, traveled all the way to Arizona fully intending to participate in The Lansing Journal Journeys. Upon arriving, she discovered she had brought along a copy of the Shopper instead of The Lansing Journal! So she came up with a back-up plan. At the Chamber's 2019 Business Expo, she grabbed a copy of the April 3 issue from The Lansing Journal's booth and proudly displayed it—and her Arizona tan—at her Lynnies Ques booth. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

4 The April 3 edition of The Lansing Journal traveled to scenic Kentucky Lake in Benton, Kentucky, with Lansing resident and LACE volunteer Dan Centracchio. (Photo: Darrick Kuiper, Dan's nephew)



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We love to see a variety of people enjoying The Lansing Journal in a variety of locations. Residents, businesses, churches, schools, public officials—anyone is qualified to participate.

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'Underground,' 'alternative,' 'satirical' – *Cultural Jet Lag* is not a mainstream collection of comics

Show opens at Paul Henry's Art Gallery in Hammond May 18, 19

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BIG SPLASH PR



Artist: Jim Siergey

HAMMOND, Ind. (May 1, 2019) – *Cultural Jet Lag*, an exhibit featuring the works of artists Jim Siergey and John Anthony Giemzik III—two players in the underground art scene for over two decades—opens at Paul Henry's Art Gallery in Hammond on May 18 and 19.

Siergey's art has been described as an illogical combination of high

and low culture with no regard for time and space, while Giemzik's self-taught, urban-organic style creates complex, whimsical, and thought-provoking work.

Two public opening receptions are planned for the May 18-19 weekend: Saturday from 1:00–8:00pm and Sunday from 2:00–6:00pm.

The exhibit continues through June 30.

SIERGEY AND ROBERTS

Jim Siergey was already active in the underground and alternative comix world since the 1970s. (Wikipedia distinguishes comix from comics in an entry defining "Underground comix" as "small press or self-published comic books which are often socially relevant or satirical in nature. They

differ from mainstream comics in depicting content forbidden to mainstream publications by the Comics Code Authority.") Siergey met Tom Roberts in the 1980s in an animation class at Chicago's Columbia College. They found they had a penchant for meshing what was considered high culture with low culture—and *Cultural Jet Lag* was born.

The first *Cultural Jet Lag* comix strip appeared in New City, a Chicago weekly newspaper, in 1990. *Cultural Jet Lag* went on to appear in over 150 alternative publications across the country.

A separate *Cultural Jet Lag* was created for Time Magazine, where it ran as a regular feature for more than four years. A composition of *Cultural Jet Lag* comix appeared in the Sunday magazine supplement of USA Weekend, and two

comic book compilations also followed.

New City's Aaron Cohen wrote, "*Cultural Jet Lag* goes beyond strictly comic art, stretching into the realms of philosophy and politics to force highbrows and lowbrows to swim in the same pool." And alternative comics publisher Fantagraphics Books wrote, "*Cultural Jet Lag* is for the discriminating pop culture junkie."

Tom Roberts had muscular dystrophy and passed away in 1999 at the age of 39. Siergey continued the strip for another decade or so before retiring it.



Artist: Jim Siergey



"Buried in my Lobe," with artist John Anthony Giemzik III pictured, 4' x 5' acrylic on wood (Photo provided)

GIEMZIK

Growing up, John Anthony Giemzik III was fueled by his fascination with 1970s underground comic books and would doodle on everything: textbook margins, the backside of envelopes, and bathroom stalls were all fair game. Twenty-five years later, his once meaningless doodles have maintained a timeless appeal with a delightfully bizarre approach. Pure imagination is always relevant as Giemzik assigns a crammed, clamoring grab of faces to the human condition within the crowd surrounding us.

THE GALLERY

Paul Henry's Art Gallery is located at 416 Sibley Street in downtown Hammond, Indiana. For more information, call David Mueller at 219-678-5015. Free parking is available in the lot directly behind the gallery between Sibley and Fayette Streets.

New Jim Siergey exhibit at Promise You Art House

"Painted Objects" runs through June 22

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

HIGHLAND, Ind. (April 19, 2019) – Jim Siergey's art will return to Promise You Art House on April 27 in the aptly named exhibit, "Painted Objects." The new exhibit represents a shift in style from Siergey's previous showing, "nart." The bright colors and patterns suggest a southwestern influence, but Siergey's sense of irony and observation are distinctive.

Siergey's work has been profiled in the book *Attitude: The New Subversive Political Cartoonist*, and his "nartoons" now appear regularly in *The Lansing Journal*.

"Painted Objects" will be on display from April 27–June 22 at Promise You Art House, 8830 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, Indiana.



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South Suburban College's Rhyss Lewis named All-American Selected for National All-Star Game



Rhyss Lewis, above and left (shooting). (Photos provided)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (April 23, 2019) – South Suburban College Men's Basketball student-athlete Rhyss Lewis recently received two major post-season honors. Lewis was named All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II, and he was selected to play in their National All-Star Game in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A sophomore guard, Lewis averaged 26.6 points, 3.5 assists, 4.6 rebounds, and 3.2 steals this season for the SSC Bulldogs. He represents the 10th First Team All-American under Head Coach John Pigatti in his 13 seasons at South Suburban College.

Lewis led the Bulldogs to the District III Championship Game and a 28–4 record this season. He was previously named to the All-Tournament Team and was named District III Player of the Year.

"Being recognized as All-American is a great honor," said Lewis. "A lot of credit goes to my coaches and teammates—we stayed together through a lot of changes and really had a great season."

Lewis, a graduate of Chesterton High School in Indiana, came to SSC in 2019 after one year at Iowa Western.

"Coach Pigatti toughened me up, made me take responsibility and become more mature. And South Suburban College provided the tools and academic support to be successful," said Lewis. "This entire experience taught me how to overcome adversity."

The All-Star game will be played on Saturday, May 18, at 4:30pm CT in the Orleans Arena. The game will feature the best players in the country from NJCAA Division I, II, and III schools.

"I am very happy for Rhyss," said Coach Pigatti. "He has been through a lot and worked very hard this season to get to this point. Being named 1st Team All-American and to the NJCAA National All-Star Game is very special. Rhyss has a very bright future in this game. We were very lucky to have a person of his quality representing the school."

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

DAMES AT SEA

MAY 2 - JUNE 2

Actors (clockwise from left) Kelly Felthous, Sierra Schnack, Colette Todd and Todd Aulwurm. Photo by Guy Rhodes.

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