

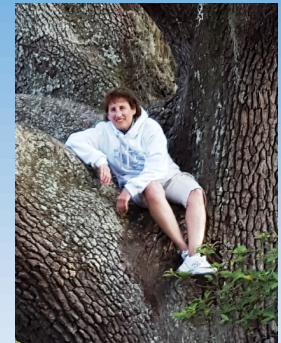
LHS RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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From your editor Looking back, it's been 4 years already since I officially left LHS. For those of you who have just retired, freedom moves the clock even faster. Embrace your new time! In my spare time I have been working on the Ancestry site, a common hobby for many. I recently discovered I have deep roots in Lemont - who knew?! Actually I was aware of a couple but through ancestry I now know that generations of Irish Murrays came over and worked on the I&M Canal and in the quarries, many of whom I am related to. I visited St. James of Sag Bridge Cemetery to confirm what I could and to my surprise I was able to discover a history I never knew. Not my usual hangout, but I really enjoyed my discovery. The other interesting piece was all of the Lemont family names that I saw and could relate to, some of your families too. An adventure of sort!

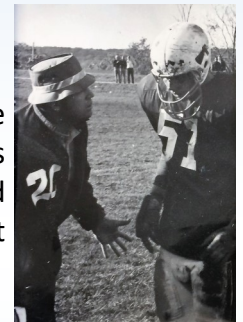
Finally, I know you're out there having fun adventures. We would love to have you share those times. Send us a picture or two, send us a story...Anyone gardening? Send a pic of your trophy fruit or vegetable... There are many of you we haven't heard from—share with us your good times!



Reflecting while on a Spanish Moss Tree

Retiree Highlight Matt Connor

Matt started teaching at Lemont H.S. in 1965 and retired in 1992. He loved every minute he spent teaching and coaching at LHS, and he had a high regard for both the students and the families of Lemont. He had a great experience with his students and developed life-long friendships with students, staff, and administration over his tenure. Matt taught Business classes including Accounting, Sales, Business Law, and Consumer Education. Later he became the Vocational Education Department Chairman.



Matt coached Football at the Varsity Level as an assistant and then as the Head Coach for 10 years. He also served as an assistant Track coach and then as a Head Track Coach. If you were to ask Matt what was one of the best things that happened to him, he would always include teaching at Lemont in his top five. He loved his fellow teachers, and, most importantly, his students.

Since his retirement in 1992 Matt has enjoyed many new experiences. In 1992 he and his wife Jo purchased a lakeside cottage in Wisconsin where they entertained their growing brood for about 10 years. Matt loved to play golf and joined a league of retirees where he played weekly until recently. For the last 13 years, Matt could be found at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery volunteering as a squad leader of Monday volunteers who gave honors to deceased Veterans. Matt served 2 years of active duty in the Marines, finishing his service as a rank of Captain. He continued in the Marine Reserves for 12 years. He still likes war movies and books dealing with WW II.

Matt and Jo have been married for 61 years. Together they have four children, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren on the way. Family keeps them busy, but they have found time to enjoy travelling since retirement. In 1994 they travelled to Europe with the LHS Band. In 1997 they travelled to the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. They have also sailed on several cruises and visited with family in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Scottsdale, Arizona, and Memphis, Tennessee.

Thanks to Matt and Jo for sharing their story and to Matt for his commitment to Lemont H.S. over the years. We continue to wish you and yours well.



NEWS and NOTES



The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2017



Tammy Jordan (Richter)

Tammy Jordan, Class of 1994

Tammy's achievements in Girls Bowling in high school, in college, and beyond were recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Tammy won 4 district championships, 2 sectional championships, and was a state qualifier for 4 years while at LHS. She placed 4th in the State her senior year in 1994, holding that record for 20 years, and was recognized as an IHSA MVP her senior year. She continued to compete at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, winning several tournaments between 1997-1999. She continued to compete on the State and National level, winning several titles between 1994 and 1998, including the Tournament of Americas on Team USA in 1997. Tammy also won several local Bowling Association Tournaments, from 2010 –2015.

David Molk, Class of 2007



David Molk

David was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his success as a football player at LHS, the University of Michigan, and as a professional. He was a 4 year starter at LHS and team captain. At LHS he was recognized as an All-Area and All-Conference player and received 1st team All-State honors his Senior year. David's next stop was at the University of Michigan, where he was a 4 year starter. In 2010 he was the co-winner of the Hugh R. Radar Memorial Award as top offensive lineman. In 2011 he received All-American honors, and earned the 2011 Big Ten Conference Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year Award. David went on to play professional football, beginning with the San Diego Chargers and finishing with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2016. He retired from the sport after suffering a career ending injury .

Graham Pocic, Class of 2008



Graham Pocic

Graham was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his success as a football player at LHS, the University of Illinois, and his time at the professional level. Graham was recognized as a two time All-Conference and All-Area selection. He finished with All-State honors, served as a captain on the LHS State Runner up Team in 2008, and earned the opportunity to play in the "Offense-Defense All-American Bowl. Graham went on to play at the University of Illinois, finding success as a center and offensive lineman for the Illini. He was a team captain, All-Big 10 Honoree 3 times, and Offensive MVP in 2012. He also was an Offensive All-American and a Nominee for both the Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman award and the Outland Trophy. Graham went on to spend time with the St. Louis Rams, Chicago Bears, and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Induction will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Crystal Grand Banquets on Archer Ave. in Lemont. Anyone interested in attending should contact the LHS Athletic department at 630-243-3210 for details. The dinner is at 12:30 p.m. if you are interested in attending the whole program.

Summertime Fun



Pam Murray enjoyed an evening on Jekyll Island in Georgia



Cindy and Bruce Nelson preparing for a future sea voyage



Matt Connors and wife Jo getting a bird's eye view of the Hawaiian Islands

REUNION NEWS



We are looking at the Fall of 2018. We will need some willing individuals to help put this together. Please contact Carol Nenne at cnenne@comcast.net if you can be a part of this team. More specifics in our Jan. newsletter.

Travel Pictures Needed ! In our next issue, we would like to feature favorite places you have visited this summer or anytime. Dig out that favorite picture or tqo and send them my way!!! If possible, send by email to mert242@comcast.net or by mail to Pam Murray at 10S250 Havens Dr. Downers Grove, IL. 60516 .

Send them now while I have you thinking about it!!!

THANKS!



LHSEF Foundation Fall Event Sat. Sept. 9

**Mike and Joe Headline this years LHSEF "Food for Thought"
Taste of Lemont**

LHSEF's "Food for Thought: Taste of Lemont"

This event runs from 5-11 p.m. on Saturday, September 9. The LHSEF will host "Food for Thought: Taste of Lemont" near the Metra Lot in downtown Lemont. This is a fun, family-friendly event that will feature some of the best food and beverages that the Lemont community can offer. Mike and Joe's music will be of artists from U2-Maroon5, Justin Timberlake, Dave Matthews Band, 90's to today with a touch of classic rock such as the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac. Last year approx. 2500 attended this worthy event. Proceeds from "Food for Thought" benefit the LHSEF, whose mission is to partner with the community to make lasting improvements to Lemont High School that will enhance the total educational experience for all of its students.

Tickets are \$10 pre-sale, and \$15 evening of Taste. Tickets are free for under 14 and LHS students with current I.D. Online purchases may be obtained at www.lhs210.net or lhsef2017.bpt.me .



Enjoy the new season

upon us !

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