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The Berry Bulletin

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATT JONES

As a new school year begins, fall once again brings the Berry community together.

Homecoming is one of Logansport High School's proudest traditions, a time to return home, reconnect and celebrate the experiences that unite generations of Berries. We look forward to welcoming alumni and friends on September 25 for our Homecoming Block Party and football game, followed by reunions for the Classes of 1976 and 1986.

This edition of the Berry Bulletin spotlights Evangeline Shih '91, whose journey from Logansport to leadership at one of the nation's premier law firms reflects the excellence of LHS graduates. We also celebrate friendships renewed through class reunions and alumni gatherings.

Outside the Berry Bowl, installation of the first engraved brick and granite tiles is underway on the Always a Berry Wall. Each tile honors a person, family, class, team or special memory. Tile sales will continue until both walls are filled, so there is still plenty of time to become part of this lasting tribute.

In the Felix Files, we commemorate the 50th anniversary of McHale Performing Arts Center and the lasting impact of Frank McHale's extraordinary gift.

Being a Berry does not end at graduation. It is a lifelong connection built through shared memories, lasting friendships and a commitment to those who follow.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the past while building the future. There is a place for every Berry in this story.

Matt Jones
Executive Director
Alumni Association, '91

Vision
To connect and support all who are passionate about Logansport Community Schools.

Mission
To build a lifelong global Berry network focused on tradition, communication, education, and development of the Logansport Community School Corporation.

SAVE THE DATE

September 25, 2026 Homecoming

Show your Berry Pride as Berry Football takes on Tipton at 7:00 PM! Come cheer on the Berries and celebrate one of our proudest Homecoming traditions.

Before kickoff, join us for the Homecoming Block Party, sponsored by the LHS Alumni Association from 4:00–7:00 PM behind the Administration Building. Enjoy food trucks, music, and fun for all ages as we kick off Homecoming night in true Berry style!

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BUILDING THE FUTURE.**

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Alumni Spotlight

Evangeline Shih '91

Evangeline Shih, valedictorian of the LHS Class of 1991, is an outstanding example of Berry excellence and global impact. A proud product of Franklin Elementary, Columbia Middle School, and Logansport High School, she was active in Student Council, Tennis, Science Club, Math Club, Future Problem Solvers, and Academic Super Bowl—and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed."

Evangeline went on to earn her A.B. in Molecular Biology from Princeton University, pursue graduate studies in Cell Biology and Genetics at Cornell University's School of Medicine, and receive her J.D. from Fordham University Law School, where she served as an Associate Editor of the International Law Journal. She started her career after law school as an intellectual property lawyer and became a partner with the Jones Day law firm before joining Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan in New York City, one of the world's premier law firms.

Today, Evangeline remains a Partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, and her practice focuses on patent litigation on behalf of innovator pharmaceutical companies. She has handled all aspects of patent litigation, from pre-suit investigations through trial and appeal. In addition, she has also practiced before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board. While at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, she has been recognized as a New York Super Lawyer. Since 2015, Evangeline has served as a member of the advisory board for the Center for Neuroscience and Law at Fordham University.

Evangeline lives on the Upper East Side in New York City with her husband and two sons who are fourteen and eleven. When she is not at the office or in Court, she can be found cheering

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REUNIONS

September 26, 2026 - Class of 1976

Details: **Michele Long at 574-721-6992,** the Class Facebook Group or click here.

September 26, 2026 - Class of 1986

Details: For additional information, contact John Cole at 765-776-2839 or jac_redsman@yahoo.com or click here.

Some members of the Class of 2001 toured LHS during reunion weekend in June as they celebrated their 25-year reunion!

Members of the Class of 1966 toured LHS during reunion weekend in June as they celebrated 60 years!

After touring LHS earlier in the day, members of the Class of 2006 gathered in July to celebrate their 20-year reunion!

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courtside, rinkside, or fieldside for her boys as they play tennis, hockey, soccer, and lacrosse.

She is presently a trustee on the board of the St. Bernard's School as well as a member of the Steering Committee for the New York Public Library Annual Luncheon.

To her clients and the many friends she has made along the way, Evangeline has always spoken about how her hometown played a tremendous role in who she is today. She continues to stay in touch with folks from home and enjoys regular texts on a group chat with a handful of classmates labeled "Class of 91."

From Logansport to Princeton to leadership in one of the nation's top litigation law firms, Evangeline Shih exemplifies the academic excellence, drive, and impact of LHS alumni.

Photo courtesy of Kyle Smith, Dykeman Park GC

Former Berries baseball players representing teams from the 1960s through recent graduating classes gathered August 29 for the annual alumni golf outing at Dykeman Park. For more than a decade, this event has brought generations of Berries together for a day of golf, friendship, and shared memories. Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored the outing, and helped make the day possible!

McHale Performing Arts Center at 50
Celebrating the Man, the Gift and the Stage

For 50 years, the McHale Performing Arts Center has provided a stage on which generations of Logansport students have discovered their talents, expressed their creativity, and created lifelong memories.

Since its dedication in 1976, musicians have filled the performing arts center with sound, actors have brought stories to life and students have worked behind the scenes to build sets, operate lights and produce performances. Families and community members have filled its seats to watch it all unfold.

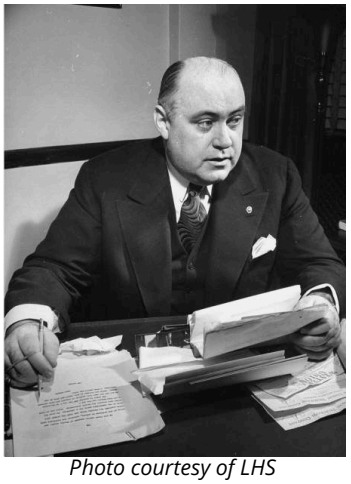


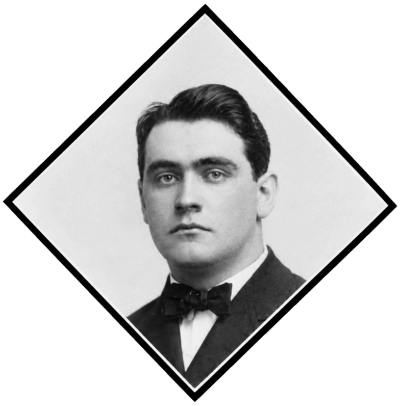
Photo courtesy of LHS

But the story of McHale begins long before the first curtain rose and with the remarkable Logansport graduate whose generosity made it possible.

The Man Behind the Name

Frank McHale, a member of the Logansport High School Class of 1910, was a football player, attorney, civic leader and philanthropist whose influence eventually extended far beyond his hometown.

McHale attended St. Joseph Catholic School before entering Logansport High School. A large and powerful young man, he became a veteran right tackle and captain of the LHS football team. The 1907 Tattler reported that Coach Coleman and Captain McHale selected the team from a field of 25 candidates.



FRANK McHALE

Photo courtesy of LHS

Weighing approximately 200 pounds—an imposing size for a high school player of that era—McHale was described as a “line plunger” who was surprisingly quick and “not slow in getting over the ground.” The yearbook praised him as an “able captain” whose leadership was expected to guide the team to victory.

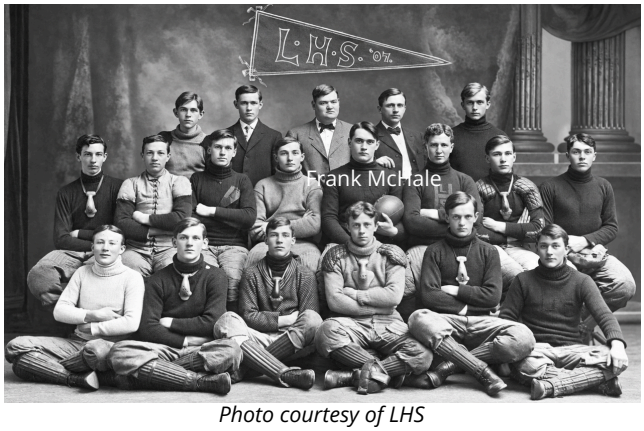


Photo courtesy of LHS

By his senior year, classmates knew him as “Muck.” His humorous 1910 Tattler profile described his voice as sounding “like a fog horn out on Lake Erie” and joked that his size and mature appearance caused freshmen to mistake him for a faculty member.

McHale graduated alongside his only sister, Kathryn, whom he deeply admired throughout his life. Kathryn went on to become a nationally recognized psychologist, educator and administrator, earning her doctorate from Columbia University and later serving as general director of the American Association of University Women. When the auditorium was built, Frank honored her legacy by dedicating the McHale Room near the street lobby in her memory.

KATHRYN McHALE
Photo courtesy of LHS

Following LHS, McHale attended the University of Michigan, where he studied law and was an All-American offensive lineman under legendary coach Fielding H. Yost. He later played professional football in Detroit before earning his law degree in 1916.

Photo courtesy of Historical Library, University of Michigan, via Wikimedia Commons; public domain.

After returning to Logansport, McHale again answered the call of his former school. LHS had been unable to secure a permanent football coach for the 1916 season, so McHale temporarily stepped in to lead the team. It was an early example of his willingness to give back to the school and community that had helped shape him.

With the United States entering World War I, McHale enlisted and served in the Army's aviation service at Kelly Field in Texas. He also played for an undefeated military football team recognized as champion of the Southwest.

Following the war, McHale was offered an opportunity to coach football at the University of Kentucky. His father, Martin, challenged him to decide whether he intended to become "a muscle man or a lawyer."

McHale chose the law.

A Life of Leadership

McHale returned to Logansport and helped establish the law firm of Kistler, Kistler and McHale. He became deeply involved in civic life, helping organize the Cass County post of the American Legion and serving three years as its commander.

During the Great Depression, McHale also helped protect Logansport families and businesses when First National Bank faced serious financial difficulties. His efforts helped persuade federal officials that the bank could be successfully reorganized, protecting depositors from losing their money.

After leaving Logansport for Indianapolis in 1933, McHale built a distinguished career in law, business and politics while maintaining strong ties to his hometown. He later formed the law firm of Cook, Welch and McHale with fellow Logansport natives David Cook, who joined him in 1939, and William Welch, who joined the firm in 1948. The three remained partners for many years.

Beginning in 1928, McHale attended every Democratic National Convention as a delegate and later served for 16 years as Indiana's Democratic national committeeman during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. In 1940, he managed former Indiana Governor Paul V. McNutt's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. His influence extended into banking, railroads, broadcasting and state government. McHale was also a determined opponent of the Ku Klux Klan. According to the Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, when the Klan planned a march through Logansport, McHale stood in the street holding a baseball bat, forcing the marchers to parade around him. It was a striking demonstration of the courage and conviction that defined his public life.

Despite the scope of his accomplishments, McHale never forgot where his story began.

A Gift to Future Generations

When the current Logansport High School opened in 1973, the building did not include a completed auditorium. For several years, LHS theatrical productions had to be presented away from the school campus.

Frank McHale believed Logansport's students and community deserved a first-class facility for education, performance and public gatherings. In a letter dated July 30, 1974, McHale explained the purpose behind his gift: "In the hope that future generations of students will find the opportunities of this Country, this State and the City of Logansport to be as rewarding and fulfilling as the McHales found them to be."

Photos by Rich Voorhees, courtesy of McHale PAC

McHale provided $200,000 for architectural work and $1 million toward construction. He also established an endowment of approximately $2 million to support the auditorium's continued operation, maintenance and improvement.

As one of the final honors of his life, McHale was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on January 18, 1975. He died in Florida on January 27, before construction of the auditorium began.

The Curtain Rises

McHale Auditorium was formally dedicated on November 7, 1976. The ceremony featured music by the LHS band under the direction of Joe Huffman, a welcome from Superintendent Ted B. Hughes and Principal Hugh Leeman, and a dedication address by McHale's longtime law partner, William F. Welch. Although McHale did not live to see the completed auditorium, the dedication brochure noted that "he did not forget the people and country that made his achievements possible."

Fifty Years on the McHale Stage

From the beginning, McHale was more than a school auditorium. It became a shared home for student plays, musicals and concerts, as well as community performances and special events.

From the 1976 Winter Fantasy Production of The Music Man, courtesy of Ken Fraza.

Ken Fraza served as facility manager from its opening in 1976 until his retirement in 2018. During his remarkable 42-year tenure, Fraza helped establish McHale as one of the area's premier performing arts facilities. John Vales succeeded Fraza and continues that tradition of excellence as facility manager today.

As McHale's role expanded, its name evolved. On January 14, 2002, the LCSC Board of School Trustees renamed it McHale Performing Arts Center to better reflect the variety of programs held there. The facility was formally rededicated on October 5, 2003. Between 2001-2004, McHale underwent a major renovation that included new seating, lower-lobby restrooms, and the construction of a new scene shop.

Photo by Rich Voorhees, courtesy of LHS

Today, McHale seats 815 guests and offers modern lighting, sound and video systems, along with dressing rooms, rehearsal space, a green room and scenery facilities. Its continuing operations and improvements remain supported by the McHale Trust. Yet McHale's true legacy lives in the generations who have performed, worked behind the curtain and proudly watched from the audience.

As McHale celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026, the lights are still shining, the curtain is still rising and new generations of Berries are still stepping onto its stage.

McHale is more than a performing arts center. It is a gift to future generations. Thank you, Mr. McHale, for a lifetime of **L**oyalty, **H**onor and **S**ervice.

McHale Performing Arts Center
50th Anniversary Season
Winter Fantasy Musical: The Little Mermaid
Performances: November 20th and 21st at 7pm November 22nd at 2:30pm
All LCSC Student Tickets are $5
General Admission Tickets purchased Online are $10
General Admission Tickets purchased at the door will be $15
2026 LHS Variety Show
Public Performance: October 15th at 7pm
LHS Student Performance October 16th at 2pm
All Tickets are $5
Saturday Night Logansport
LHS Student Preview: February 26th at 1:20pm
Performance February 27th at 7pm
All Tickets are $5
Spring Play: Trap
Performances: April 9th and 10th at 7pm April 11th at 2:30pm
LCSC Student Tickets are $5
General Admission Tickets are $10
50th Anniversary Celebration April 24th 2027 at 7pm
For more info and Tickets visit www.mchalepac.com

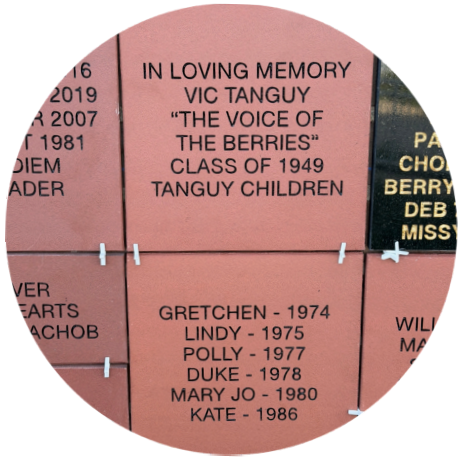
“Always a Berry” Wall Takes Shape

The “Always a Berry” wall is becoming a reality! Installation began September 16, with the first 84 personalized bricks and granite tiles placed outside the Berry Bowl. The wall will be completed with grout, a finished border and large “ALWAYS A BERRY” lettering across the top.

Tile sales will remain open, so there is still plenty of room to become part of this lasting tribute to LHS. New tiles will continue filling the wall on the right before expanding to the matching wall on the left. Alumni and friends may purchase a personalized tile to honor a family member, classmate, teacher, coach, team or organization—or to preserve their own place in Berry history.

Order yours at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/alwaysaberry.

Class of 1976 member Dan Kline adjusts a brick tile into position.



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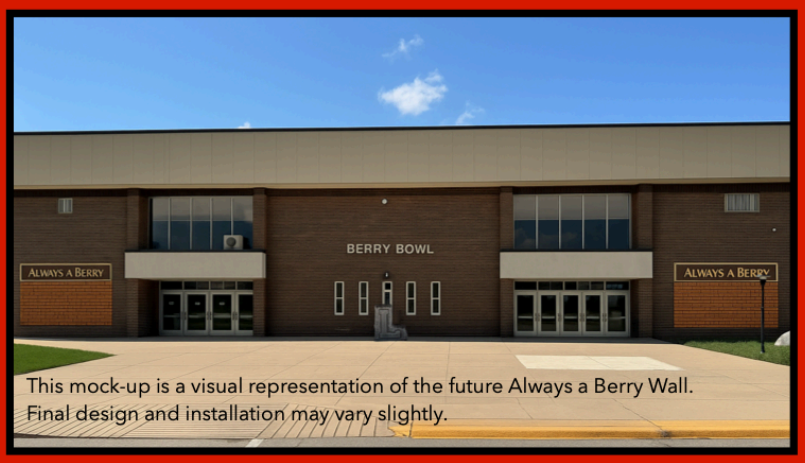

This mock-up is a visual representation of the future Always a Berry Wall. Final design and installation may vary slightly.

Leave Your Mark on LHS!

For more than **155 years**, thousands of Berries have walked the halls of Logansport High School. Along the way, generations of students, staff, parents, grandparents, and community members have supported the growth and development of our beloved LHS.

Now, you have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy with a commemorative brick tile on the future ***Always a Berry Wall***, located at the entrance of the historic **Berry Bowl**.

Your purchase directly supports the **Logansport High School Alumni Association**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing opportunities for students and staff. Over the past four years, the Alumni Association has provided more than **$25,000 in teacher and staff grants**, funding classroom projects, programs, clubs, and enrichment opportunities that help Berries thrive in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for being part of this special initiative.

Go Berries!

Our Options:

- 4x8 Brick Tile - $100 - This includes up to 3 lines of text, 18 characters per line.
- 8x8 Brick Tile - $200 - This includes up to 6 lines of text, 18 characters per line.
- 8x8 Granite Tile - $350 - This includes up to 6 lines of text, 18 characters per line.

Felix and school-related graphics are available.

Personalize your brick with:

- Your favorite LCSC student
- A special LHS graduate
- A graduating class
- A special teacher or coach
- A future Logansport Berry
- In memoriam of a loved one
- Your family name
- In honor of a team, club, organization
- Your business, or group of Berries

To order, scan the QR code or visit: **https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/alwaysaberry**

Stay Connected

There are many ways to stay connected and continue celebrating Berry pride throughout the year. Follow the Logansport High School Alumni Association on social media for event updates, photos, and stories that highlight our shared history and ongoing impact.

Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events, alumni initiatives, sponsorship opportunities, reunions, and ways to support LHS. Our site is also home to important updates, historical features, and links to all Alumni Association programs.

No matter where life has taken you, you'll always be a Berry. Thank you for staying connected and supporting the past, present, and future of LHS and LCSC.

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