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Monessen Hoping to Honor Frances McDormand

MONESSEN – Monessen Mayor Matt Shorraw is working to install another historic marker in Downtown Monessen. The City is seeking donations to help cover the costs of a historic marker honoring notable Monessenite and award winner, Frances McDormand.

Shorraw recently secured funding from the MLB for a historic marker to honor baseball legend Josh Gibson and his notable homerun at Monessen's Page Park in 1938. Now, the Mayor is hoping to honor McDormand.

Frances McDormand Graduated from Monessen High School in 1975 and went on to graduate from Bethany College in 1979 and Yale in 1982. She's a celebrated actress and producer, and has been nominated and awarded Academy Awards, Golden Globe Awards, Emmys, and Screen Actors Guild Awards to name a few. She is known for her work with "Fargo" (1996), "Olive Kitteridge" (2014), "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri" (2018), and "Nomadland" (2021). McDormand's Father served as the Pastor of the First Christian Church in Monessen.

"I think it's important to commemorate Frances' achievements. We are all so very proud of the works she's done and of her accomplishments. This will be a nice addition to our Downtown, and a nice way to honor a notable Monessenite." Says Mayor Matt Shorraw.

The total cost of the plaque will be around \$2,600. Anyone interested in donating may contact City Hall for more information, or donate by checks payable to "City of Monessen Treasurer" and writing "McDormand Plaque" in the memo line.

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