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Autumn Fest returns to Fox Pointe

3 DAYS OF FAMILY FUN

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(Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (October 2, 2019) – Lansing Autumn Fest returns October 11-13 for a weekend of fall fun. Festival Chair Dan Centracchio is anticipating a successful and smooth year as the event returns for the second time to the upgraded Fox Pointe location.

"This time of year a lot of other communities have finished their festivals," said Centracchio. "The kids are back in school and it's that one last hurrah before the cold weather sets in." After a full season of summer concerts, Centracchio said that people have become accustomed to using the facility and will have better accessibility to the grounds with the absence of plastic fencing this year.

"We are very pleased that Fox Pointe is now ready for Autumn Fest," said Mayor Patty Eidam. "The Village of Lansing is happy to partner with L.A.C.E. as they bring back this extremely popular event."

One of the biggest components of the fest is entertainment, which will be enhanced the year by large video screens beside the stage. The screens will run

band-related video or sponsor ads. "We are excited about the variety of entertainment planned for Lansing Autumn Fest this year," said Entertainment Chair Jenny Polley. "We have been able to include a few acts that were popular from last year as well as artists who grew up in Lansing. This year we will have entertainment not only on the main stage and in the Kids Zone, but also in the pavilion and strolling throughout the fest grounds. Groups from both TF South and Memorial Junior High will be performing, and we are hoping to get the crowd up and moving with dueling pianos and line dance instruction."

The headliner for Friday night is Lansing native Brian Grilli, who filmed a 2016 video called "My Hometown" at several locations in Lansing. Other bands performing during the fest include Cadillac Groove and Latin Satin Soul. Centracchio reminds fest-goers to bring chairs for the grassy area in front of the stage as was done for the summer concert series.

The Kids Zone will feature pumpkin decorating, inflatables, carnival games, a reptile show, a magician, craft tables, and more. Wristbands can be purchased

for all-day play in the bouncy house. The TF South Rebel Players will introduce a scene from the school's fall musical, *Chicago*.

Saturday begins with a pancake breakfast at the American Legion, prepared by members of the Lansing Copper Muggers. "It'll be \$5 per person, and you can donate to pay for breakfast for a veteran or first responder," said Centracchio. Following breakfast is a tribute to military, veterans, and first responders on the main stage at Fox Pointe.

In the marketplace, guests will find goods and handmade products from about 50 vendors selling everything from jewelry to candles to crocheted pieces.

There will be big variety in the food area, where Centracchio said they're expecting more than a dozen vendors serving up hot dogs, tacos, pretzels, burgers, kabobs, paninis, pierogi, shrimp, schnitzel, shaved ice, nachos, elephant ears, and more.

For more details on Autumn Fest 2019, view the ad on the back page of the October print issue, or visit lansinglace.com.



A Day of Honor

Lansing residents and former residents experience Honor Flight Chicago's 94th flight

Left: Lansing resident Otha Brownlow (seated, center) and his brother I.L. (seated, left), both WWII veterans, are joyously welcomed by their grandchildren after a day of being honored. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

Reporter's note: My father, Allen Jongsma, was on Honor Flight Chicago's September 18 flight. His experience gave me a family member's access to the details involved in organizing and participating in an Honor Flight.

CHICAGO, Ill. (September 18, 2019) – The 94th Honor Flight left from Midway Airport at 6:30 Wednesday morning carrying 105 veterans from three wars that involved American military:

- 6 World War II veterans
- 21 Korean War veterans
- 78 veterans of the war in Vietnam

One of those World War II veterans is Lansing resident Otha Brownlow. He was accompanied by his brother, I. L. Brownlow, a Chicago resident. The Brownlows were both privates in the Army. I. L. stayed stateside and served as a medic. Otha served with the field artillery in Germany and France (postwar) performing guard duty.

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Lansing recognized as tourism destination

Fox Pointe instrumental in winning Patricia Chase Magon Award

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

OAK LAWN, Ill. (October 2, 2019) – Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam; Village Administrator Dan Podgorski; Communications Director Ken Reynolds; Trustees Brian Hardy, Saad Abbasy, and Mike Fish; Building Commissioner Zoran Savic; Public Works Superintendent Gary Richardson; Fire Chief Chad Kooyenga; and Deputy Fire Chief John Grady were invited to this year’s Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon hosted by the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB). Their attendance was particularly significant this year—Lansing was announced as the winner of the Patricia Chase Magon Municipal Leadership Award. The 2019 luncheon—the theme of which was “One Chicago Southland”—also boasted U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly as the Keynote speaker, and Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker as a guest speaker.

Named after former CSCVB chair and South Holland Trustee Patricia Chase Magon, the Municipal Leadership Award is presented to a leader or municipality that understands the value of tourism to the local and regional economy, as well as the impact of tourism on the people of the Chicago Southland.

Lansing was chosen this year in large part because of the recent development of Fox Pointe and the successful concert series held there this summer. The concerts and other events brought people to Lansing from South Holland, Calumet City, Lynwood, Crete, and other surrounding Illinois communities, as well as Highland, Munster, Dyer, and Valparaiso, Indiana.

Municipal Leadership is also demonstrated by working with a variety of stakeholders to maintain old traditions while innovating new ones. Lansing evidences this in such events as the Good Neighbor Day Parade and the LOOP Bike Ride, which are organized by the Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce; Cruise Nights, which are organized by the Lansing Association for Community Events; and Hangin’ at the Hangar, a Village-organized event held at the historic Ford Hangar.

“We’re extremely proud that the Village of Lansing received the CSCVB 2019 Patricia Chase Magon Municipal Leader of the Year Award, and so well deserved,” said Jim Garrett, CDME, President/CEO of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau.



A variety of concerts and fests at Fox Pointe during 2019 brought thousands of visitors to Lansing. (Photo provided)



“This was presented to Lansing primarily for their vision, planning, and development of Fox Pointe. This project offers to residents and visitors alike an embracing new premiere music and entertainment destination venue and reflects the true quality of life image and personality that Lansing has become. The Village of Lansing and their residents certainly show their community pride in Fox Pointe, and congratulations to Mayor Patricia Eidam, the Village Trustees, and staff for their vision for making Fox Pointe a new center point of pride for the entire community.”

Lansing was also represented among the Stars of the Industry Award winners, an award that recognizes outstanding hospitality employees in Food & Beverage, Guest Services, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Management. Jedika Diaz, who works at the Sleep Inn Hotel in Lansing, received the 2019 Guest Services Employee of the Year Award. Stars of the Industry are nominated from throughout the Chicago Southland by their place of employment, and winners are chosen by an inde-

pendent, statewide panel of tourism and hospitality professionals.

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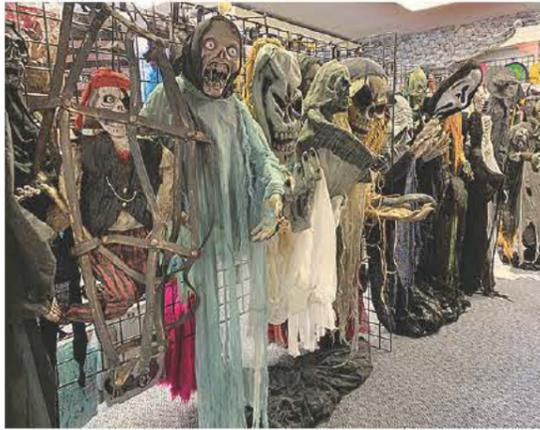
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Halloween Land is located at 16839 Torrence Avenue, in the Landings Shopping Center, Lansing, Illinois. In addition to a variety of costumes, the seasonal store sells yard and home decorations, including an animated Pennywise, the dancing clown and title character from Stephen King's 1986 horror novel *It*. Halloween Land has two other locations, both in Chicago. (Photos: Jennifer Yos)

Halloween Land opens for business in The Landings

New Lansing location is ready for the holiday—and looking to hire employees to retain year round

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (September 20, 2019) – Every September Halloween stores pop up in strip malls throughout the country, reminding us that the popular October 31st holiday is soon approaching. Halloween retail spending in the U.S. last year was estimated to have reached \$9 billion, according to a Prosper Insights & Analytics survey commissioned by the National Retail Federation.

Costume superstore Halloween Land recently opened in Lansing. General Manager Zaki Said shared his knowledge of the challenges of operating a successful seasonal business and the story of this particular family-owned business.

THE FAMILY BUSINESS

Said's uncle, Jose Medina, and Jose's son Mike Medina (Said's cousin), began their Halloween business 10 years ago as a complementary business to Jose's already well-established toy business, which he started 25 years ago. The Medina family owns and operates B Toy Zone stores—located in the Chicagoland Midway area—and Zippy Toys in Fox Valley Mall.

They envisioned opening a Halloween

store to fill the gap immediately following the toy business's slow season and just before the heavy Christmas season. This gap occurs in the month of October.

Today they operate three Halloween Land stores. Two are in Chicago, and now a third is the new Lansing location, 16839 Torrence Avenue. The Lansing location is new this year, but Halloween Land has operated in various locations in and around Lansing for the last five years.

SEASONAL CONSIDERATIONS

"It takes a lot of preparation," shared Said about the seasonal nature of the business. "People think seasonal business is really easy to get into, but it's the complete opposite. Specifically, you're trying to get all this stuff ready just for one month, so the things that we do—like sourcing the product, talking to different vendors—obviously you want to get the best deal for your money—scouting locations, and then the biggest and hardest thing, in my opinion, is training new employees because [whereas] the toy store employees we basically have all year round, Halloween [employees are] quite different. We prepare from June just to get ready for October."

Said says the training is more intense because "you have to cram a lot of information in a short period of time to get ready, hopefully, for a big season." For that reason, they try to retain their employees, even relocating them to some of their other store locations. They are currently hiring at the Lansing location.

EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

Their Halloween inventory is extensive. They have aisles of costumes, special effects makeup, and accessories, including hats, weapons, and, according to Said, perhaps one of the largest mask collections in the Chicagoland area. They also display and sell Halloween home and lawn decorations.

Not only do they house over 30,000 pre-made costumes, but they also offer to customize costumes to fit your concept and your budget. Halloween Land employees will artfully combine costume pieces, accessories, and makeup to create the desired character.

Where does the unsold inventory go after Halloween? Most will be discounted the first week of November. After the season, about 40% of inventory goes into storage and about 60% goes toward

Halloween Land's online store, where they sell costumes year round.

POPULAR COSTUMES

Superhero costumes are popular this year because of the success of *Avengers: Endgame*, a movie based on the Marvel Comics superhero team. Also, because children are more often exposed to horror movies than in the past, more children are choosing scarier types of costumes. Harry Potter costumes are still a favorite for both adults and children. But General Manager Said predicts that one of the most popular of all this year will be the Baby Shark costumes, available both in child and adult sizes, because of the viral Baby Shark video of 2019.

LOCATION AND HOURS

Halloween Land is located at 16839 Torrence Avenue. Throughout October, hours will be 10:00am–midnight.

Said encourages everyone to visit their website, myhalloweenland.com, not only to see what is available in the stores, but also to get coupons and discounts, to e-mail special inquiries, or to apply for jobs.



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Lansing Municipal Airport: a history of connecting the Midwest and more

BY JAMILYN HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (September 30, 2019) – It's one of Lansing's most prized institutions. Easily accessible by road and sky, it's been a familiar and intriguing part of Cook County since its conception in 1926 by American industrialist Henry Ford.

For people who aren't pilots, interaction with the Lansing Municipal Airport is probably limited to an occasional visit to the Lansing Veterans Memorial (located at the far northwest corner of the property), or the window view when dining at Lynnies Airport Bar and Grill. Others are familiar with the Historic Ford Hangar and various events held there. But a Google search reveals little public information about Lansing's airport—how the Village acquired it, how it's changed, what it's like now, and what its future might hold.

FORD, LINDBERGH, EARHART, AND BABIAK

When Henry Ford finished building his hangar in Lansing, he had dreams of promoting the novel concept of aviation to a nation still new to the idea. However, the Great Depression soon stifled Ford's tri-motor plane manufacturing. The airport was eventually rented out to an aviator from Hammond, Indiana, and was called the Chicago-Hammond Airport until the Village of

Lansing purchased it to secure federal funding in 1976. Since then, the airport has expanded and improved its facilities significantly and is now a prominent relief airport for this region of the United States.

Pilot Wayne Babiak from Crete, Ill., has been flying out of Lansing Municipal Airport since the 1970s. He's among the ranks of thousands of other pilots—including Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart—who have used the airport. Babiak started as a hobbyist taking flying lessons at the airport a year after Lansing acquired it and has seen plenty of changes since then.

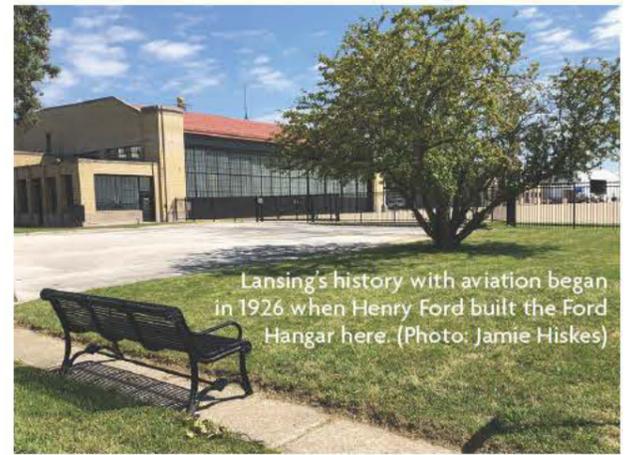
"They've done a lot to the airport over the years with runway expansion," Babiak said. "The 927 runway wasn't as long as it is now, and the north-south runway used to be a grass runway until they paved it. I think even people in the past did a good job with maintaining the field, and the group out there now is doing a good job. ...A lot of upgrades have been done over the years."

A COMMUNITY FEELING AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Babiak rents the planes he flies, and he belongs to a small local flying club called RPM. He said he prefers rentals because not only is it much cheaper than purchasing a \$500,000 plane, but they're well-maintained by the companies at Lansing Municipal Airport. In addition, he likes the community feeling of flying out of a smaller relief airport.

"We know who's flying the planes," Babiak said. "When you rent a plane from a big outfit, you don't know who flew it last. Here, everybody in the club knows each other. It works out really well that way. And Kurt [Harmon]'s maintenance shop is right on the field."

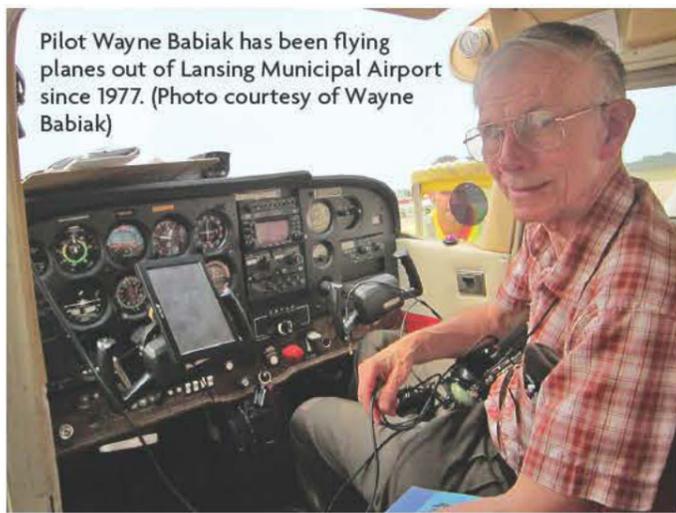
Harmon is an aviation mechanic who works for Windy City Aero, a company at the airport that provides aircraft repairs and upkeep. Babiak said that Harmon and Windy City Aero are a big draw for pilots flying into Lansing Municipal Airport. "Not everybody can just work on an airplane," Babiak explained. "It has to be someone who's certified to do that type of work. ...I think that's a real plus for the field. A lot of people seek [Harmon] out from over here in



Lansing's history with aviation began in 1926 when Henry Ford built the Ford Hangar here. (Photo: Jamie Hiskes)



Today the Lansing Municipal Airport is a public airport owned by the Village of Lansing. It is a prominent relief airport serving the region. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)



Pilot Wayne Babiak has been flying planes out of Lansing Municipal Airport since 1977. (Photo courtesy of Wayne Babiak)

Lansing and from other places."

Windy City Aero and Harmon's work aren't the only draw, however. Three other businesses are onsite to attend to nearly every need a pilot or plane could have. Phillips 66 provides a self-service fuel island at the airport with competitive prices. Midwest Aerospace supplies aircraft parts to civilian and military plane operators at home and abroad. And Midwest Business Center, the largest business at Lansing Municipal Airport, is the main provider of fixed-based operations for the airport. According to their website, they provide "aviation services such as fueling, hangar rental, ramp

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Babiak said he likes having an airport like Lansing's to fly out of and hold club meetings at for many reasons. Whether you're flying to Indianapolis for dinner or as far as South Carolina, as Babiak has done, he said it's good to have a decent airport to come home to.

"The airport's really accessible, and it's well-maintained," Babiak said. "I think the staff

out there does a very good job at keeping the airport in good shape, and that's important. It's in a great location with respect to Chicago, being in the south suburbs."

CONNECTING THE PAST

Lansing Municipal Airport continues to change and evolve with the times. One person who knows more about that than most is John DeLaurentiis, who has been the airport director since 2008. He took over from Bob Malkas, the namesake of the airport driveway dedicated in 2011, who served as director for 23 years.

"When we move towards the future, there needs to be some connection to the past," DeLaurentiis explained. "Airports are more than just bricks and mortar and airplanes. They're people and people's lives, and they're tied into the history of the Village of Lansing."

Malkas isn't the only prominent figure in the airport's history. In July, an observation area named Palmer Square Airport Observation Park was dedicated in honor of the former manager of Associated Air Activities, Wade Palmer. Associated Air—a company Babiak used to rent planes from—operated out of Ford Hangar for 30 years.

"Wade Palmer was part of this airport even before the Village owned it, I believe," DeLaurentiis said. "Once he left the airport, the idea was to commemorate that in some way. Because you can't dedicate anything at an airport for non-aeronautical use, we came up with the notion of an observation area."



Palmer Square Airport Observation Park was dedicated this past July to Wade Palmer, the former manager of Associated Air Activities. (Photo: Jamilyn Hiskes)

Lansing Veterans Memorial and the POW MIA fountain—is increasingly becoming more of a public space, following the example of other airports in the country. DeLaurentiis explained that he wants these public spaces to be a gateway for people both new to Lansing and familiar with it to become more exposed to aviation and to the Lansing Municipal Airport.

"There are people who fall on both sides of the line regarding public space and use at the airport," DeLaurentiis said. "From the FAA perspective at the national level, it's accepted. At the local level, the pilots usually think, 'That should be our space and we should be using it for something we need.' They forget that...without the public funding, this airport would not exist."

As far as plans for the future of the airport, they mainly focus on modernization and expansion. According to the 2014 RE:Lansing Comprehensive Plan and a 20-year layout plan for the airport put together in 2009, growth of the airport's territory, new buildings, and longer runways could change the face of the airport as we know it. As the RE:Lansing plan states, "The long-term vision for this area of Lansing should balance the evolving

WELCOMING THE PUBLIC, WELCOMING THE FUTURE

While small, the area is a pleasant place to sit and watch planes take off and land in the shadow of Ford Hangar. DeLaurentiis said there are still improvements to be made, but in general, that northwest corner of the airport—also home to the

needs of the airport with new opportunities for commercial and neighborhoods development, ensuring that the airport remains a vital piece of the community."

MORE THAN A HANGOUT FOR PILOTS

DeLaurentiis added to that by saying a goal of his is to change the culture around airports into something different than a hangout for pilots. He especially wants to get younger families, particularly kids, more interested in the airport.

"There's still a bit of controversy on the field," DeLaurentiis said. "There's still folks flying into here who believe that airports should be places where pilots convene to talk about steel and gasoline and oil and aviation. But there's another group that says, 'I'm an attorney and I paid a million dollars for my plane. I like to fly on weekends with my family, and I just need a nice place to stop with my wife and kids while I fuel.'"

This notion is what brought about the welcome center and the restaurant at the airport. Formerly a pilot's lounge where women and children were generally excluded, the building that now houses Lynnies Ques has become a huge attraction for local families and pilots from out of town.

"We felt that there needed to be more of a family transportation attraction here, in addition to just being a pilot's airport," DeLaurentiis explained. "And the Village has supported that. We need to not only modernize the buildings, but modernize the thinking around this airport."

GETTING READY FOR TAKE-OFF

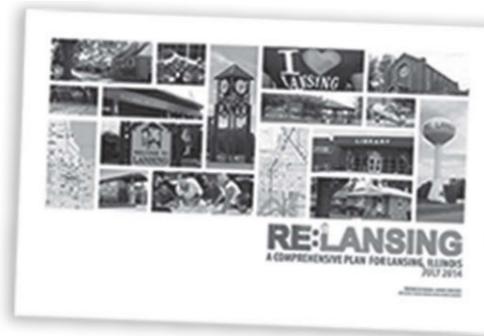
The airport's history has had its fair share of ups and downs, so to speak. Financial woes and competing ideas of how the space should be used may never fully abate. But today's Lansing Municipal Airport is a unique and precious asset, and there are people fighting to keep it that way, from pilots to Village officials.

Babiak's favorite part of flying, he said, is getting a different view of something he's seen a million times.

"Just getting up there and seeing the earth from a different perspective is amazing," he said.

"You get a nice clear day, and you can fly along the lake shore. You get a different view of things, and it's exhilarating."

It sounds like a different perspective of the airport, and aviation in general, is what will shape its future.



Plenty of fun, safe ways to celebrate Halloween in Lansing

BY JENNIFER YOS

LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2019) - A Haunted Hallway? Costume Breakfast? Halloween Parade? Trunk-or-Treat Church Event? When it comes to Halloween, it's almost scary just how many choices Lansing has to offer! Halloween enthusiasts will appreciate all the community and church events scheduled this year. Published below are details from the organizations that responded to our request for information.

The festivities begin already on Friday, October 25:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25—FAMILY-FRIENDLY FRIGHTS

The Lan-Oak Park District is filling the Eisenhower Fitness Center with family-friendly frights—"Haunted Hallway" for ages 9 and up, and "Ghostly Games" for ages 2-8. Both events are 6:30-9:00pm. Ticket sales begin at noon and stop at 8:30pm on event day. Families can also enjoy a snack in the "Creepy Café." The Eisenhower Center is located at 2550 178th Street in Lansing.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26—PANCAKES AND PARADE

The day begins with the Copper Muggers Halloween Pancake Breakfast, served from 8:00-11:00am at TF South. Tickets available at the door are \$5 (kids under 5 can eat for \$3). This come-as-you-are-costumed Halloween breakfast includes a bake sale and raffle prizes.

After breakfast, costumed attendees can head over to Kilroy's parking lot at

3502 Ridge Road to join in Lansing's Annual Halloween Parade. Lineup begins at 9:30am, and the parade travels down Ridge Road to Roy Street, ending at Winterhoff Park. Costume prizes are awarded, and each participating child receives a candy bag. The Lansing Halloween Parade is free.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27—TWO TRUNK-OR-TREAT OPTIONS

1. Living Word Church
2248 186th Street, 2:00-4:00pm
Details: Living Word Church members may sign up on Sunday mornings to enter a trunk. Parking spots will be assigned immediately after the church service on the day of the event. Participants are asked to keep decorations appropriate for children (not too scary). As attendees make their rounds collecting candy from each trunk, they vote for their favorite decorated car. A cash prize goes to the car with the most votes. Carnival-style games inside the church are suitable for ages 2-10. Though church members are providing the trunks, the event is open to the public. "All are welcome!" says Living Word.

2. St. Ann Catholic Church
3014 Ridge Road, 2:00-4:00pm
Details: Games, refreshments, music, and prizes for "Best Trunk" and "Best Dressed." New this year will be a Chili Cook-off—\$10.00 to enter your chili; \$5.00 for tasters/voters. (To enter as a chili contestant, call 708-895-1661. There will be a limit of 12 entrants total.) Anyone interested in trunk

decorating should visit the sign-up link (<https://signup.com/go/NSiFXqO>) and register by Friday, October 25. Participants should arrive for setup by 1:00pm and plan on bringing enough candy for 100. For more information, contact Max Navia at 773-619-1251.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28—TRUNK-OR-TREAT, PLUS DINNER

Trinity Lutheran Church
2505 Indiana Avenue, 5:00-6:00pm
Details: Trinity Lutheran Church will host a Trunk-or-Treat event in conjunction with the free community meal they offer each month. (The free Community Dinner is served at 5:30pm.) Church members will be onsite distributing candy. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31—FOUR HALLOWEEN OPTIONS

1. Bethel Church, east parking lot
3500 Glenwood-Lansing Road,



Last year's entries in St. Ann's trunk-or-treat event included a fire-fighting scene. (Photo: Jennifer Gray)

4:00-6:00pm

Details: This is the second year Bethel is hosting a trunk-or-treat event. Bethel members are invited to participate in decorating their trunks, and all Lansing residents are invited to attend as trick-or-treaters. The church will also be serving hot chocolate. More information can be found by visiting Bethel's facebook page: facebook.com/BethelChurchLansing

2. First Christian Church of Lansing
2921 Ridge Road, 4:30-6:30pm

Details: First Christian Church of Lansing has been hosting trunk-or-treat events for the last 12 years. Their event includes free hot dogs, popcorn, and hot chocolate.

3. First Church (PCA)

3134 Ridge Road, 4:00-7:00pm
Details: Church members decorate tables for indoor trunk-or-treating (to avoid possible inclement weather) and will pass out candy in the fellowship area.

4. Grace Reformed Church parking lot
2740 Indiana Avenue, 6:00-8:00pm

Details: Trunk-or-treating, free hot dogs, lemonade, and hot chocolate served outdoors; three performances of a Halloween-themed black light puppet show with gospel messages presented indoors in the darkened church sanctuary; trivia questions follow with candy prizes; games in the Fellowship Hall with candy prizes.

Anyone interested in trunk decorating should contact Bill VanRamshorst: 708-822-9865. Please keep decorations appropriate for children (no gore). "Best Trunk" will be awarded a bag of candy.

OBITUARIES

BONEBRAKE

A funeral service for Marjorie M. Bonebrake (nee Green) was held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN with Rev. Donald Stock officiating.

Mrs. Bonebrake was born January 18, 1926 and passed away September 21, 2019. Wife of the late William Bonebrake. Sister of Jeanne (Jim) Sawyer and Patricia (Thomas) Hasse. Aunt of Michael Sawyer and Thomas Hasse. Special friend of Herman and Betty Van Der Woude.

Interment was at Memory Lane Cemetery, Schererville, Indiana. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

BUSH

A funeral service for Roy G. Bush, was held Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at New Life C.R.C. in Highland, IN, with Rev. Bill Sytsma officiating.

Mr. Bush was born December 8, 1940 and passed away September 26, 2019. Husband of Marlene Bush (nee Bakker). Father of Michael (Mary) Bush, Douglas (Jacki) Bush, Kathi (William) Fulton, and Shelly (Dale) Ketelaar. Grandfather of 13; great-grandfather of 16. Brother of Alan (Dee) Bush and Darlene (Bob) Mazrimas. Preceded in death

by his parents George and Frances Bush, and one grandson.

Interment was at Hope Cemetery, Highland, IN. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

FARNER

A funeral service for Charles F. Farner was held Friday, September 27, 2019 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN with Pastor David Shaver officiating.

Mr. Farner was born March 1, 1937 and passed away September 21, 2019. Husband of Betty Farner (nee McCay). Father of Janet (William) Boren and Barbara (Frank) Olshavsky. Grandfather of five; great-grandfather of five; great-great-grandfather of one. Brother of Hattie (Jim Keys) Farner.

Interment was at Memory Lane Memorial Park Cemetery, Crown Point, Indiana. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

KRIST

A funeral service for Marlene A. Krist (nee Wagy) was held Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN with Rev. Alfonso Surrentt officiating.

Mrs. Krist was born May 10, 1936 and

passed away September 24, 2019. Wife of the late Daniel A. Krist. Mother of Bryan (Eileen) Krist, Bruce (Kathy) Krist, and Bret (Ann) Krist. Grandmother of three. Sister of Lewis (Marianna) Wagy.

Interment was at Oakland Memory Lanes, Dolton, IL. Arrangements were entrusted to Smits Funeral Home, Dyer, IN.

The Lansing Journal runs full obituaries with photos in our daily online news (thelansingjournal.com/news) 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.



Deputy Fire Chief Mike Tempelman retires after 28 years



Fire Chief Chad Kooyenga (left) awards Deputy Fire Chief Mike Tempelman a commemorative plaque on the occasion of his retirement. Kooyenga thanked Mike and his wife Sherry for Mike's 28 years of service in the Lansing Fire Department. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 5, 2019) – The Lansing Fire Department recognized Deputy Fire Chief Mike Tempelman's retirement at the September 3 Village Board meeting, marking the end of his 28 years of service in the department. Tempelman recently served as the interim chief of the LFD following former Chief Ken Verkaik's retirement last September. Tempelman turned the reins over to Chief Chad Kooyenga in March of this year.

Chief Kooyenga presented Tempelman with a

plaque. Alongside his wife Sherry, Tempelman made a few comments before the board and spectators, thanking God and his family. Of the latter he said, "They sacrifice a lot—the sleepless nights they've been worried about us. Some have missed Christmas parties [or] birthday parties because we had to go out and chase an emergency somewhere."

Tempelman also thanked the Village and its citizens: "Without [them], [the LFD] wouldn't be possible. All across the board, it's all because of the people who've lived here. I've met a lot of neat people, people that grew up in the Village, that lived in the Village.

I've worked with the administration over the past twenty-eight years...I made a lot of good friends. I consider them my family."

Following his comments, Tempelman received a standing ovation and shook the hands of the Mayor, Administrator, and Village Board members.

Tempelman's Deputy Chief position was filled by Bill Stubitsch, who was introduced and sworn in during the August 22 Village Board meeting.

"It's truly, truly been my privilege to serve the people of the community," Tempelman said.

District 215 receives \$1,906,225 in Property Tax Relief Grant funds

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY D215

LANSING, Ill. (September 21, 2019) – The historic school funding reform law passed in 2018 included a Property Tax Relief Grant that provided additional dollars in new state funds for property tax relief to communities of school districts that need it most. This was the first time in history that these property tax relief grants have been funded.

School districts were ranked according to the relative tax burden of property owners within those districts, with

eligibility being awarded "to those districts with the highest unit equivalent tax rate compared to all the districts that applied."

Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 was one of 28 school districts in Illinois eligible to receive a grant designed to help relieve residents' property tax burden.

In order to receive the grant, school districts needed to agree to reduce their property taxes up to a certain legal limit. The grant funds then offset a large part of that reduction.

According to Charles DiMartino, District

215 Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, the district applied for the grant and committed to reducing the 2018 tax levy by \$1,939,665, which was the maximum legal amount allowed.

After the district filed the tax abatement resolution in March 2019, District 215 received \$1,906,225 in grant funds to offset the \$1,939,665 in lower property taxes for the community.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Lance notes, "As a district, we not only strive for fiscal solvency, but also to be good financial stewards of taxpayer dollars. With this

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Chamber of Commerce to hold first Lansing Wine Walk

BY JAMILYN HISKES

LANSING, Ill. (September 28, 2019) – While an autumn afternoon stroll through the heart of downtown Lansing sounds appealing on its own, pairing it with good company and good wine could only be an improvement.

That's part of the reasoning behind the Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce organizing Lansing's first annual Wine Walk, which will take place October 19 from noon to 5:00pm.

"We've gone to several [wine walks], and we just thought we'd try it here," Todd said about the Chamber's decision to offer the event. "It's kind of half-and-half for the community and for the businesses."

Todd said the walk will bring participants down the bike path and along Ridge Road into 12 local businesses, mapped out on a "badge" to be worn around the neck. There will be snacks as well as a red and a white wine to taste at each stop, and while there, the participants will also have a chance to look around the business and learn more about the goods and/or services it offers. A variety of businesses will be stops on the walk, according to Todd, including a law office, established business Sandler's Shoes (3313 Ridge Road) and the new boutique The Hanger (3521 Ridge Road). The walk will end at Santori's Liquors

(3529 Ridge Road), which will be providing the wines for the event. When the event is over, Todd said there will be shuttles available to bring participants back to the beginning of the walk, Fox Pointe.

"This isn't about drinking or getting drunk," Todd said. "This is about tasting wine, having some fun, and seeing what these stores are all about. This is what we want to do—bring people into the store, have them see someplace maybe they've never seen before."

Todd said she was inspired by wine walks in other towns such as Frankfort and Naperville, which have larger business districts than Lansing but hold wine walks with roughly the same number of stops.

"I just love the idea that you're bringing people into your business district—people who may have never been there," Todd said. "I'd never shopped in downtown Naperville. But I went to [their Wine Walk] with a friend, and I loved it, and I found stores that I loved. That's what brings people back. ...We want to bring



awareness to what we have here and keep people in our town and shopping locally."

Todd explained that, besides hosting an enjoyable community event, the main goal of the Lansing Wine Walk is to bring people into Lansing's local businesses—even if it's just for that day.

"It'll really be just a fun Saturday for the community, and we hope to bring some business to our Chamber members within this downtown area," Todd said. "Beyond that, it's our first time, so we'll see what works and what doesn't and how we can change things for next year. We're hoping it's a success."

The Lansing Wine Walk is \$40 per person, and registration is available online or at the Chamber office. That price includes a wine glass and a "swag bag." For more information, visit the chamber's website, www.chamberoflansing.com.

LARC partners with Glenwood Oaks for upcoming Fall Feast

Friday, October 18, 4:00–9:00pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LARC

LANSING, Ill. (September 8, 2019) – LARC, a nonprofit organization serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is partnering with Glenwood Oaks Restaurant for its Annual Fall Feast on Friday, October 18. The event will be held at LARC's administrative and main program facility, located at 19043 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing.

This year's main courses include:

- a 1/2 slab of Glenwood Oaks' famous BBQ ribs for \$15
- a three-piece honey-fried chicken plate for \$14
- a combination plate featuring fried chicken and ribs for \$18
- a chicken tenders meal for just \$7

All meals will be served with mashed potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, a dinner roll, dessert, and coffee. Carry-outs will be available, and beverages will be sold separately.



Guests enjoy Glenwood Oaks famous chicken and ribs at last year's Fall Feast. This year's event is scheduled for October 18. (Photo provided)

For those dining in at LARC, the event will feature a beer garden, cash raffle, live music, DJ, and other activities.

Sponsorship opportunities range in price from \$150 to \$750. Some sponsorships include complimentary dinners and reserved parking. In-kind donations, such as gift cards and gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses, will help to provide additional raffle revenue at the event.

All proceeds will support more than 100 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in programs that provide job training and employment, daily life skills enrichment, senior programming, 24-hour residential services, and special recreation.

"We're excited to be partnering with Glenwood Oaks Restaurant again," said Executive Director Ernie Gonzalez. "We hope our friends in the community will join us for a few hours. It's a great opportunity to see our facility, where amazing things happen five days per week."

Those interested are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, as limited tickets will be available at the door. Sponsorships and in-kind donations should be received by Friday, October 11.

For more information, or to purchase dinner tickets, contact the Development Office at 708-474-1540 or visit www.larclansing.com.

LARC is located at 19043 Wentworth Avenue in Lansing, Illinois.



New Hope Church's Little Free Library is located just outside the west door of the church building at 3642 Lake Street in Lansing. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

New Hope Church offers Lansing another Little Free Library

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY RON TUINSTRA

LANSING, Ill. (September 13, 2019) – In the fall of 2018 the Outreach Committee from New Hope Church decided to build and install a Little Free Library to serve surrounding neighbors and others in Lansing. Their goal was to be a source of quality reading material in an easy-to-access setting.

The library was designed, built, and installed by committee members Seth Schoon and Ron Tuinstra. The committee also decided to officially register the library with the Little Free Library organization. A registration plaque bearing the number 87860 is installed on the front of the library.

The motto of the Little Free Library organization is "Take a Book – Share a Book." As with all Little Free Libraries, books stocked in New Hope's Little Free Library are available free of charge. Readers are encouraged to take and read a book, then share the book with someone else or return it to the library. People may also place a good book of their own in the library for others to read and enjoy.

New Hope Church's Little Free Library is located just outside the west door of the church building at 3642 Lake Street in Lansing. Their library joins at least two other Lansing Little Free Libraries: (1) Near the east door of TF South High School, and (2) Near the Clock Tower at Park Plaza on Ridge Road.



More information about this nationwide book sharing program is available at littlefreelibrary.org.

TF South Class of 1969 to reunite this weekend

Fun begins Thursday, October 3; continues through Sunday, October 6

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2019) – Members of the Thornton Fractional South Class of 1969 will commemorate 50 years of friendship at a banquet

Saturday night at Villa Cesare in Schererville, Indiana.

A number of other reunion activities are scheduled for classmates to enjoy, including an architectural boat tour of

Chicago on Thursday. "Friday is a triple-fun day with a morning golf outing and afternoon tour of TF South—some members may break out into cheering 'Ooh, aah, who's the best? T – T – F – S!'—followed by a pre-reunion gathering at Lencioni's Pub in Lynwood with music by our very own classmates' rock band, Lake Effect," said reunion committee member Marilyn Rea Beyer.

Saturday will kick off with a self-guided Magical Mystery Tour of Lansing, starting at the Lansing Historical Society located in the Lansing Public Library.

"Celebrations continue into Sunday morning at Lan-Oak Lanes for the Grade Skool Bowl-er-ama farewell event to evoke all the best memories of childhood in Lansing," added Beyer.

"The class remembers Cheryl Ridder Woldhuis as relentlessly positive and energetic. Things haven't changed much as she has led the charge toward the reunion for an entire year chairing the reunion committee," said Beyer. The 19 reunion committee members come from all over, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, California, and Ontario, Canada. Nine of the committee members still reside in the Calumet region.

Lansing Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Carolyn "Inky" White Scofield has hosted most of the meetings at her business, Water's Edge Gift, Garden & Pond Center on Wentworth Avenue.

"More than 100 classmates and 50-plus spouses and guests will enjoy dinner, share lots of poignant and hilarious memories, and hit the dance floor as a DJ cues up favorite tunes from a playlist compiled from their

requests," said Beyer. "At the banquet, we will thank our classmates who have served in the military. We will also remember those who we lost, on an 'In Memoriam' board."

Beyer said there will be golf awards and prizes for completing the Magical Mystery Tour of Lansing that will be handed out "with good humor" at the banquet.

"For reasons that remain murky, the Class of '69 class gift to TF South never materialized. So there will be a 50/50 raffle at the banquet to fund a class gift," Beyer explained. "The committee has managed its finances tightly and will pass along any leftover funds to the class gift as well, in addition to profits from reunion T-shirt and sweatshirt sales."

"The enthusiasm for getting together was sparked 10 years ago after our hugely successful 40th reunion, and it's just continued since then," said Woldhuis.

Informal annual gatherings, a class-wide 60th birthday party, and social media have kept the group connected. "The class solidarity has been cemented, in large part, by a monthly newsletter, 'The Life & Times of the Rebels of '69,' which comes complete with stories, photos, and news of class members," said Beyer.

"Our counselors and teachers said even at the time that we seemed especially 'together' as a class," Woldhuis shared.

"Everyone gathered Villa Cesare on Saturday night will be saying what everybody in Lansing knew 50 years ago, 'We are mellow, we are fine. We're the class of '69!'" said Beyer.

Details about the Class of '69 50th Reunion activities can be found at the class website: tfsclassof69.weebly.com/.

TF South's Jen Gross wins Excellence in Education grant

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation awards \$750 to enhance life skills classroom



From left: TF South Principal Jake Gourley and grant recipient Jen Gross accept a check from Jan Bryant and Tony Marturano of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation. (Photo provided)

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 25, 2019) – "My life skills classroom was recently remodeled, and a kitchen and laundry area were added," explained Special Ed teacher Jen Gross in her application for an Excellence in Education grant. "My district lacks the funds to stock it with necessary items to make it functional. This grant would be used to purchase items necessary to utilize the classroom to its full potential."

Gross continued, "This would provide my students with an authentic learning environment that supports the goal of increasing independence through the development of functional life skills."

The application was submitted to the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF), who designed their Excellence in Education grants program knowing that educators often do not have additional revenue sources available for unique student projects or classroom materials. Today the program presented Gross with an IRTAF grant check for \$750 to stock her life skills classroom.

Gross' grant was part of a total of \$36,500 awarded by IRTAF to Illinois public school educators (Pre-K through 12) statewide in 2019. IRTAF is affiliated with the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a lobbying group for retired educators, with a current membership of over 38,500.

Applicants were required to meet the proper criteria and to submit their proposals by early June. The IRTAF Board of Directors selected the grant recipients, and awards are now in the process of being presented.

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From left: Post Commander Fred Schrum and Suzanne and Jim Long hold up the flag for post members to see the field of 48 stars.

New flag designs are always officially adopted on the July 4 that follows a new state's admission into the union. When Alaska was admitted as a state in January of 1959, a 49-star flag became America's emblem on July 4 of that same year. The 50-star flag was adopted on July 4 of 1960, after Hawaii gained statehood in August of 1959.

America's current 50-star flag has been in existence for 59 years, longer than any previous flag design.

48-star flag finds a new home at American Legion Post 697

Jim and Suzanne Long donate family heirloom

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 17, 2019) – For 47 years—from 1912 until 1959—America's flag had 48 stars. Both New Mexico and Arizona were added as states in 1912, and on July 4 of that year, President William Taft through Executive Order declared that the stars should be arranged in six horizontal rows of eight each, with a single point of each star pointing upward.

Jim and Suzanne have owned a 48-star flag for many years. Suzanne's father was a marine and Jim's uncle was in the army, both serving during World War II, which lasted from 1939–1945. The flag has been in Jim's family since that era. A recent move forced the Longs to downsize, and they came across the 48-star flag in storage and decided it needed a better home.

Having made American Legion Post 697 aware of their intended donation, the Longs were invited to the Post meeting on September 11, where they presented the flag to Post Commander Fred Schrum. Suzanne told the post members, "We would like to donate it to the post and have it taken care of in the manner that it deserves."

The 48-star flag is quite common, mainly because it represented America longer than any previous flag.

"Many historic flags are worn, old and frail," writes rare flag collector Anthony Iasso (www.rareflags.com/RareFlags_FAQ.htm). "Their condition would be considered unserviceable by most standards, yet their historic and cultural value is immense. Historic flags should be preserved and protected."

Plans are being made for the construction of a display case for the Longs' donated flag, so it can be shown in its entirety.

American Legion Auxiliary installs new officers

BY KATIE ARVIA

LANSING, Ill. (September 11, 2019) – On September 4, the American Legion Auxiliary swore in eight new officers to Edward Schultz Unit 697. The appointments were made at the beginning of their monthly meeting and were effective immediately. The new appointments are:

- Sandi Gangolf – President
- Donna Murphy – 1st Vice President
- Evelyn Brzycki – 2nd Vice President
- Debbie Recker – Treasurer
- Rachelle Vinson – Secretary

- Shannon Koontz – Historian
- Fran Mabry – Chaplain
- Sheila Reed – Sergeant-At-Arms

New officers were sworn in and had their duties explained by Carol McFarland, 8th District President, and local members Darlene Line and Patty Grigutis.

The American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating 100 years in 2019 and is the largest women's veterans organization in the United States. The Lansing chapter has 132 members who do benefit work throughout the village. This year, the Auxiliary collected and distributed over \$600 worth of school supplies to Lester Crawl, Reavis, Nathan Hale, Oak Glen, and Coolidge.

The group has also donated to the Patti Leach Youth Center, Lansing Public Library, Lansing Police Department, Lansing Fire Department,

Camp Quality, and many other local organizations.

Upcoming projects for the Lansing unit include their annual Veterans Day pancake breakfast (November 9, from 8:00– 11:00am), a blood drive, and boxes to send to overseas troops as well as the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago.

"We're always looking for ways to help in the community and help our veterans," explained newly-installed president Sandi Gangolf.

To join the American Legion Auxiliary, applicants must be a direct descendant of a member of the American Legion or a direct descendant of a person who served in the Armed Forces. Applicants are also eligible for membership if they themselves served in the Armed Forces.

For more information on the American Legion Auxiliary, visit ilala.org. To learn more about the Lansing chapter, contact Sandi Gangolf at 708-642-8422 or sandi.gangolf@yahoo.com.

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Village approves bidding process to demolish 9 Lansing properties

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 18, 2019) – The Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution to open up bidding for the demolition of nine residential properties in Lansing during its September 17 meeting, a project funded by two grants from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

LONG-TIME EYESORES

As explained by Village Building Commissioner Zoran Savic during the Sept. 3 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, the properties in question are in various states of disrepair and have been eyesores in the Village for some time, suffering from broken windows, sagging roofs and gutters, and extensive water damage. Some of the nine properties have served as a temporary home for squatters as well, and require the occasional attention of the Lansing Police Department. The Lansing Public Works Department also provides lawn-mowing services to a number of the properties.

"It's time to clean up Lansing. It's time to get rid of these properties," Savic said.

THE PROPERTIES

The properties include the following:
Obtained from the land bank: 2344 W 183rd Pl, 17715 Paxton Ave, and 17922 Burnham Ave.

Anticipated deeds: 2225 Thornton-Lansing Rd, 2850 Bernice Rd, 2903 186th St, 17946 Oakwood Ave, and 18040 Burnham Ave.

The final structure—17144 Burnham Ave—has already been demolished because it was classified as an emergency and in danger of immediate collapse.

FUNDING

The Village anticipates that the funding for these demolitions will be fully covered by grants from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) through its Abandoned Property Program. The Village was granted \$250,000 by the program in 2018 and another \$250,000 in 2019. Current Fire Chief Chad Kooyenga played a large role in securing the funds from the IHDA, and was thanked for his efforts by both Savic and Village Trustee Brian Hardy.

TIMELINE AND FUTURE STEPS

During the Sept. 3 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Trustee Maureen Grady-Perovich asked whether or not these demolitions would be completed by the end of the year. Savic responded that he hoped so, and anticipated that the deeds that are still needed should come fairly quickly. He said, "I would like to say I can have these down before snowfall but as you see we've got nine of them and there's a lot more work to do before we can get them down."

Savic also mentioned the possibility of rehabilitating some of the houses, though he did not mention which homes might be salvageable.

The Village will package all of the demolition projects into one bid in an effort to get a better price, according to Village Administrator Dan Podgorski. By approving the bidding process, the Village is affirming the need to demolish these properties and is authorizing Village staff to contact various



One of the nine properties that will be included in the bid for demolition is 2225 Thornton-Lansing Road. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)



The house at 17144 Burnham Ave was in danger of collapse and has already been demolished. (Photo: Josh Bootsma)

companies to find the best and most competitive price to demolish the homes. The estimates that these companies will provide Village officials are called "bids." In a future meeting, the Village Board will vote to approve a bid for the demolition work. The Village Board of Trustees holds its meetings on the first and third Tuesday of most months at the Lansing Municipal Court Complex (Lansing Police Department), 2710 170th Street. Meetings typically begin at 7:00pm.

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 - Social Security Award letter
 - DCFS Award Letter
 - and/or the most recent check stub for the past 30 days from your Employer
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Oak Glen principal expands monthly reading program

Michael Earnshaw plans to read to all classes this year

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 25, 2019) – “Attached are some awesome pictures of our awesome principal, Mr. Earnshaw, reading to the 4th-grade class,” read the email from Kristine Espitia. A parent of students at Oak Glen Elementary School, Espitia is excited about the ways Earnshaw is encouraging not only reading but also character development in Lansing’s youth.

Michael Earnshaw is entering his sixth year as principal at Oak Glen. He started his monthly reading program a few years ago with the Kindergarten and first-grade classes, and this year he is expanding it to include all classes, K–5. Each month he chooses a book that reinforces a specific theme. September’s book was *One Drop of Kindness*, by Jeff Kubiak.

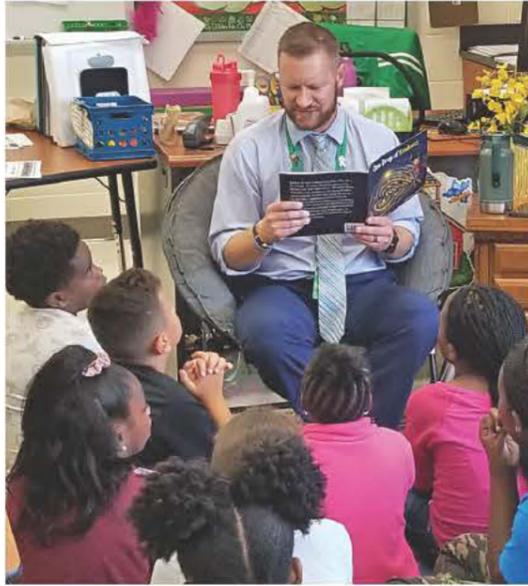
“The book deals with how we all have kindness within ourselves,” said Earnshaw, “and displaying one kind act can have a huge ripple effect and change the world!”

After reading the book to a class, Earnshaw leads a discussion about how the students and their school could be transformed by the power of kindness, and how they could go on to impact the community and the world.

Earnshaw believes that the time he spends with students shows them he is invested in them. “I want to spend time with our students, not just up in the front office,” he said. “I support all of our staff, students, and families, and I want to help bring out their strengths to help us all make this world a better place.”

Earnshaw continued, “When our students leave school, I want them to be problem solvers, confident in their strengths, but not afraid to rely on others when help is needed. I want them to know how to successfully collaborate, take risks, and set out to change the world!”

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



During September, Oak Glen Principal Michael Earnshaw read *One Drop of Kindness* to all classes at Oak Glen. (Photo: Kristine Espitia, parent)



Skippy (left) brought her owner Ed and her brother Lobo to Lansing for a photo shoot. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Skippy (and her owner) to hold book signing at Lansing dog park

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 30, 2019) - Former Lansing resident and first-time author Ed Trevino has made arrangements with the Lan-Oak Park District to hold a book signing at Paws 'n Play Dog

Park. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 11:00am–1:00pm. Paws 'n Play is located at 17551 Chicago Avenue in Lansing, across from Fine Tune Auto.

Trevino’s book, *Skippy’s Rescue*, is the true story about a stray puppy who captured the hearts of Ed Trevino and his wife Angelique while they were on vacation on Easter Island. The story relays the tribulations involved in rescuing the puppy, and the logistics involved in bringing a foreign-born companion animal into the United States.

“Looking forward to the book signing in Lansing,” says Trevino. “Skippy loves meeting people!” Trevino visited the dog park in September to have the above photo taken. “It’s a beautiful park,” he says, “and if you haven’t joined yet, do it when you meet Skippy, October 12th!”





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 - Carta de premio beneficios de DCFS
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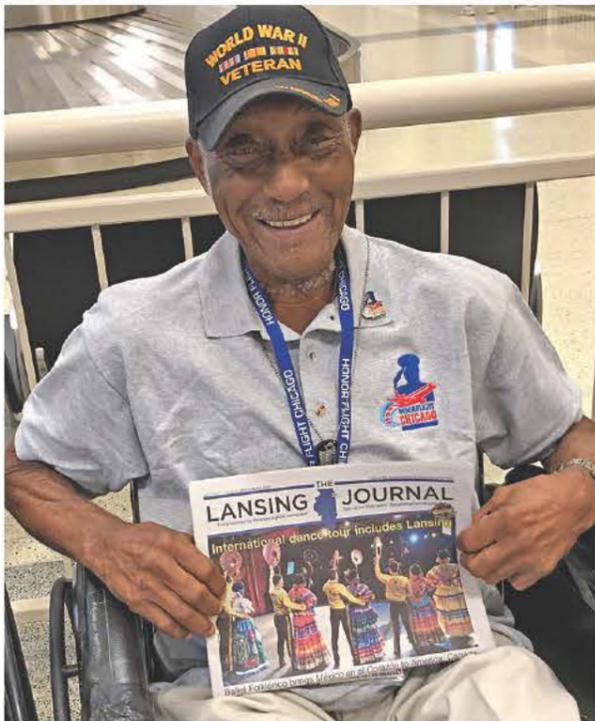
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Honor, from page 1

The two men were quiet throughout the check-in process, observing the highly organized flow of processing, and perhaps overwhelmed by all the activity. Still, Otha smiled when he found out his hometown newspaper was interested in his Honor Flight experience.



Otha Brownlow smiled when his hometown newspaper sought him out on the morning of his Honor Flight experience. He is a World War II veteran who served with the field artillery in Germany and France (postwar) performing guard duty. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Lansing had a connection to another of the World War II veterans on Honor Flight 94: the oldest veteran of the day was 98-year-old 1st Lieutenant Clelia Ginay. Ginay lives in Schererville, Indiana, but her caregiver, Julie Lyzenga, is a Lansing resident. This was Lyzenga's first experience with Honor Flight.

Two former Lansing residents were also part of the Honor Flight experience: Allen Jongsma (this reporter's



Julie Lyzenga (left) is a caregiver for 98-year-old Clelia Ginay. Ginay was a World War II Navy nurse stationed in Jamaica, NY, and attached to an Army base in Fort Eustis, VA. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

father) and Rev. Joel Nederhood. Jongsma is a Vietnam-era veteran who served stateside as a discharge clerk in the Marine Corps. Nederhood is an Army veteran who served as a field wireman during the Korean War, in the U.S. and Okinawa.



Marine vet Allen Jongsma (left) and Army vet Joel Nederhood are former Lansing residents. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

The 105 veterans on the September 18 flight represented five branches of America's military:

- 13 Air Force veterans
- 66 Army veterans
- 1 Coast Guard veteran
- 8 Marine Corps veterans
- 17 Navy veterans

WHAT IS HONOR FLIGHT?

The Honor Flight organization is a network of regional "hubs" across the United States, each of which operates independently to provide a day of honor for military veterans. Founded in 2008, Honor Flight Chicago is the largest hub in the network.

The day of honor consists of a flight to Washington, DC, to tour the war memorials in the company of other veterans and under the attention of an assigned guardian. The one-day, all-expense-paid trip is designed from beginning to end to honor and respect the veterans. It is typically a 16-hour day or more, and, as the Honor Flight Chicago website explains, "[The veterans] are treated as heroes everywhere they go."

Any veteran can apply for Honor Flight, and priority is given to World War II survivors and other veterans who may be terminally ill. The 2019 season, which began in April, was the first time Honor Flight Chicago was able to accept veterans from the Vietnam era. Because the Chicago hub is so large, and because Honor Flight Chicago volunteers are so intentional about recruiting veterans to apply for Honor Flight, it is only recently that there has been enough room to begin admitting Vietnam vets.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

The attention to detail is impressive. Approximately five weeks before the flight, each veteran received a letter that began, "We are honored that you are joining us on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, for your Honor Flight!" Each veteran is assigned an ambassador, who communicates via phone and email everything the veteran and his family will need to know about the big day. Two days before the flight, the ambassador calls each veteran to thank him for his service again, to address any last-minute anxieties, and to wish him a good trip. With 105 veterans on a typical flight, the amount of communication handled by Honor Flight ambassadors is extraordinary.

Beyond handling the basic administrative details, Honor Flight works hard to facilitate connections between the veterans on any given trip. In Chicago, the veterans were divided into five groups—red, blue,



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Yard Waste/Leaf Pickup

This fall, the Public Works and Building Departments want to remind residents how to properly dispose of leaves and other yard waste.

All yard waste, including leaves, should be placed in your toter with the **GREEN** lid or in brown paper yard waste bags, and then placed where your weekly garbage pickup is conducted.

To rent additional toters for leaves or yard waste, contact Homewood Disposal at 708-798-1004. **Note: the Village of Lansing no longer offers curbside leaf vacuuming. Leaves raked to the curb and left in the parkway will NOT be removed.**

Branches

Public Works will remove tree branches when they are left by the **front curb on the assigned garbage day.**

Recycling

Recycling is picked up every other week. Recyclable items should be placed in the toters with the **YELLOW** lid and left by the **front curb only.** Recycling trucks will not remove recycling items left in alleys.

The Village of Lansing thanks you in advance for your cooperation with these policies.

For more important news and information about Lansing, please visit our website at villageoflansing.org.



white, green, gold—and assigned colored lanyards to represent the bus they would be transported on throughout their day in D.C. Volunteers try to keep veterans who live geographically close to each other in the same color group, so they can build connections and potentially keep in contact after their flight. They even give each veteran a supply of simple “business cards” with their home address, phone, email, and service information, so as they make friends, the vets can easily exchange information without having to look for a pen or fumble with their phone’s address app.

MEMORABLE ENTERTAINMENT

Helping to set the mood for the day, a duo known as Sweet Reminder provides entertainment for the veterans as they wait for boarding. For many years, Honor Flight Chicago was flying only World War II veterans, so Sweet Reminder focused on songs from the Andrews Sisters—with “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” a particular favorite. For Honor Flight Chicago #94, however, they acknowledged the veterans from three different wars, and performed hits from the 1940s but also the 50s and 60s.

A DAY IN DC

Just before sunrise the plane was ready to board. Honor Flight instructed veterans with physical limitations to begin boarding first, followed by the rest.

Every veteran is assigned a guardian. Some guardians

are already with their vets at check-in in Chicago, but most live in the Washington DC area and are waiting for their vets when the plane lands. Some guardians have a medical background and assist veterans whose health might make participation difficult.

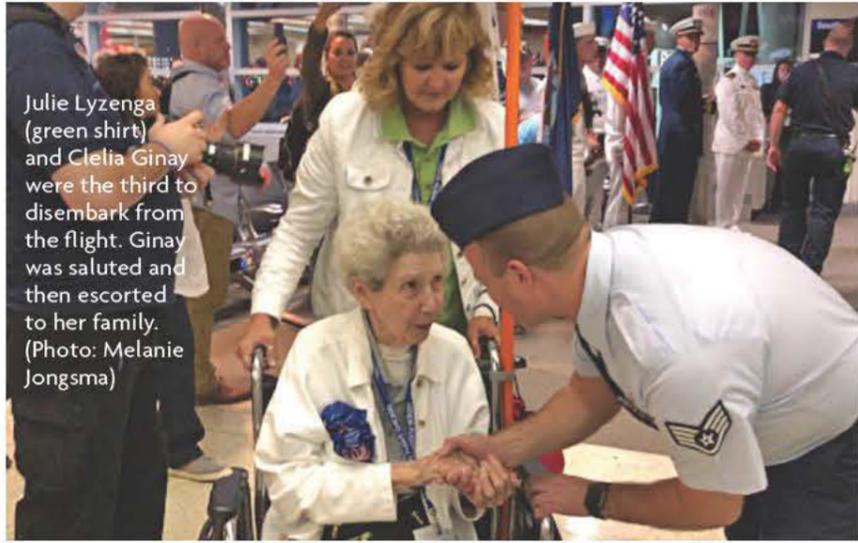
(In addition, three or four nurses ride each of the five buses, ready to address medical needs.) For healthier, more active veterans, the guardians are simply available in a role similar to personal assistant—they ensure the vets stay hydrated throughout a day of walking, and they provide information about each of the sites visited.

The veterans are treated as VIPs; a police escort accompanies them from site to site. Only the president receives similar accommodation as he travels through the DC.

WELCOME HOME

Because construction at Midway International Airport currently limits the space available, families are asked to bring only four guests to the Welcome Home. They are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue, and to create posters welcoming their veterans. All the guests gather at the south end of the Floor Ticketing Level, and Honor Flight volunteers keep the crowd informed as they receive updates about the flight’s arrival.

While the families are waiting upstairs, the welcome has already begun downstairs. Cadets from Great Lakes Naval Academy will serve as escorts for the returning vets, and they receive instructions from Honor Flight personnel and from their commanding officer. They fall in to formation, sing “Anchors Aweigh” at the top of their lungs, and then march to the gate and line up. The concourse is already filled with travelers who are waiting for their own flights, and who were unaware that they would be witness to a special interaction between America’s



Julie Lyzenga (green shirt) and Clelia Ginay were the third to disembark from the flight. Ginay was saluted and then escorted to her family. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

oldest veterans and America’s youngest.

The first veteran to deplane is Adeline Lence, a World War II Army veteran from Woodridge, Illinois. Lence is greeted with whoops from the crowd and a salute from her waiting escort.

The online version of this article includes videos that

capture the military decorum and the crowd’s enthusiasm—including cheers, claps, and whistles for each of the 105 veterans who walk through the door. (Visit www.thelansingjournal.com/news and search for “A Day of Honor.”) Some of the veterans are overjoyed and wave at the crowd as if greeting old friends. Others are amazed that so many people—complete strangers—would participate in their welcome home. And several are simply overwhelmed with emotion they can’t put into words.

HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS

The work of Honor Flight Chicago is done by more than 1,500 active volunteers and just 2.5 paid staff members. The organization works year-round to accomplish its goal of seven Honor Flights each year, flying once a month from April through October. All vets are welcome, and due to age, WWII and Korean War veterans receive priority selection for the next available flight.

Every flight costs over \$100,000 and is supported completely by donations and fundraising.

The next fundraiser will be hosted at 115 Bourbon Street (3359 W. 115th Street, Merrionette Park, Illinois) on Sunday, November 10, 3:00–7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased and donations can be made at:

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More information about Honor Flight—including volunteer opportunities—is available at:

• www.honorflightchicago.org

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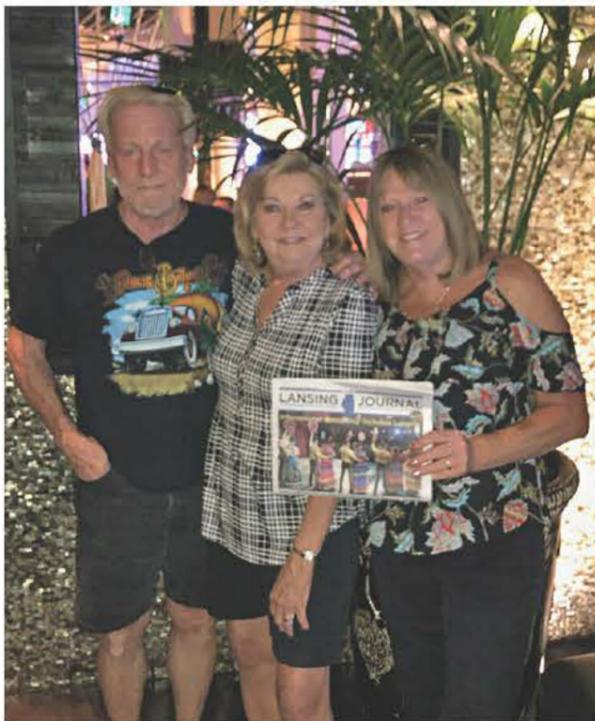
SUBMITTED BY TERESA WARMAC



Ken and Teresa Warmac have lived in Lansing for 34 years. When they went on a Viking cruise to France, they took The Lansing Journal along. "We visited Notre Dame, Napoleon Bonaparte's home, and Omaha Beach in Normandy where there were 9,300 American graves. It was quite a see and humbling," wrote Teresa.

Vegas

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS MAHONEY



Chris Mahoney (right) took The Lansing Journal to Aria Resort & Casino in Vegas with her sister and brother-in-law, Jan and Dave Beck. The family gathered to celebrate the wedding of the Becks' oldest grandson, at Red Rock Country Club. (Photo: Danielle Teschendorf, the Becks' daughter and Chris's niece)

South Carolina

SUBMITTED BY GINA FRANKLIN

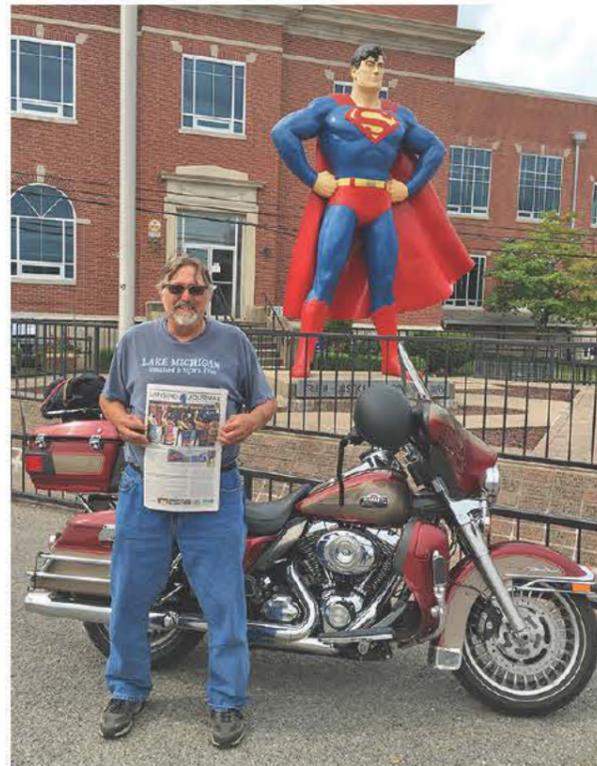


Gina and Dave Franklin traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this summer, and they took The Lansing Journal with them, documenting their vacation in Journeys photos—more of which appear in the online version of this story (www.thelansingjournal.com/news) The Franklins were thoughtful enough to take a side trip to let The Lansing Journal visit the Georgetown Times, a local newspaper serving Georgetown, South Carolina. Thank you, Franklins!

The Lansing Journal *journeys*

The Great River Road

SUBMITTED BY RICH SCHAEFFER



Human Relations Commissioner Rich Schaeffer took The Lansing Journal on his motorcycle trip along the Great River Road, a collection of roads that follow the course of the Mississippi River through 10 states—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. This photo was taken in Metropolis, Illinois, home to Superman.

Texas stock yards

SUBMITTED BY CRYSTALE PIERCE



Crystale Pierce has lived in Lansing for 17 years. When she went to Texas this summer to visit a friend—who also used to live in Lansing—Crystale brought her Lansing Journal. "My friend took me to the stock yards in Fort Worth to see the cattle run," explained Crystale. "My friend Cassandra Mortimer took the pictures."

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

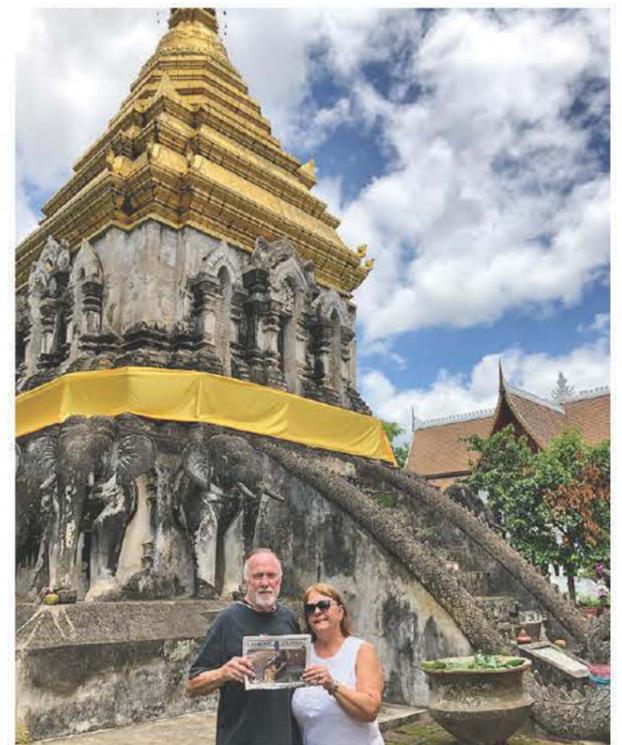
SUBMITTED BY JUDY ALDERDEN



Bob Alderden took a break from his duties during the NASCAR Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway—to catch up on the local Lansing news. (Photo: Kerry Keating)

Thailand temples

SUBMITTED BY THOMAS EDGEWORTH



Of course, when your family travels to Thailand, you want to bring The Lansing Journal along. Tom and Michaelene Edgeworth paused for a photo at Wat Chaing Man (the Elephant Temple) in Chaing Mai, Thailand. (Photo: Danielle Golubski, daughter)



Bryan and Danielle Golubski chose Wat Inthakin—also in Chaing Mai—as the location for their photo. (Photo: Mikey Edgeworth)

Keep those Journals journeying!

Send us your photos of The Lansing Journal in unique places near or far. Email them to info@thelansingjournal.com, and include: (1) the names of any people in the photo, (2) the name of the person who took the photo, and (3) information about the location or situation.

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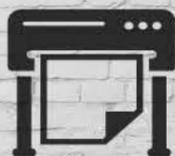
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The Pajama Game dazzles with song and dance, disappoints with story

Beautiful moments shine amidst the whirlwind of love interests

BY JOSH BOOTSMA

LANSING, Ill. (September 26, 2019) – At the Sleep Tite pajama factory, life isn't as cozy as you might expect. Babe Williams and with her fellow pajama-producers are fed up with working hard for inadequate pay, and it's time to do something about it. So begins *The Pajama Game*, Theatre at the Center's playful step back in time to examine the tumultuous world of wage negotiations, and—perhaps even more tumultuous—love.

THE TANGLED WEB OF LOVE AND LABOR

Written, set, and first produced in the mid 1950s, *The Pajama Game* is a witty, musical romp that introduces audiences to a tangled web of all sorts of relationships within the confines of a pajama factory—a web that was perhaps less tangled in 1954 than it seems today.

As the audience learns that Babe (Elizabeth Telford) is the leader of the Union Grievance Committee, it also learns that the handsome newcomer Sid Sorokin (Curtis Bannister) is to be the new factory superintendent. As the two engage in the most obvious—but excellently acted—game of will-they-won't-they, a second, less obvious question presents itself: How will the laborers be able to secure the 7½ cent raise they've been wanting, and how will that struggle affect the relationships between management and the unionizers?

A 7½ cent raise is 7½ cents too much for Mr. Hasler (Steve Silver), the head of the factory, and the resulting conflict drives the plot of the story, though many a pit stop is taken along the way to glance at other relationships in the story. In fact, one might say that the pit stops are even more prevalent than the plot: Factory timekeeper Vernon Hines (Jason Grimm) does his best to stay committed to his overtly flirtatious girlfriend Gladys (Kelly Felthous); and the head of the laborer's union Prez (Dan Klarer) is a married man but still interested in any woman that will give him the time of day.

7½ CENTS AMIDST BABE AND SID

The Pajama Game asks a lot of its audience when it comes to Babe and Sid's waxing and waning love. If viewers were impressed by Babe's commitment to rejecting her supervisor's advances on principle, they're somewhat surprised when she kisses him at the company picnic. If they were moved by Sid's undoubtedly naive notion that his love for Babe wouldn't interfere with his professional relationship with her, they're left asking "What did you expect?" when Babe instigates a strike and he's forced to fire her. Their relationship dissolves only to quickly materialize again, and that swinging pendulum leaves the audience feeling a bit disoriented.

The musical also asks its audience to be forgiving when it comes to the nominal plot of the story—the demand for a pay increase. After introducing this storyline in the first scenes, *The Pajama Game* wanders its

Three actors perform the shoulder-rolling, bowler hat-wearing "Steam Heat," one of the best numbers in the musical. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)



Babe (Elizabeth Telford) is the leader of the Union Grievance Committee; Sid Sorokin (Curtis Bannister) is the new factory superintendent. The two turn in strong performances in *The Pajama Game* at Munster's Theatre at the Center. (Photo: Guy Rhodes)

way through various love interests and other minor storylines before picking up the labor considerations again right before the first act ends. Before getting there, the musical lands at a joyous company picnic, the tone of which rings a bit hollow given the impending strike.

BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS

Nonetheless, this picnic features one of the best group musical numbers of the show—a work-shirking anthem called "Once-a-Year-Day"—and highlights vibrant colors and beautiful choreography, as well as an impressive (and impressively staged) knife-throwing routine from Hines, the timekeeper.

Thankfully, the musical is punctuated by plenty of moments like these that provide a breath of fresh air amidst the relationship drama. One of these moments is "Steam Heat"—a number that features three shoulder-rolling, bowler hat-wearing dancers amidst a deep red lighting scheme. Another favorite is "Hernando's Hideaway," a sultry tango featuring Kelly Felthous as Gladys.

The vocal performances all around are impressive, especially those of the lead duo, Bannister and Telford. Shortly after his first interactions with Telford's Babe, Bannister's Sid embarks on a beautiful solo where he records himself singing and then sings along with the playback recording ("Hey There"). It's a crowd-pleasing moment, as clever as it is beautifully sung. Both Telford and Bannister join to bring the surprisingly upbeat love song "There Once Was a Man" to life, which frames both of their vocal talents in playful and energetic way. The relationship between the two is also literally brought to light in subtle ways by the lighting design, which features a blue haze for Sid in his initial malaise and confusion, a pink theme for Babe as she is teased by her coworkers about Sid, and a lively orange and red when the two sing as a couple in love.

A HOLLOW SPECTACLE

Despite its many laudable moments, *The Pajama Game* asks its audience to make concessions when it comes to issues of plot and character. Perhaps the show's biggest culprit in this regard is simply the decades that separate this performance from 1954, a rift that in no way reflects poorly on Theatre at the Center's production of the musical. Perhaps audiences in the 1950s were more content to be entertained by the spectacle of a musical than by its content. *The Pajama Game* certainly provides spectacle in the form of singing, dancing, and lively characters, but most modern audiences are asking for more. Today's musical needs a layer of character and plot development that *The Pajama Game* just doesn't offer.

Ultimately, *The Pajama Game* bites off more complexity than two-hours-and-change can chew, and stewards its audience around the horn to so many different characters and sub-stories that it's hard to keep them all straight. That said, it's still a fun show to watch, filled with many delightful acting, dancing, and singing moments. Audiences entering the theatre hoping to be entertained by such moments will leave the theatre satisfied, while those hoping to go further and engage with real characters and real issues may leave wanting more.

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Lansing resident Richard Smits (left) was part of a panel sharing memories of the design and construction of the John Hancock Center 50 years ago. The presentation was hosted at the Chicago Architectural Center. (Photo provided)

Retired Lansing architect Richard Smits part of 50th-anniversary Hancock panel

“It was an unparalleled opportunity to be part of the process of developing and building a Chicago icon,” remembers Smits

INFORMATION PROVIDED

CHICAGO, Ill. (September 25, 2019) – The architectural career of Lansing resident Richard Smits was launched over 50 years ago at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, an architectural/engineering firm in Chicago. The firm had just begun the design of the John Hancock Center (now known as 875 N. Michigan Ave) in 1965. Smits was assigned to the design team and worked on various components of the project until it opened in 1969.

He was a member of a large team of architects, engineers, contractors, and a construction manager, and Smits’ primary contributions were drafting the building elevations and exterior wall details, visiting the manufacturer’s plant, witnessing the testing of the window wall mock-up, and observing the window wall’s installation on site.

“It was an unparalleled opportunity to be part of the process of developing and building a Chicago icon, to be trusted with some significant responsibilities, and to work with some of the profession’s most recognized architects and engineers,” said Smits.

The building celebrated its 50th anniversary in September, and members of the design and construction team were invited to be part of a panel sharing their memories of the process. The panel included Smits, one of the project’s structural engineers, and a structural engineer from American Bridge, the steel manufacturer. They were interviewed on Thursday, September 12, before a sell-out audience at the Chicago Architectural Center.

Smits’ work on this project prepared him to be a coordinating architect and project leader for the design and construction of many major building projects in the USA, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. He retired as an Associate Partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill after 45 years of service, though he continues to use his training to benefit the Lansing community. Most recently Smits prepared a rendering of proposed updates to the Patti Leach Youth Center.

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ICJIA seeks survey participation from LGBTQ+ individuals who have experienced harm

Results will help shape funding priorities to address the community’s service needs across Illinois

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
THE ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

CHICAGO, Ill. (September 11, 2019) – The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) is conducting a survey to gather information on harm and help-seeking experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals living in Illinois.



Research indicates LGBTQ+ individuals experience higher rates of crime—specifically higher rates of violent crime. ICJIA researchers collaborated with LGBTQ+ service providers and advocates to design a survey for LGBTQ+ individuals who have experienced harm that will help inform local and state-level policies and practices to address victimization within the community.

The survey covers a range of topics, including stressful experiences, disclosure of victimization, and need for and receipt of services after experiencing harm.

Participant feedback also will help shape priorities for federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program funding. Last year, ICJIA disbursed \$51.8 million in VOCA and VAWA funds to victim service providers across Illinois.

“This survey invitation is extended to anyone in the Illinois LGBTQ+ community who has experienced harm. Community engagement is vitally important to ICJIA’s goals of improving the impact and cost effectiveness of the criminal justice system and developing comprehensive strategies to assist victims,” said Acting Executive Director Jason Stamps.

The 45- to 60-minute survey can be taken online or via hard copy. Participants will be asked to complete a brief screening process either online or by phone prior to taking the survey.

Survey respondents will receive a \$10 gift card for their participation.

For more information or to take the survey, visit the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority website: www.icjia.state.il.us/research/lgbtq.

nartoon by Jim Siergey

JERK O' LANTERN

Jim Siergey’s self portrait is still part of the group show called “Portrait of the Artist as...” at Wild Rose Brewing Co., 1104 E. Main, Griffith, Indiana. Many of Siergey’s original works—including this one—are available for purchase by anyone who can figure out a way to contact the elusive artist.

South Suburban College shares Fall 2019 music events



INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (September 22, 2019) – The calendar below is correct at the time of publication and is subject to change. All events are held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center (PAC) on South Suburban College’s Main Campus (15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois). Admission is free. Donations are appreciated to benefit the Music Scholarship Fund. For more information or to confirm dates and times, call 708-596-2000, x2316.

OCTOBER 7, 7:00PM: ORCHESTRA & CHAMBER STRING ENSEMBLE CONCERT

The SSC Chamber String Ensemble, under the direction of instructor David Howard, will be performing with the SSC Orchestra under the direction of instructor Phil Bauman. The SSC orchestra will present a diverse program of string music encompassing a wide range of musical styles.

OCTOBER 9, 7:00PM: JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Under the direction of instructor Sam Hankins, the SSC Jazz Orchestra will be performing smooth jazz hits from beloved artists.

OCTOBER 16, 12:00PM: TUBA LECTURE RECITAL

John Weber, SSC Tuba Faculty, presents The Tuba Family.

OCTOBER 18, 7:00PM: SSC VOICES & SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT

The SSC Voices, under the direction of instructor Doug Ulriech, will be performing famous choral works. Under the direction of instructor Jeff Brath, the SSC Symphonic Band will present various styles of band music.

NOVEMBER 2, 8:00AM–5:00PM: ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL WITH CLINICIAN PHILIP BAUMAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:00PM: HOLIDAY CONCERT

Featuring the Symphonic Band, PAC Rats Theatre Company, and SSC Voices.



Pastor Price (right) enjoys continuing the Animal Blessing tradition, always on the first Sunday in October. Last year, 25 people, 20 dogs, a cat, and a guinea pig showed up to be blessed. (Photo: Melanie Jongsma)

Animal Blessing offered October 6

BY MELANIE JONGSMA

LANSING, Ill. (October 1, 2019) - Pastor Dave Price of First United Methodist Church will again offer a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00pm. The church is located at 18420 Burnham Avenue, and the blessings will take place in the lawn area south of the parking lot. Neither pet owners nor their pets have to be church members to receive a blessing. Pets should be restrained by leash or crate.

South Holland Master Chorale offers 'spiritual journey'

October 13 and 20

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. (September 23, 2019) – The South Holland Master Chorale will take listeners on a musical journey through this world and into the next with African-American spirituals, early American hymns, and an American premiere of a jazz-based anthem by Chicago’s Zachary W. Lavender. Standards by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Felix Mendelssohn, and others will also be included in the concerts.

The 100-member Chorale, under the direction of Albert M. Jackson, will offer two performances:

- Sunday, October 13, 4:00pm: First Reformed Church, 15924 South Park Avenue, South Holland
- Sunday, October 20, 4:00pm: St. Victor Church, 553 Hirsch Avenue, Calumet City

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For Sale: Residential Gutter Cleaning Business in West Lake County Indiana serving the Illiana area. 219-201-6966. gutterguydan@yahoo.com. Check Website: www.thegutterguyofnwi.com

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Theatre at the Center's 2020 season includes 'something for everyone'

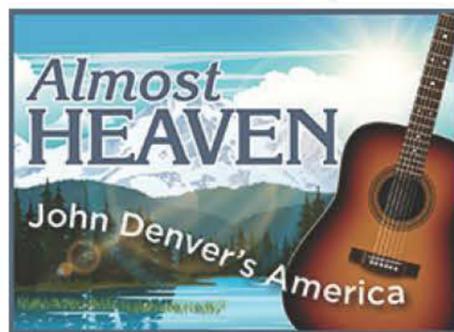
30th anniversary season offers musical journeys to the mountains of Colorado, the jazz clubs of Harlem, the elfin workshops of the North Pole, and more

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BIG SPLASH PR

MUNSTER, Ind. (September 18, 2019) — "I wanted to make sure to have something for everyone," said Artistic Director Linda Fortunato about the 30th-anniversary season at Theatre at the Center (TATC). "We'll travel through many eras and styles to capture the joy of theatre and celebrate the way wonderful storytelling and music bring us together."

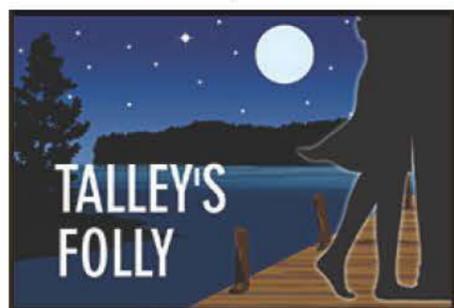
An August 18 preview of the upcoming season offered a sampling of the music and dialogue in the five shows, including a few of the actual cast members. The samples were enough to stoke interest, and season ticket sales for 2020 have exceeded previous years.

FEBRUARY 13–MARCH 22, 2020



Almost Heaven – John Denver's America is a musical tribute and intimate celebration of John Denver's life and career. From growing up in a military family, to his emergence on the 1960s folk scene, to his climb to 1970s superstardom, and his later career in the 1980s and 90s, John Denver's story is brought to life in this Chicago-area premiere. The show includes favorite hits such as "Take Me Home Country Roads," "Rocky Mountain High," "Annie's Song," and "Sunshine on My Shoulders." *Almost Heaven – John Denver's America* is directed by Linda Fortunato.

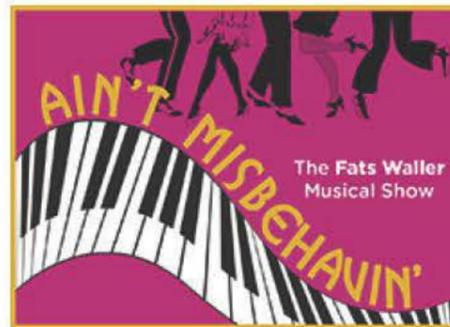
APRIL 30–MAY 31, 2020



Talley's Folly, a Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy by Lanford

Wilson, tells the story of one night in the lives of two unlikely sweethearts. Matt—bookish, honest, and delightfully funny—tries to relieve Sally's fears that her family would never approve of their marriage. With charm and wit, they face their differences while revealing secrets and finding strength in each other. This funny and sweet love story stars two real-life sweethearts—Artistic Director Linda Fortunato and Chicago favorite Sean Fortunato. *Talley's Folly* is directed by David New.

JULY 9–AUGUST 9, 2020



Ain't Misbehavin', by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby Jr., is a musical revue that will transport audiences to a nightclub during the Harlem Renaissance, where the music and excitement of the 1920s and 30s are in the spotlight courtesy of the great Thomas Wright "Fats" Waller. Fun, rowdy, and soulful music captures the varied moods of the era in this Tony Award-winning Best Musical with toe-tapping songs like "Honeysuckle Rose," "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," "Mean to Me," and "The Joint is Jumpin'." *Ain't Misbehavin'* is directed by Daryl Brooks.

SEPTEMBER 10–OCTOBER 11, 2020



Hello Dolly!—music and lyrics by Jerry Herman with book by Michael Stewart and directed by Linda Fortunato—is bursting with humor, dance, and romance in one of the most enduring and best-loved musicals

of all time. This Tony Award-winning classic will star E. Faye Butler—the internationally-acclaimed actress and 7-time Jeff Award winner—in the title role of the irrepressible matchmaker Dolly Levi. The joyful musical features favorite songs like "Before the Parade Passes By," "Ribbons Down My Back," and, of course, "Hello, Dolly!"

NOVEMBER 12–DECEMBER 20, 2020



Elf, The Musical—with book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin with music by Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Chad Begueline—is a hilarious and charming musical based on the 2003 movie. Raised by Santa's elves, Buddy the Elf is unaware he is actually human until his enormous size and poor toy-making ability make it impossible to ignore. He embarks on a journey to New York City to find his father and discover his true identity. This modern-day Christmas favorite will have both kids and adults lighting up with laughter, embracing their inner Elf, and rediscovering what it means to be a family. *Elf, The Musical* is directed by Linda Fortunato.

TICKET SALES

New season subscription sales begin October 8, 2019. Individual tickets for any of the five 2020 Mainstage shows are on sale beginning December 10, 2019.

Individual ticket prices range from \$42–\$46. To purchase individual tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or Tickets.com at 800-511-1552 as authorized ticket agents to avoid fraudulent third-party ticket broker websites and outlets.

Student tickets are \$20. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Gift certificates are also available.

SHOWTIMES

- Mainstage show performances are:
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 - Fridays and Saturdays: 7:30pm, with a 3:00pm matinee most Saturdays
 - Sundays: 2:30pm
 - Select Thursday and Sunday evenings

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White Sox host birthday party for Lansing's CP Crawford

112-year-old's first visit to Guaranteed Rate Field includes greetings from Hall-of-Famer Harold Baines

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

CHICAGO, Ill. (September 13, 2019) – Lansing's most famous resident these days is CP Crawford, who has called Tri-State Nursing and Rehabilitation Center home for the past seven years. He turned 112 on August 25 and celebrated with a party attended by Village officials and covered by Chicago television news outlets.

At the party, he was also joined by community activist Andrew Holmes, who is also the executive director of the nonprofit Club 100, an organization that celebrates centenarians. In conversation that day, Crawford told Holmes that he was a White Sox fan but had never been to a game at Guaranteed Rate Field. Holmes promised Crawford he'd get him there.

When Holmes showed up on September 12 with a limousine, he told Crawford they were just going for a ride. "We kept it a secret," said Holmes. "He didn't know until we got there. And when I told him we were at the White Sox game, he got a big smile on his face."

But the surprise didn't end there. The White Sox organization had an exciting day planned for Crawford, who was on the field for pre-game activities and greeted by Hall-of-Famer Harold Baines, who presented him with a custom jersey that had Crawford's name on the back with the number 112.

From there he was taken to the Guaranteed Rate Club for a birthday party in his honor. He enjoyed a buffet and watched a few innings from the club seating. When a fan a couple rows up snagged a foul ball, he passed it back to the birthday boy, who smiled and rolled the ball around and around between his fingers. Crawford was



Above: CP Crawford (center, seated) was surrounded by media attention as Harold Baines (left) presents him with a custom jersey. Right: In his jersey and cap, and holding the foul ball he received from a fellow fan, 112-year-old CP Crawford enjoys the game. Crawford is the oldest resident of Lansing, Illinois, and possibly the oldest living male in America. (Photos: Carrie Steinweg)



also recognized on the scoreboard during the game and received more gifts from former White Sox first baseman Mike Squires.

When asked what he thought of the Cubs, "They're good, but I always thought the White Sox were the best," he replied. "Chicago is my home."

He declined a hot dog in favor of some birthday cake, a multi-layered rainbow cake with his photo on it.

Crawford is believed to be the oldest living male in the country, although his age has not been confirmed by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG), an organization that in 1997 started maintaining and verifying records of supercentenarians, or those who live past the age of 110. Verification typically happens through a process of presenting several sources of confirmative paperwork and a request by family to be recognized. To date, the GRG hasn't received a request of verification for Crawford.

Documentation may be difficult to find in Crawford's case—there are records for a CP Crawford for the 1910 census in Jackson, Mississippi, where Crawford was born in 1907, but Mississippi didn't start officially issuing birth certificates and keeping a state-wide registry until 1912. School records can help verify age, but Crawford didn't attend school. Social Security records can also be a source of verification, but those don't become public until several years after a person's death. Although there's been no formal verification process so far, Robert

Young, Director of Supercentenarian Research and Database Division with the GRG, and Senior Consultant for Gerontology for Guinness World Records, said there's a "good chance" that CP Crawford is the oldest living male in the United States and one of the oldest living males in the world.

He was one in a family of six children that were separated after his mother died when he was an infant. He wasn't able to attend school and began working in the cotton fields as a young child. He came to the Chicago area in 1925.

All around the ballpark, Crawford drew a lot of attention and received well-wishes from those who learned about his recent birthday. As his group headed for the elevator to leave, he was stopped by a couple asking for a photo with him. One of them was Joey Belladonna, former lead singer of the Grammy-nominated metal band Anthrax, which originated in the 1980s.

"I've been around and I have met some wonderful people," said Crawford. "I'm happy to be here."

It's Fall!

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- November 7-10 "Holiday Open House"
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Lansing's Rachel Clausing captures 35-39 age group title at IRONMAN World Championship



INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IRONMAN TRIATHLON NEWS SERVICE

NICE, France (September 10, 2019) – Rachel Clausing, 35, of Lansing, Ill. (USA), captured the world championship title in the women's 35-39 age group at the 2019 IRONMAN® 70.3® World Championship triathlon in Nice, France, on Saturday, September 7.

Approximately 2,000 women were registered to compete in Nice as the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship came to France. With its mix of old-world opulence, year-round sunshine, and stunning seaside scenery, the city of Nice offered competitors ideal conditions for the event.

Clausing completed the 2019 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship event in 04:53:56 (swim: 32:33; bike: 02:48:32; run: 01:27:49), beating out the top athletes in her age group.

The race encompassed a 1.2-mile (1.9 km) swim in the Roka Swim Course that started at the Quai des Etats-Unis and proceeded with an open-water swim in the Mediterranean Sea, followed by the 56.7-mile (91.3 km) Ventum Bike Course that took athletes through the mountains surrounding Nice, including Col de Vence and villages of France. The event capped off with a two-lap, 13.1-mile (21 km) HOKA ONE ONE Run Course as athletes finished to energetic crowds along Nice's historic Promenade des Anglais waterfront.

The two-day, world-renowned IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship saw more than 5,500 registered athletes from over 100 countries, regions, and territories compete, marking the largest field for any IRONMAN 70.3 event to date. Athletes ranged in age from 18 to 80. The world championship event is the culmination of over 110 global events in the IRONMAN 70.3 series where more than 200,000 age-group athletes vied for slots to compete in the 2019 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship.

Qualification is already underway for the 2020 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship which will rotate to Taupō, New Zealand. Clausing's victory at the 2019 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship on Saturday earns her an automatic bid to the 2020 event in Taupō, where she will have the chance to defend her title.

Additional race weekend details are available at www.ironman.com, as well as full results for the 2019 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship women's race.

Annual Pink Out game comes to TF North

Friday, October 11, 7:00pm

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THORNTON TOWNSHIP

LANSING, Ill. (September 23, 2019) – Thornton Township will co-host its fourth annual Pink Out game at 7:00pm on Friday, October 11. The event will take place at the homecoming football game between Oak Forest and Thornton Fractional North High School. The TF South Pink Out game took place on September 27.

The Pink Out game features free giveaways for those who attend, and they will have an opportunity to take photos holding encouraging breast cancer awareness messages to post on their social media.

"We definitely want to continue to bring awareness about breast cancer," said Ernst Lamothe Jr., public relations manager for Thornton Township. "We are excited to be teaming up with District #215 and TF North. We understand that breast cancer is an important issue and we want to keep it in the forefront."

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month begins on October 1 and ends on October 31. It is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Through visibility events, people are encouraged to spread the word about mammograms and early detection.

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. Most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram—the screening test for breast cancer—can help find breast cancer early, when it's easier to treat.

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 1:00p Karaoke
 2:00p All That Jazz (skit by TF South Rebel Players)
 3:30p Traveling World of Reptiles
 5:00p Kids Zone closes; Bouncy House stays open 'til 8:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
 12n-5p Bouncy House / Obstacle Course (\$5 wristband for all-day access)
 1:00p Magician/Karaoke
 5:00p Kids Zone closes

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
 4:00p Memorial Jr High School Band
 4:45p Cadillac Groove
 7:30p Brian Grilli
 10:15p Ticket Sales End
 10:30p Last Call for Liquor Sales
 11:00p Fest Grounds Close

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
 8-11:00a Copper Muggers Pancake Breakfast at American Legion
 10:00a Marketplace Vendors Open for Business
 11:00a Food Vendors Open for Business
 11:30a "Hometown Heroes": Military and First Responders Tribute
 11:30a Bar Opens
 12:00p Kids Zone Opens
 1:00p Performance and Line Dance Instruction by Dancin' Around Dance Studio and TF South Dance Team
 2:00p In the Pavilion: Double Treble Dueling Pianos
 5:00p Nawty
 5:00p Kids Zone Closes
 7:00p Marketplace Closes
 7:30p Latin Satin Soul
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 5:00p Kids Zone Closes
 5:00p Marketplace Closes
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