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Jaycee Creed *by C. William Brownfield*

*We believe that faith in God gives meaning
and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends
the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won
by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws
rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure
lies in human personality; and that*
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The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-40 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



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Presidents Report

I would like to welcome our newest members Ryan O'Rourke who joined us in April and William Day, Shawnda Hollier, Maria Mugweni and Sirakumar Sanyasi who all joined us in May; please take the time to introduce yourself to them at one of our upcoming events.

I would like to thank all of you that chaired and/or participated in a project these past two months (April 7 May) I would especially like to thank and congratulate all of you that participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in that brutally cold and windy weather. You all did a great job! I would like to thank one of our newer members, Alex for heading the Face Painting at the East Lansing Art Festival; you did a great job for your first project.

As you all know, being a Jaycee means more than participating in social and community service events. The Jaycees also provide an opportunity for leadership development. This year, the Board of Directors is trying to take a proactive approach to leadership training. It is our hope that each Jaycee project will have a non-board member chairperson. However, each chairperson will be assigned a "go-to" board member to help mentor the chair from the planning stage to the completion of the CPG. This board member will be the main liaison between the chairperson and the board, help answer any questions and give direction when needed. It is our hopes that this will prompt more of you to become project chairpersons and learn additional leadership skills. If you have an idea for a project, talk to myself or any other board member and we will help make that idea a reality. We are always looking for new and different projects; you don't have to be a board member to plan it.

By being a Lansing Jaycee, you are part of a membership. A membership of individuals all working toward common goals. However, to be a part of that membership also means helping with the recruitment of new members. We have several events planned in the next few months aimed at attracting new members, however we need your help! We need you to come to those events and make a point of talking to the prospects. Please come to these events, invite friends and/or colleagues and help build the future of our chapter.

As summer approaches we all are busy and want to take advantage of the great weather, the last things we want to think about are meetings and late summer/fall projects. However, it is inevitable...they are approaching also. Some things to keep in your mind are: GMM's, Lansing Jaycees night at Lugnuts Stadium, Lansing Jaycees Golf Outing, our annual summer picnic (July), Children's Shopping Spree and you guessed it, Haunted House. All of these events are in the works already, however they always need more help. Please watch your Jaycee Juice for more information on them all and who to contact to help out.

Have a great month,

Sheryl A. Soczek
79th President

General Membership Meeting

The June GMM will take place on Tuesday, June 5th at Trippers in Frandor. Dinner and social hour start at 6 PM with the meeting to follow at 7 PM.

Membership Information

June Birthdays

Sarah Taber 06-02
Kim Doughty 06-14
Chris Vieth 06-26



June Renewals

Matt Bauer
Patrick Brazil
Jimi Carolan
Renee Dolan
Meagan Hadsall
Kimberly Herlick
Don Sanner

Committee Information

Membership: Share your ideas on how to activate our current membership and how to attract new members. Contact Felicity White at fwhite@tomieraines.com with questions.

Haunted House: The first haunted house committee meeting of the year will be held prior to our “How to Start a Campfire with One Match” event on Saturday, June 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Troy and Stephanie’s House. Please contact Troy Steere at troy-steph@juno.com for more information.

Public Relations: Leadership...Friendship...Citizenship: Membership in the Lansing Jaycees! Let’s get ourselves out there. Come help plan who we want to be our target audience, how we want to contact them and be a part of our largest marketing campaign yet! Contact Sheryl Soczek at soczek@msu.edu with questions.

Upcoming Events

Lansing Jaycees Softball: Let's get out there and cheer on our team as they play the best team in the league, Bennigans! The game starts at 6:15 at Sharp Park on the field closest to Village Green Apartments. Contact Matt Bauer at pikabeans@aol.com for more information..

Lansing Jaycees Night at Lugnuts Stadium: Friday, June 8th. Take yourself out to the ballpark with the Lansing Jaycee! Game time: 7:05 PM. We will be hosting an "All American Picnic" at Lugnuts Stadium when the Lansing Lugnuts play the South Bend Silver Hawks. Tickets are \$20.00. Price includes a lawn seat and entrance to the Tailgate Terrace, the all-u-can-eat food and non-alcoholic beverage buffet at Olds Park (service begins ½ hour prior to the game and ends one hour after the game begins). For more information, contact Sheryl at Soczek@msu.edu. The Jaycee who brings the most guests will have the privilege to throw out the first pitch, the second pitch will be a drawing of all in attendance.

How to Start a Campfire with One Match: We will be learning how to start a campfire with one match! We will be enjoying the outdoors of Troy and Stephanie's home, bring food that is easily cooked over the fire, your favorite beverage and a lawn chair. Some campfire forks and square baskets will be provided along with the fixings for smores. Come relax and enjoy the outdoors! Troy and Stephanie's house is located at 5353 Oak Hills Drive in Eaton Rapids. Contact Troy or Stephanie at troy-steph@juno.com for directions.

Dinner and a Movie Night: Keep the date of Tuesday, June 12th open. We will be getting together for Dinner and a Movie. We will meet after work, more information to come. Contact Sheryl Soczek at Soczek@msu.edu with ideas or for more information.

Sand Volleyball: Keep Thursday, June 14th after work open for some sand volleyball. More information to come. Contact Orion Smith at smithori@msu.edu for more information.

Lansing Jaycees Summer Golf Outing: The Lansing Jaycees will be hosting an 18-hole golf scramble on Saturday, June 23rd at 8:30 A.M. at Highland Hills Golf Course located in DeWitt. Registration will begin at 7:45 A.M. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a goodie bag and a Chicken or Steak Lunch after the 18 holes. We will also have items to purchase to improve your score and various prizes and a raffle for a chance to win two tickets to Cirque du Soleil - Saltimbanco to be held in October at the Breslin Center. Registration is limited so get your team registered now. Contact Krik or Sheryl for more information.

Happy Hour at Reno's East: Let's get together for some adult beverages and greasy food! We will meet at Reno's East on Friday, June 29th from 5-7 PM. Reno's East is located at 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. Contact Felicity White at fwhite@tomieraines.com for more information.

Henry Ford Museum – Rock Stars Cars & Guitars Exhibit: Saturday, July 28th is the date! We will be meeting at the Okemos Park and Ride at 8:00 AM and carpool to Detroit. Our first stop will be at Eastern Market (www.detroiteasternmarket.com) for some shopping and lunch. We will meet again at Noon and drive to the Henry Ford Museum to view the "Rock Stars Cars & Guitars" exhibit (www.thehenryford.org/museum/rockstars.com). The cost of the exhibit is \$15.00 and closes at 5 PM so there is plenty of time for a nice dinner before heading home. Contact Alex Briseno at xandrab@hotmail.com for more information.

Camping Trip: This years camping trip will take place August 3 – 5 at Sleeper State Park in Caseville. Cost is \$25.00/person, which includes: lot, firewood and supplies, Friday night food (pie iron pizza's) and the meat for the Saturday night potluck. We have five lots and can put up to 4 people and no more than two tents on each lot so reserve your spot now. For more information or contact Teresa at Teresar36@comcast.net or Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

Concessions Fundraiser: Looking for a committee for a NEW fundraiser! The Old Town Blues Festival is September 21-22 and we would like to sell concessions at this event. If you have any great ideas for what product(s) to sell, we want to hear them! The chapter has not done concessions in a long time, therefore we will be starting from scratch! Please contact Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or want to pass along ideas. The first committee meeting will be held soon!

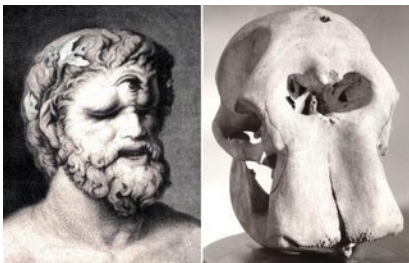
Mythical Creatures

After the recent news of new Loch Ness Monster video footage, the Capitol Correspondent wanted to add this great article from “Fogonazos” <http://fogonazos.blogspot.com/2007/05/truth-about-mythic-creatures-dragons.html>.

“The Truth about Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns, and Mermaids” by Fogonazos

For thousands of years, humans everywhere have brought mythic creatures to life in stories, songs and works of art. The exhibition “*Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids*”, at the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, try to show us how tales of Griffins, Giants and Cyclopes arose from interpretation of the fossil evidence by the ancients. These are some of the most fascinating facts:

1. Cyclops and elephants



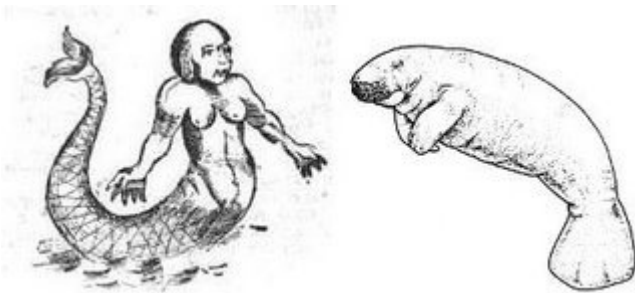
In 1924, while travelling through Mediterranean islands, Austrian paleontologist Othenio Abel unearthed several dwarf elephant skulls and concluded that ancient Greeks may have interpreted the large trunk opening in the fossils as the massive, single eye-socket of one eyed human-like creatures: cyclopes. Many ancient Greeks thought the same thing: when they found bones like these from other kinds of mammoths, they often interpreted them as the bones of giants.

2. Dinosaurs and dragons



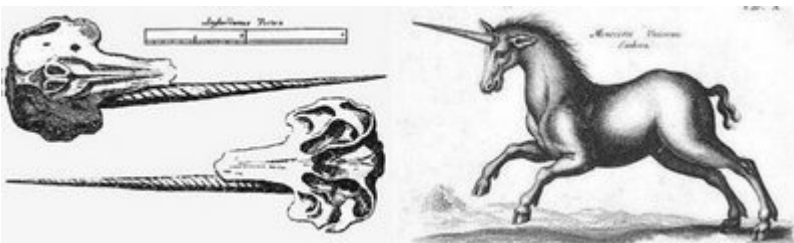
Ancient peoples all over the world have told of unusual, reptile-like creatures that once roamed the earth. Many called them "dragons" and most of the descriptions sound similar to dinosaurs. In 1335 the cranium of a woolly rhinoceros from the ice-age was found in a gravel pit near Klagenfurt, Austria. It was instantly interpreted as the skull of a dragon.

3. Sirens and manatees



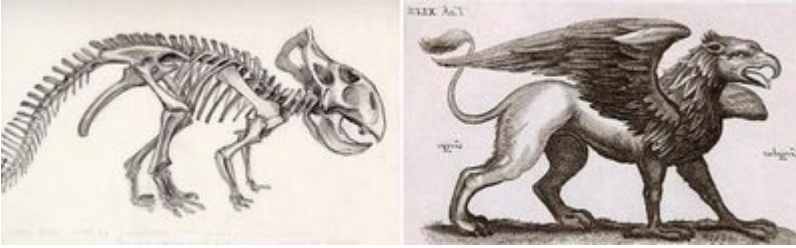
Manatees and sea cows were frequently mistaken for mermaids by early explorers. Sailing near the Dominican Republic in 1493, Christopher Columbus described in his log some "female forms" that "rose high out of the sea, but were not as beautiful as they are represented."

4. Unicorns and narwhals



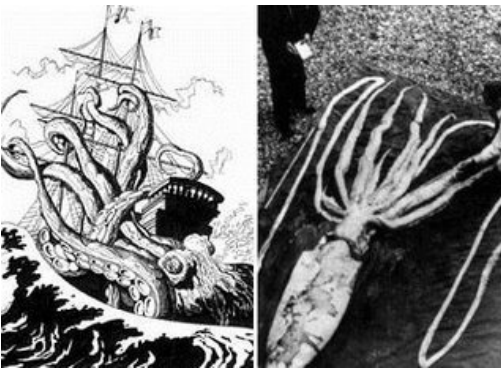
In the Middle Ages, Danish sailors and other merchants from the North brought narwhal tusks to European markets, where buyers considered them to be valuable, magical remains of elusive unicorns. From then on, nearly all descriptions of unicorn horns are consistent: they are long, white and spiraled, just like a Narwhal tooth.

5. Protoceratops and griffons



Scythian nomads who prospected for gold in the Gobi Desert told the first stories about griffons — a lion-sized, four-legged, winged animal with a "cruel sharp beak" — that ferociously guarded its hoard of gold. Twentieth-century excavations in the Gobi have unearthed Protoceratops and Psittacosaurus skeletons, both beaked dinosaurs, from the same regions where the nomads prospected. It's quite possible that gold seekers made astute observations about their skeletal structures and speculated on the appearance of the live animal.

6. Sea monsters



Folklore and early travelers' tales featured mermaids aplenty, and the old maps of the known world, were always fringed with sea monsters that many believed inhabited the surrounding waters. One of the most horrible creatures was de Kraken, which might have evolved from sightings of enormous squids, one of which was recently found in New Zealand, with single arms over 19 feet long.

What's That Noise?

The 17-year cicadas — Brood XIII — are out in force in parts of America's Midwest, after their long stint underground. With an adult life-span of about 30 days, the cicadas' main object is mating. The male's shrill call can reach 90 decibels — about the volume of a blender. Birds, squirrels, dogs and other pets love to eat the insects, and people in other parts of the world consider them a delicacy. The Chinese use cicadas medicinally, in preparations to reduce itching, fever, cataracts, blurred vision, rashes and symptoms of cold and flu.



Calendar of Events

June						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3	4	5	6	7	8 Lansing Jaycees at Lansing Lugnuts!	9 Haunted House Start a Fire w/1 Match
10	11	12 Dinner & Movie	13	14 Sand Volleyball	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Golf Outing
24	25	26	27	28	29 Happy Hour	30

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July						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Get Your GAME On	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Rock Stars, Cars Guitars Museum Trip
29	30	31				

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