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Actor to bring Walt Disney to life at Little Lorraine show

Save the Lorraine Foundation presents Chicago actor Frank Farrell in *Walt Disney Alive* on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the "Little Lorraine" theater in downtown Hoopeston.

The live theatre presentation, featuring actor Frank Farrell as Walt Disney, takes audiences back to December 19, 1946. World War II had recently ended and on this day, Walt visits the Lorraine and speaks to an invited audience.

Back then Disney's latest full length feature film was *Song of the South* and he discusses that movie, his boyhood years, his time serving during World War I, his creation of Mickey Mouse and Disney Studios in Hollywood and the making of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

Suitable for all ages, this is a one-time event not to be missed.

Farrell has been an actor and director in Chicago since 1979. In March he appeared in the musical *Busytown* with Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences. In 2011 he appeared as Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* with Citadel Theatre in Lake Forest. In the Chicago area he has acted with the Free Shakespeare Theatre Company, Steppenwolf Theater, Court Theatre, Goodman, Oak Park Shakespeare, Victory Gardens, Equity Library Theater and Theatre-Hikes.

He received four Joseph Jefferson Citation Nominations for acting for *The Singing Bone* and *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* with Story Theater, the title role in *Richard II* for Free Shakespeare and the role of Charley in the musical *Merrily We Roll Along* with Pegasus Players.

Over the years he has formed five theater companies including Theatre-Hikes and the Pigeon Creek

Shakespeare Company in Grand Haven, Michigan. Frank is also a director, playwright and filmmaker.

The live performance is something Lorraine directors hope to offer more of in the future, said event organizer Alex Houmes. "With how easy it is to access movies at home, the movie theater business is difficult," he said. Looking ahead, the foundation never thought the Lorraine could sustain itself on only movies."

Houmes said theater foundation members planned to offer live events before movies because of the \$90,000-plus price tag of a new projector suitable for the Lorraine.

"*Walt Disney Alive* is the start of what we hope to be a monthly avenue for unique live entertainment at an inexpensive ticket price," Houmes said. In working with a producer, and Farrell, ideas are coming together for future performances. "We are very excited about the possibilities to come," he said.

Seating is limited and is general admission. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Little Lorraine, from a Lorraine Foundation representative, or by emailing info@savethelorraine.com.

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Photo contributed

Business leader Habeeb Habeeb, left, speaks with Hoopeston Area High School students Ryan Glotzbach, Kylee Warner and Kamie Kuhles during state Sen. Jason Barickman's Youth Advisory Council, held November 20 at Illinois State University, Bloomington.

Hoopeston Area students attend Barickman youth council

BLOOMINGTON—For the second year, State Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) kicked off his “Youth Advisory Council” by inviting students from across the 53rd District to join him in Bloomington to propose new laws to improve their state.

“Adults often complain that our younger generation isn’t engaged in what’s happening in their state government,” said Senator Barickman. “This is a way to bring them into the process and let them know that they have a voice and can make a difference on issues important to them.”

More than a dozen schools from throughout the 53rd District were represented at the event on November 20 at the Illinois State University Alumni Center. Students were divided into several groups and tasked with proposing new legislation to tackle an issue important

to them.

Proposed bills ranged from reforming state assessment tests to legalizing assisted suicide. All the groups then voted on the various ideas in a runoff to pick one proposal to move forward with. The students eventually selected a plan to change college entrance exams. The students will come to the State Capitol in Springfield during the regular spring legislative session for further action on their plan.

Students at the event also learned more about the legislative process through discussions with Barickman and State Rep. Dan Brady (R-Bloomington), and also heard a presentation from Central Illinois businessman Habeeb Habeeb.

The spring session of the Youth Advisory Council is tentatively scheduled for April 13 in Springfield.

Cornjerker wrestlers split meet with Westville, Urbana

Hoopeston Area wrestlers won one and lost one in a meet with Westville and Urbana on November 24.

Scoring was:

Hoopeston Area 34, Westville 40

- 106- E. Elliott (HA) FFT
- 113- M. McBride (W) tech fall J. Cropper
- 120- C. Mclewee (W) FFT
- 126- I. Simpson (HA) major dec 17-9 D. Bunting
- 132- Double FFT
- 138- K. Carrell (W) fall :42 C. Warner
- 145- B. Rivers (W) major decision 15-1 E. Zamora
- 152- D. Ashby (HA) fall 1:17 G. Wright
- 160- CJ Curry (HA) fall 1:55 D Koontz
- 170- B. Simon (HA) fall :58 G Snow
- 182- C. Nicholas (HA) fall 4:33 A. Riddle
- 195- A. Linares (HA) fall 3:03 A. Menales
- 220- S. Lorenzen (W) fall :28 N. Hansen
- 285- I. Carnaghi (W) FFT

Hoopeston Area 36 Urbana 34

- 106- E. Elliott (HA) fall :22 T. Meade
- 113- Double FFT
- 120- T. Joiner (U) fall 1:13 J. Cropper
- 126- I. Simpson (HA) fall 3:22 C. Chism
- 132- Double FFT

- 138- C. Warner (HA) FFT
- 145- E. Zamora (HA) fall 5:13 D. Winston
- 152- D. Ashby (HA) fall 1:09 J. White
- 160- CJ Curry (HA) FFT
- 170- F. Imbaga (U) major decision 14-1 B. Simon
- 182- A. Fox (U) fall 3:44 A Riddle
- 195- L. Luffman (U) fall 3:41 A Linares
- 220- J. Luffman (U) fall :28 N. Hansen
- 285- D. Rowlen (U) FFT

Briefly

Participants sought for Children's Choir

Youngsters, especially those ages five-15, are invited to try out for a new Hoopeston Community Children's Choir. Choir Camp Day will be held from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at First Christian Church of Hoopeston, 502 E. Main. For more information, call Pastor Thomas Cici at (217) 283-6691 (office); (765) 541-0611 (home) or email marian64tom57@gmail.com.

Santa to be at library

Santa will visit Hoopeston Public Library from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Parents are invited to bring their camera or cell phone for free Santa photos in front of the library's special holiday backdrop.

WMD winners

November winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are \$50, Dave Anderson, donated back; \$30, Paul Dalbey; and \$20, Jiff Mitchell.

Obituaries

McNEELY - Joseph Kevin McNeely, 63, of Clarence, died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015, at VA Illiana Health Care, Palliative Care Unit, Danville. She was cremated and no service scheduled at this time. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, handled arrangements.

MOORE - Donna A. (Fritch) Moore, 83, of Milford, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Wednesday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, Milford Ambulance & Fire Department or the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, handled arrangements.

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