

LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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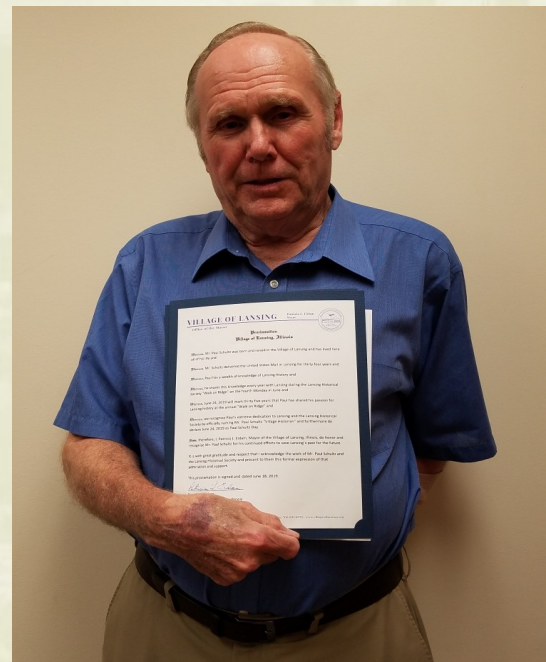
PAUL SCHULTZ NAMED LANSING HISTORIAN

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In case you haven't heard, our very own Paul Schultz has been named Lansing Historian! On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, members of the LHS attended a very special village board meeting to honor Paul as Mayor Patty Eidam read a proclamation naming him Lansing Historian. Paul was born and raised in Lansing. He served our community as a mail carrier for 35 years. His love for Lansing shows through his knowledge he shares with us year after year on June 24 with his Walk on the Ridge. Each year residents and non-residents walk down Ridge Road with Paul as he talks and explains the history of the buildings. Each year we learn new and exciting tidbits about Lansing's history. This is why Mayor Patty Eidam has proclaimed June 24 as Paul Schultz Day.

We are very proud and thankful to you, Paul, for sharing your knowledge with all of us and for your dedication to keeping Lansing's History alive!



**Mayor Patty Eidam reading the proclamation
naming Paul Schultz Lansing Historian**

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ Bill Benne

Welcome Back! I hope all have had a fun and relaxing summer. I want to begin by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve the LHS. I have some pretty big shoes to fill! I look forward to working with the board members in bringing you informative and interesting programs while bringing Lansing's history to life.

If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share, feel free to send me an email to: lansinghistorical1776@gmail.com or call 708-474-6160.

Next, I hope you will all join me in congratulating Paul Schultz on being named Lansing Historian. We appreciate all you have done, Paul, and all you continue to do to keep Lansing's history alive! Job well done and an Honor well deserved!

Finally, I want to thank all those who have helped me in the transition. I have a lot to learn and I appreciate the help I've been given thus far.

2019 –2020
Officers

PRESIDENT:	Bill Benne
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Dan Bovino
SECRETARY:	Jennifer Saia
TREASURER:	Phillis Drewno
DIRECTORS:	Sharon Murphy Marilyn Kooy Sue Bovino
MUSEUM CURATOR:	Barb Dust
ADVISOR:	Tony DeLaurentis

GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAMS
ARE NOW UPSTAIRS IN THE LIBRARY AT THE
STAGE AREA

Sept 23, 2019 Oak Glen Walking Tour

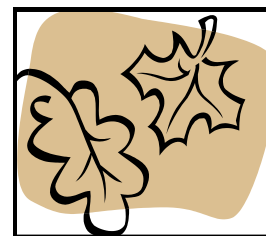
Oct. 28, 2019 Jim Kijewski presents
"The History of Lan Oak Pool"

Due to Thanksgiving the Nov meeting will be held on
Dec. 2, 2019

Dec 2, 2019 "Festival of Lights"

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Share your good news with us and be included in the next Newsletter. Email me at mtnest1973@sbcglobal.net or call me at 708-418-0572

Didn't get your LHS T-Shirt, yet? You're in luck! We still have a few left for \$10 each in Royal Blue or Red. Contact Sue Bovino at 708-351-2714

WALK ON THE RIDGE



On June 24, our Lansing Historian, Paul Schultz, lead a record breaking 100 in attendance down Ridge Road on a historical tour of Lansing beginning at Kilroy's and headed East. Did you know there was a hotel at the SW corner

of Ridge & Wentworth? That's just one of many interesting historical facts revealed to the crowd. It was an enjoyable and informative tour in Lansing's history. Thank you, Paul, for a another amazing Walk on the Ridge tour!

A special Thank You goes out to Cole & Young Co. for the "goodie bags" they handed out. Their support is truly appreciated! Please support our local businesses as they support us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

September

- 1 Jake Gourley
- 2 Jim Kijewski
- 4 Kent McCarthy
- 11 Betty Beenes
- 13 Brian Hardy
- 21 Daniel Cuthbert
- 24 Bill Crescent
- 27 Steve Kasper
- 28 Joyce Mulder

October

- 4 Betty Tobin
- 5 Jo Ann Goebel
- 17 Sandy Schultz
- 18 Robin Scheldberg
- 19 Debbie Albrecht
- 25 Phyllis Drewno
- 25 William Vlasik
- 31 Carla Fielder



November

- 15 Maxine Kolarczyk
- 19 Bob Piekarski
- 20 Charmayne Biddings
- 22 Jackie Protsman
- 24 George Dommer
- 24 Jack Hoekstra
- 25 Maryann Hill

December

- 8 Maureen Grady Perovich
- 17 Jan Bockel
- 18 Toni DeLaurentis
- 18 Patty Eidam
- 19 Judy Cheek
- 25 Paul Schultz
- 25 Butch Kooy

Businesses in Lansing Celebrated:

- St. John's Church & School --125th Anniversary
 - JJ Kelley's -- 30 years
 - Joe Labella State Farm -- 30 years
 - Chicago's Finest Ironworks -- 30 years
 - Bottom's Up -- 25 years
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- Coolidge Chimney Swifts made Lansing their summer home
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- Marti Benne retired after 45 years in the dental field
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Welcome!
We welcome new Lansing Historical Society members
Richard & Jackie Brown
Brian & Kathy Hardy
Tim & Carol Dionne



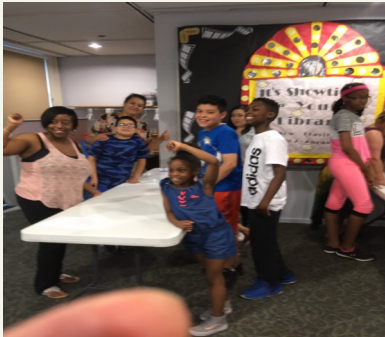
Photo by Dan Bovino

Lansing's oldest resident, C.P. Crawford, celebrated his 112th birthday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



TIME TRAVELERS OF DIST. 158

Dist. 158 Summer School Time Travelers under the direction of their teacher, Mary DiGrispino, studied famous Americans from the 20th Century in the Library on June 26. This included Henry Ford. Activities featured a hands on assembly line and then Barb Dust gave a presentation using a timeline of early aviation and info on our Ford Hangar. Paul Schultz taught the kids how to make and fly paper airplanes, which they tested out in the courtyard. Fun was had by all!



Our Sympathy....

Anna Marie Wiedman~~

Anna Marie passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the age of 95 in Pueblo West, Colorado. They had moved there when Clem had retired from T.F. South in 1983.

Anna Marie & Clem Wiedman were active members of the Lansing Historical Society for many years and worked with Harold Christian on the Ford Hanger Project. Clem was the photographer and his expertise made the project a success.

They were both active in the community, at the high school and at St. Ann Church. They were the parents of 5 children. Clem was a veteran of WWII.

By Jim Kijewski

Also, our sympathy goes out to Dan Bovino on the passing of his sister, Sandra.

Barb Dust ~ Museum Curator

"After all there is something about a wedding gown --- prettier than in any other gown in the world." ~Douglas William Jerrold, 19th Century British dramatist and writer.

This quote sums up summer at the Lansing Historical Museum. Over fifty beautiful wedding gowns have been on display along with photos of the brides, their personal stories and comments on the fashion trends and those who set them. We have had a steady stream of visitors who have enjoyed seeing the fashion trends change through the decades, from the short length flapper dresses to the sleek lines of the 30's and the layers of tulle and lace of the 50's. Timeless wedding music in the background sets the mood.

Visitors included two groups from St. Anthony's of Lansing. The senior citizens enjoyed reminiscing about the fashion styles as well as the artifacts that are always on display in our kitchen corner and farm implement area.

Visitors also included the younger generation, as we hosted the summer school Time Travelers of Mrs. Mary DiGrispino in June. The theme for the summer school this year was 20th Century Heroes and Henry Ford was one of the featured persons. We held this event in the Community Room of the library as the Ford Hangar was not available. We brought in our history timeline and traced the history of early aviation. Paul Schultz, Bill Benne and Barb Dust were on hand to tell about the Ford Hangar and participate in a faux assembly line and make and fly paper airplanes. Kids and parents had a wonderful time as they learned about Lansing's place in the history of aviation. We hosted the Time Travelers again on August 26th upstairs on the library stage as they presented their musical, "Greatest American Heroes of the 20th Century."

JUNE BRIDES



Our bakeless bake sale was, again, a success totaling \$1,085. Thank you to all who contributed. Your continued support is what helps The Lansing Historical Society preserve the heritage of Lansing!

BANQUET 2019

On May 20, 2019, LHS finished off the year with our annual Banquet at Knights of Columbus. New board members were installed, a family style dinner was served and raffle prizes were won! We were entertained by Steve Cooper as he took us down memory lane of the 1960's with music and movie clips. A good time was had by all!



2019-2020 Officers
L to R: Barb Dust, Phyllis Drewno, Dan Bovino, Sue Bovino, Sharon Murphy, Jen Saia, Bill Benne; not pictured: Marilyn Kooy

Lansing's Clean Up Day



Not even the rain could keep our LHS group from helping out with Lansing's Clean Up Day on Sat. April 20. They did a great job cleaning up the old Pet Smart's parking lot and surrounding areas. Pictured above are the Bennes, Bovinos, and Kirjewskis. Not pictured who helped out were the Saias and DeLaurentis.

Just for fun!

"My memory is gone, so I changed my password to "Incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect."

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MUSEUM HOURS

Monday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Except the fourth Monday of the month)

Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lansing Historical Society meetings and programs are held the fourth Monday
of most months.

No meetings are scheduled in June, July August, December* or January

*With Thanksgiving falling in the fourth week of November, there will be no meeting in November
this year, but instead, we will open the Festival of Lights on December 2, 2019.

We welcome new members! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to come see what
we're all about!