

Granny basketball game to be held at LHS for choir fundraiser



The gauntlet has been thrown down on the hardwoods of Louisburg.

The LHS Selects, a team that represents the LHS Select Choir, will face off in a basketball game for the ages against Louisburg's own Granny Basketball team, The Tonics.

The showdown is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Louisburg High School gym. The free-will admission charity fund-raiser will help the Select Choir raise the last bit of money it needs to travel to New York in April to perform at the Lincoln Center, the prestigious performing arts center in Manhattan.

The basketball game will feature members of the Tonics going up against the Selects playing by the Granny Basketball League rules.

Granny Basketball is similar to the 1920s style of play where the court is divided in three sections and there is no running, no jumping and only two dribbles per possession. Two guards or defenders are in one section, two centers or passers are in the middle section and the two forward or offensive players are in the third section of the court. Granny basketball players wear uniforms from that period.

"I hope that the Louisburg community knows how much our choir has appreciated their support. We are so proud to have the opportunity to represent our town," Alison Moore, choir director, said.

"The Tonics are really excited for the opportunity to help out the Select Choir. One of the foundations of the Granny Basketball League is to assist with charity opportunities and we are excited to get on the court and show the Selects how to play basketball," Jean Carder, captain of the Tonics, said.

"Oh, and for those players that are males or younger than 50, there will be a surprise handicap but my lips are sealed until game time. We hope the community comes out for a fun and novel event that supports the Select Choir."

Local celebrities, school staff and students will make up the Selects team with choir members and current LHS basketball players Brayden Gage, Maddon Rutherford, Dylan Deshazer, Andy Hupp, Carson Buffington and Alyse Moore serving as Selects captains. Team members include Moore, Dr. Damon Dennis; Robert Ebenstein, LHS head football coach; Drew Harding; LHS football and basketball coach; and students Austin Moore, Blue Caplinger, Kody Lowry, Lauren Vincent and others.

The Tonics include Carder, Janet York, Ellen Morland, Diana Moore, Becky Berg,

LaVonne Mize, Ruth Fladung, Helen McClain, Jayne Schommer,
Cathy Hadley,
Kathleen Caverty all from Louisburg; Wanda Harlow, Bucyrus;
Susan McKeever,
Drexel; Julie McKinley, Linn Valley; Jan Berg, Edgerton; Lisa
Berg, Olathe; and
Tonics coach Kate Berg Camp, Gardner.