

**53RD YEAR**

# Lorain International Festival



**June 28, 29 and 30, 2019**

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# Lorain International Festival in 53rd year

The Lorain International Festival has begun its 53rd season and those attending the festivities will be treated to another great installment of one of Lorain's summer jewels.

As we say farewell to the 2018-19 Queen Emily Hetrick and her court, 1st Runner Up- Emma Kelley, 2nd Runner Up- Katie Justiniani and 3rd Runner Up- Ivelysse Garcia, a new court will preside over the festivities for 2019-2020.

This year, 24 International Princesses will represent their heritages.

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, 5510 Baumhart Road in Lorain, is the spotlight organization.

Second Harvest Food Bank supplies food pantries across Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties.

Also this year, the International Festival committee is highlighting the Irish heritage.

To celebrate Irish heritage, this year's keynote speaker at the International Festival Breakfast on June 26 at German's Villa in Vermilion was Terrence J. Kenneally, an attorney and writer who earned a master's degree in Irish studies from John Carroll University.

The week included the Heritage of Sacred Music Festival took place June 25 at St. Peter Parish, 3655

Oberlin Ave. in Lorain.

On June 27, the International Princess Pageant will start at 7 p.m., at Lorain High Performing Arts Center, Pole Ave.

The rest of the week includes the International Festival Bazaar and the parade.

The three-day bazaar takes place along the scenic Black River, and features a multitude of foods with a wide variety of ethnic cuisine to sample.

There is wonderful entertainment throughout the weekend including on-going live performances.

June 28, the International Festival bazaar runs from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Black River Landing in downtown Lorain

Opening ceremonies start at 5 p.m. followed by the Lorain International Festival Princesses' Introductions.

From 7-8:30 p.m., Latin City Soul will perform.

From 9-11 p.m., The Rockn'Ravers (British Invasion) will perform.

Cost is \$3 per person.

June 29, the International Festival runs from noon to 11 p.m.

From 7-8:30 p.m., James Kilbane band (Irish folk band) will perform.

From 9-11 p.m., One (U2 Tribute Band) will



perform.

Cost is \$3 per person.

June 30, the International Parade starts at 11:30 a.m. The route is still along Broadway. The parade will step off at 17th Street and go north, at 9th Street the route will turn left and head west one block along 9th Street, ending at Reid Avenue. The parade units will disperse onto Reid Avenue from 9th Street to 5th Street.

The International Festival goes from noon to 6 p.m. From 12:30-2 p.m., Hillbilly Idol (country) will perform. Cost is \$3 per person.

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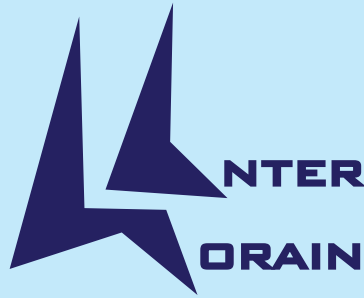


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June 28-30



Princess pageant will take place on Thursday, June 27th at 7:00pm at Lorain High School.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### FRIDAY:

- 5:00 OPENING CEREMONIES  
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- 6:00 **DANTE MASELLI** - LATIN GUITAR  
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### SATURDAY:

- 2:00 RAKS SHADAN DANCE TROUPE
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- 4:00 CHAMBERLAIN IRISH DANCERS
- 4:30 PHILIPINE AMERICAN ASSOC
- 5:00 ESENCIA BORICUA CULTURAL
- 5:30 AFRICAN ROYALTY DANCERS
- 6:00 **HICHEM FERRAH**  
LATIN GUITAR AT BEER TENT
- 7:00 **JAMES KILBANE BAND**  
- IRISH FOLK BAND
- 9:00 **U2 TRIBUTE**

### SUNDAY:

- 12:30 **HILLBILLY IDOL** - COUNTRY
- 2:00 SHOJOJI JAPANESE DANCERS
- 2:30 LORAIN HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCERS
- 3:00 MORGAN HIGHLAND DANCERS
- 3:30 ALMA DE MEXICO
- 4:00 ESENCIA BORICUA CULTURAL
- 4:30 REALITY CHECK DANCE TEAM
- 5:00 DJ SANTANA

The Festival & Bazaar will take place  
at Black River Landing  
Friday June 28th - Sunday June 30th  
(Friday 5-11; Saturday 12:00-11:00; Sunday 12:00-6:00).

The Lorain International Festival Parade  
will take place on Broadway starting at 17th  
Street on Sunday June 30th.

# 53rd annual Princess Pageant is June 27



The Lorain International Association's 53rd Lorain International Princess Pageant takes place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., June 27, at the Lorain High School Performing Arts Center, 2600 Ashland Ave. in Lorain.

The 24 young women represent 14 different nationalities, and will highlight their individual nationalities through their ethnic attire and talent.

This year, the Lorain International spotlights the Irish community.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central North Central Ohio as our community partner for this year's Lorain International Festival.

In order to keep with the idea of giving back to the community, the International Festival committee is asking that attendees of the pageant to



consider bringing a donated canned food item to the event.

Collection bins will be located in the lobby of the event.

Children ages 12 and younger receive free admission to the event.

Tickets will be available at the door of the event, cash or check only.

Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$14.

Below is a list of the 2019 princesses, including the nationalities they represent

**Alena Aguayo**, Lorain, Puerto Rican  
**Janelle Antus**, Lorain, Irish  
**Kasia Babics**, Lorain, Polish  
**Carina Bundy**, Lorain, Puerto Rican  
**Christy Cecil**, Amherst, Italian  
**Ariannah Cristarella**, Lorain, Polish  
**Adriana Davila**, Lorain, Puerto Rican  
**Mackenzie Hernandez**, Lorain, Puerto Rican  
**Lizzie Hughes**, Lorain, Irish  
**Alexis Loera**, Lorain, Puerto Rican  
**Nicole Londo**, Sheffield Lake, Slovak  
**Madilyn Love**, Lorain, Native American  
**Hailee McHugh**, Vermilion, Filipino  
**Cierra Mielcarek**, Lorain, Hungarian  
**Lauren Parker**, Amherst, German  
**Logan Raymond**, Amherst, Macedonian  
**Maniome Sengvoravong**, Lorain, Laotian  
**Alejandra Silva**, Amherst, Mexican  
**Olivia Sperry-Salva**, Amherst, Ukrainian  
**Amaya Staton**, Lorain, African American  
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To facilitate this event, there will be no parking allowed June 30 along the route on Broadway, West Ninth Street and Reid Avenue from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### Friday June 28

5:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies  
LIA Princesses' Introductions

7-8:30 p.m. Latin City Soul

9-11 p.m. The Rockn'Ravers  
(British Invasion)

### Saturday June 29

7-8:30 p.m. James Kilbane band  
(Irish folk band)

9-11 p.m. One  
(U2 Tribute Band)

### Sunday June 25

12:30-2 p.m. Hillbilly Idol  
(country)



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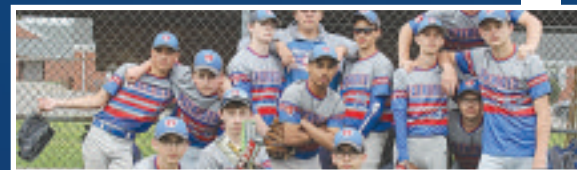


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### Do I need a wristband to purchase alcoholic beverages?

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# The beginning

The Morning Journal has been a part of the International Festival from the very beginning 53 years ago.

Former Journal editor Then editor Irving Leibowitz had emphasized the importance of the Journal as the community's best citizen.

During the 50th anniversary of the International Festival, former Journal reporter Alec D. Van Ryan spoke about the origins of the festival.

Van Ryan was assigned to cover the organization of the first festival in 1966, described the factors that coalesced to create the festival and the role that the newspaper played in the mission.

Van Ryan said, "We were to be objectively cynical; skeptical with a joyful intrinsic curiosity. We were to be enthusiastic listeners; observers. We were always taught to question from the point of view of common sense, and be relentlessly accurate."

Van Ryan said It is in this spirit that Leibowitz became a driving force in the establishment of the festival. The

festival wasn't a new creation, but was built upon what already was happening across the city.

"Ethnic churches and clubs for years celebrated their heritages," he said. "People from other nationalities were welcome to attend, but there were definitely divides. It was all separated, but everybody enjoyed it."

By harnessing the enthusiasm and effort that went into these smaller festivals, as well as the work of what Van Ryan calls "the church ladies," the city was able to make the first festival such a success that it has carried on for 50 years.

Van Ryan also penned a weekly column, called "Internationally Speaking ..." to keep the International Festival in the public eye year-round. When it started, the planners intended for the International Festival to continue annually.

We congratulate everyone involved in making this a great showcase for downtown Lorain.





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# The Lorain International Association



Facts about the Lorain International Festival, which celebrates the cultures, diversity and community of Lorain.

Lorain has long been hailed as the "International City."

Immigrants from the world over settled on the shores of Lake Erie and through their hard work and loyalty to the area, built Lorain together.

In 1967, the Lorain International Association was formed to celebrate the cultures, diversity, and community that so many are so proud of.

Today, the Lorain International is the pulse of Lorain County, noted as a significant annual event attracting people throughout the state of Ohio.

Just 25 miles west of Cleveland,

Lorain is easy to travel to and has all the beauty of the Great Lakes.

The Lorain International Association proudly presents numerous events starting in April of each year.

Festival Week is the last full week of June, annually and features many exciting events, including the three-day annual Bazaar at Black River Landing in Lorain.

Every year, a different nationality and organization/industry is spotlighted.

This year, the Irish community is spotlighted.

Also this year, the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is the spotlight industry.

Lorain International Association is a nonprofit organization, with over 30 members and many volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to bring pride to the city of Lorain and beyond, through the celebration of the diversity which defines us.

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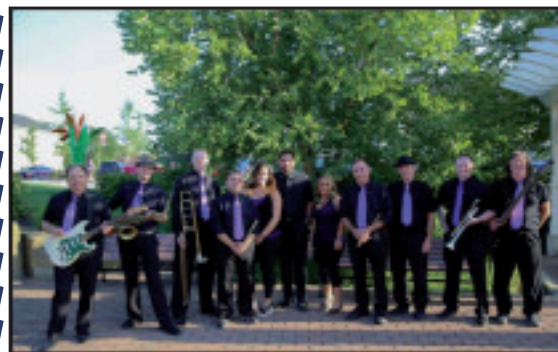
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**Friday, July 26, 7–9 p.m.– Shakedown Cruise**



Kevin Jones and the Shakedown Cruise are local favorites. They will have you dancing and singing to the wide variety of well-known songs from many genres and decades.

# 43rd International Festival was a hit

Ten years ago, The Morning Journal reflected on the week's events for the International Fetsiva.

Here is a editorial we wrote highlighting the event.

The 43rd annual Lorain International Festival and Bazaar, as expected, proved to be safe, secure and immensely popular with tens of thousands of visitors and participants this past weekend.

Bazaar Chairman Ralph Bruening called the weekend festivities one of the smoothest-running he can remember. The event went off without any significant incidents despite some concerns brought on by shootings in the city the previous weekend.

Lorain police officers and auxiliary members made an impressive and comforting statement with their presence at Black River Landing.

Festival-goers took the increased security measures well, including being swept with metal detectors and having handbags checked as they entered the

festival grounds.

Many thanked security officials for being so thorough. Police on four-wheel all-terrain vehicles could be seen throughout the weekend on the festival grounds and checking conditions downtown on Friday and Saturday nights.

LifeCare EMTs riding bicycles also were ready to help those in need of medical attention. Lorain International organizers, city officials and a host of volunteers made Lorain's biggest festival even more special this year and more family-friendly.

Inflatable rides were available for children for the first time.

The Lorain Port Authority's boat tours to the historic Lorain Lighthouse also provided a nautical attraction for visitors.

With its tasty food, lively music, colorfully dressed princesses and an abundance of sunshine, the Lorain International Festival and Bazaar provided the best in summer fun for Lorain residents and visitors.

Good job to all.

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