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LAFCU Community Champions Sept. 1 nomination deadline looming

Last chance to honor military, first responders at Lansing Lugnuts games this year

LANSING, Mich. — Nominations are open until Sept. 1 for the LAFCU Community Champions program, which honors police, fire and medical first responders as well as current and veteran members of the military at Lansing Lugnuts games throughout the summer.

Community Champions receive four free tickets to a Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular, the opportunity to throw the first pitch and in-game recognition on the stadium videoboard. The remaining LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars are Aug. 18, Aug. 19, Aug. 25, Aug. 26 and Sept. 5.

“We want to honor those who have chosen to protect and defend us,” said Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU senior vice president of marketing. “It’s not about the accolades the honoree may have received throughout their service, it’s that they’ve trained and served or are serving for the betterment of our country or community. The recognition at the game allows Lugnuts fans to give back.”

So far this summer, seven Community Champions have been honored at LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars:

- Navy Cpl. Evan Renner, of East Lansing.
- National Guard Sgt. Bart Post, of St. Johns.
- Marine Capt. and Army National Guard Capt. Scott Lee Brown, of Charlotte.



As a LAFCU Community Champion, Marine Staff Sgt. Kenn Puccio, of Fenton, threw the first pitch and was honored at a Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular. Nominations of deserving police, fire and medical first responders as well as current and veteran members of the military for 2017 Community Champions are open through Sept. 1.

- Army Cpl. Lester Norris Jr, of Delta Township.
- National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Jody Arrington, of Grand Ledge.
- Marine Staff Sgt. Kenn Puccio, of Fenton.
- Navy radioman James Finch, of Lansing.

“The loudest cheers heard at Cooley Law School Stadium are for our LAFCU Community Champions, who have given of themselves in protecting our Mid-Michigan community and our nation,” said Nick Grueser, Lansing Lugnuts general manager. “We are proud to join our fans in honoring and thanking our Community Champions for their service, their courage and their selflessness.”

Nominations of deserving Community Champions should include their employing organization or branch of service; rank, rank at time of discharge or position held; awards and other recognition received; and community work. Submit the information via email at LAFCUcommunitychampion@gmail.com or mail it to LAFCU Community Champions, P.O. Box 26188, Lansing, MI 48909.

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About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan’s credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds more than \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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About the Lansing Lugnuts

The Lansing Lugnuts, Class-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, 'Go Nuts' as they enter their 22nd season in Michigan's Capital City. Featured in USA Today and on CNN for their successes, the Lugnuts make their home at the newly renovated Cooley Law School Stadium. Built in 1996, Cooley Law School Stadium continues to be a key component in revitalizing Lansing's downtown while providing fun, affordable, family entertainment to fans in Mid-Michigan and beyond. Find them online at www.lansinglugnuts.com.

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