



# The Lebanon Local

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## When done right even kids read a paper

FROM  
THE  
PUBLISHER



RAY MILLER

Recently I was asked to speak to the students at Bowman Elementary for career day on being an entrepreneur.

At first I wasn't sure if I should talk about my national direct marketing business that I started as my first business here in Lebanon. Or, if I should talk to them about REM Business Solutions printing that I started because of my direct marketing business. Or, should I talk to them about the paper that I started because of my direct marketing business and the need for a community paper in our area?

After talking it over with Theresa, my wife, we decided the students would probably like to hear about the newspaper.

Since The Lebanon Local actually impacts their lives, it would probably

be more interesting to them. It is in this community paper that they read about and see pictures of family, friends and even themselves.

Theresa was right on target. The kids not only loved talking about the paper, it proved to me that community papers are not dead. And better yet, young people will open up a paper if it pertains to them.

I have to admit I was a little surprised when the majority of the kids raised their hands that they knew of and had read it. For me, this shows that community papers are very much needed and appreciated.

I am not going to knock the big regional papers. Those journalist and publishers are needed. I understand the challenges they are facing trying to compete with television, the Internet, and all the other types of social media.

But in my mind, community news is just as and may be even more important than the regional and national newspapers, especially when it comes to small business owners.

Small business owners cannot afford the high price to advertise in the daily regional paper. And often times, the regional paper is outside of the small business owner's potential customer reach.

In all honesty how many people are going to drive from West Milton, Oh to

Lebanon to get a hair cut, buy a evening dinner out, get their dog groomed or get their teeth cleaned?

We have created the Lebanon Local to give our local businesses a way to reach their community at very minimal cost while giving their community something back...community news.

Without community papers, it is very difficult for non-profit organizations, which are a vital part for small communities, to get their word out.

The staff is bombarded every day with calls from people needing to let the public know about a festival, a dance, a race and many other types of fundraisers.

We have people stopping in wanting to find out if we can put the announcement in of their son or daughter graduating from military school or other great achievements.

We love to be able to do that. And, it's because of the many local businesses that are advertising in the Lebanon Local that we are able to publish this paper and that type of news.

I feel bad when we run our of room and can't get everything in the paper that people want in.

As more advertisers get on board, the paper will grow and there will be more room to put the news in that comes in through the mail, emails and phone calls.

Because of all the calls and kind words we receive here at the paper, let me be the first to say Thank You to all of our advertisers.

It's because of all of us working together as business owners, we can provide our community with something special...a community paper with news about people we know and love.

So next time you are out and about, remember to shop the places that put money into this publication.

They believe in you, so why not give them a try too and say thank you for giving us back our own paper!

By the way I just want to say to the teachers at Bowman Elementary, thank you for inviting me to speak. The kids were great and I had an awesome time!

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# Happenings in the area for June

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(June 1) 8am Morgan's Canoe & Outdoor Adventure, Fort Ancient location 513-310-9118

## Lebanon's Farmer's Market

(June 5, 12, 19, 25) 3pm – 7pm Sycamore and Main St., Lebanon, Lebanon Farmer's Market offers a variety of locally grown produce, baked goods, flowers, honey, jams, meat and other items

## Valley Vineyards Wine & Beer Festival "A Taste of Warren County"

(June 6 & 7) Friday 5-11pm Sat., 11am-11pm. 2276 E US 22&3 Morrow. Festivities include: live music, delicious fare, hot air balloon rides, cellar tours and more - details: 513.899.2985 or www.valleyvineyards.com

## Walk/Run Through the Vineyard

(June 7) 9am registration, 10am run/walk 5K Run/Walk through Valley Vineyards 2276 E US 22&3, Morrow. Cost: Single \$15, family \$25 Pre-register and save \$5. Pre register at 513.899.2985 or kali@valleyvineyards.com

## Humane Association of Warren County Seminar "Set your Dog Up for Success - Tips & Techniques to Use at Home"

(June 7) 11am to 12:30pm FREE Animal Shelter's Learning Center at 230 Cook Road. Carla Whitaker, owner of Positive Paws in West Chester, is the speaker. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. For additional information or to RSVP: pets@homelesspets.org or call 513.695.2076.

## Bonnybrook Farms Chuck Wagon Dinner Ride

(June 7, 14, 28) (Saturdays Only) 5pm-9pm 3779 SR 132, Clarksville Details & Reservations 937-289-2500 BonnybrookFarms.com

## Optimist Club Luncheon

(June 9) 12:00 Come join us for lunch. Menu: Angus Burger with all the trimmings, fresh cut fries. \$12.00 Call for reservation 513.588-0321 or email: lebanonoptimist@gmail.com

## Commemorations of Involvement Franklin Township in the U.S. Civil War (Part 1)

(June 8) 2:00 - 4:30 at the Historical Log Post Office on South River St., Franklin. Demonstration of cannon firing, Dedication band performing Historic music.

## Commemorations of Involvement Franklin Township in the U.S. Civil War (Part 2)

Woodhill Memorial Service (June 8) 5:00pm - 7:00pm Woodhill Cemetery, Franklin Honorary Guard Firing, Rifle Salute, and a one hour walking tour of Civil War grave sites. For more information visit: www.franklinohmuseums.org

## Friends of the Warren County Park District Summer Meeting

(June 11) 6:30pm in the pavilion at Armco Park. The public is invited to attend the summer monthly meetings of The Friends of the Warren County Park. Guest speaker: Bill Lindauer, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) a guide to the park's new "Tree Trail"

## Coffee with the Chamber

(June 12) The Golden Lamb Guest Speaker Chris Winnenberg, Express Employment Professionals Topic: What is going on in hiring, staffing, direction of economy. Networking 7:45-8:15am, Presentation 8:15-9am Cost: \$5.

## Fort Ancient Archeology Day

June 14 - 6123 SR 350, Oregonia Noon-4pm Fort Ancient Nature Hike Artifact and Fossil ID 12:30-3:30pm Details and Info: 513.932.9130 or www.fortancient.org

Look on page 4 & 5 for some great savings coupons from Acapulca, Taste of India and Buffalo Wings & Rings!

## Country Music Festival "Stompin in the Streets"

(June 14) Downtown on Mulberry Street 11am-11pm Free Admission. Live music (8 bands), beer garden, mechanical bull, food, shopping, Kid's Zone plus much more! For more details: 513.228.2322

## Strawberry Spectacular

(June 14 & 15) Hidden Valley Fruit Farm Details & Info; 513.932.1869 or www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com

## Youth and Teen Talent Contest

(June 16) 6:30pm at the Warren County Career Center. Any young person, or group of performers ages 19 or younger who is an amateur performer(s). Performers will be grouped by age (12 and under and 13 to 19) and performance type (vocal/instrumental and performance/dance acts). Applications and additional information may be requested from Larry Stone at 513-932-0348 or email at stone.larrye@gmail.com. www.warrencountyarts.org.

## World's Largest Swim Lesson at Countryside YMCA

(June 20) 9:30 am Countryside YMCA 1699 Deerfield Rd. Come help us to break the Guinness World™ attempt for the largest simultaneous swimming lesson ever conducted. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ was created to spread the word that swimming lessons save lives. Tragically, drowning is the second leading cause of unintended, injury related deaths of children ages 1-14. Contact: Karla Toye 531.931. 1424 ext. 152. karla.toye@ymcastaff.org

## Fort Ancient Summer Solstice Sunrise Program

(June 21) 5:30am Oregonia Details: 513.932.9130 or www.fortancient.org

## Countryside Nazarene Church to host Marriage Ministry Leadership Summit

(June 21) 1436 Deerfield Rd. Must be registered by June 15. \$20 for individual or \$30 for couple. Refreshments & Snacks, Catered Lunch, Fun & Fellowship, & door prizes. call: 513-850-5341 or email: marriage@ccnaz.org

## Bonnybrook Farms 5K Splash Run

(June 21) 10am, Clarksville. Details & Registration 937-289-2500 or www.BonnybrookFarms.com/ ChuckWagonDinnerRide

## Grill & Chill II

(June 24) Anytime Fitness, 1525 Gennettown Dr (across from Wal-Mart) 11am-7pm. Food, prizes, games and more!! Details: 513.228.7771

## 2nd Annual Lebanon Country Music Festival

Hosted by HDLI and the Lebanon Rotary (June 14) 11:00am - 11:00pm. Great band line up this year in addition to some new activities and entertainment. Visit: www.historicdowntownlebanon.com

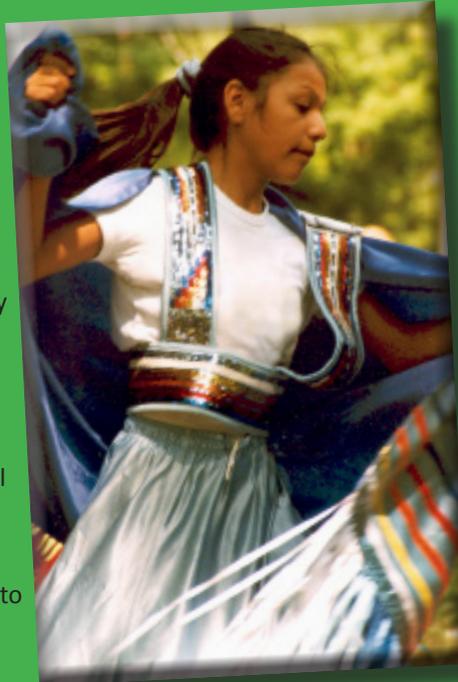
## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Ancient Celebration: A Gathering of Four Directions

On Saturday, June 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 8 from 11:00am to 6:00 p.m., Fort Ancient will host Celebration: A Gathering of Four Directions. In its twenty-fourth year, this annual Native American-themed education event brings Native American history and culture to life.

"For more than two decades, this event has offered visitors the chance to discover Native American cultures in a very 'real' – hands-on – way," says Jack Blosser, Site Manager at Fort Ancient. "While attending the event has become a tradition for many families who return year after year, we work hard to make the Celebration an event people will remember."

Throughout the weekend, visitors can view numerous demonstrations by skilled artisans, listen to expert storytellers and flute players and participate in an herb discussion. There are also many hands-on activities for the children. With crafts and games, tomahawk throwing, archery, and even traditional dance lessons, there are plenty of additional activities designed to appeal to visitors of all ages.

The Celebration's featured performer, Douglas Blue Feather, is one of the most accomplished and talented performers on the Native American flute in the world. Indian Peoples Magazine has recognized Douglas Blue Feather as one of the top performers. Blue Feather has received the 2012 Indian summer Music Award Winner "Best Contemporary Instrumental" for the song "Into The Sunset" from CD Earth Songs by Douglas Blue Feather and Danny Voris. In 2013 Blue Feather received the Indian summer Music Awards Winner for "Best Native



American Flute."

For 2014, the Celebration will also feature three local drumming groups and up to one hundred dancers in full regalia, offering visitors the chance to see elements of a Pow Wow in a casual setting that includes an assortment of activities for learners of all ages.

General admission to the Celebration is \$9.00/adults, \$6.00/youth; for Dayton Society of Natural History and Ohio Historical Society members, admission is \$6.00/adults, \$4/youth. Two day passes are available for Adults \$12, and Youth at \$8.

The 2014 Celebration is sponsored in part by Proctor and Gamble, Local 12 WKRC Cincinnati, Brickman's Landscaping, and the participants of the Celebration. For additional information, call 513-932-4421 or 800-283-8904.

Featuring beautiful vistas, plentiful hiking trails and a Museum on the grounds, Fort Ancient is comprised of an 18,000 foot network of earthen mounds built by American Indians nearly 2,000 years ago. Current research shows that portions of the walls were constructed to use

of the Sun and Moon to create a calendar system for these peoples. The Museum at Fort Ancient features 9,000 sq. ft. of exhibits that focus on 15,000 years of history in the Miami Valley. Fort Ancient is one of 58 sites administered by the Ohio Historical Society, a private, nonprofit organization. Fort Ancient is operated by the Dayton Society of Natural History (DSNH) on behalf of the Ohio Historical Society. The DSNH is the parent organization of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and SunWatch Indian Village/ Archaeological Park, located in Dayton, OH. For more information about Fort Ancient, visit www.fortancient.org.

# Nature Hikes in Local Parks

Nature hikes can be led by a naturalist, or they can be self-guided. If you want to explore for yourself to find plants and animals, there is abundant opportunity in our local city, county, township, and state parks. Also, there are state nature preserves that are excellent outdoor laboratories for studying the ecosystems of our region.

But, if you want to learn about these things from someone who has already done the exploring, you may want to come along on a hike led by an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN).

Many area parks rely on OCVNs to conduct their nature programs. This is because the budgets of recent years make it difficult to have career naturalists on staff in many areas.

In southwest Ohio we are very fortunate to have a small army of OCVNs who are available to lead groups on nature field trips. This spring another 26 people were trained to become OCVNs here and in our surrounding counties. The regional Southwest RiverLands OCVN chapter is the largest in the state.

The OCVNs hold an annual state conference in different parts of Ohio where hundreds of volunteer naturalists from around the state meet for several consecutive days to share their experiences, leverage their learning, and improve their nature interpretation techniques. Recognition awards are issued each year at the state conference to acknowledge outstanding

Nature Close to Home



**DAVE WOHR**  
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Creek Lakes and is a certified archery and fishing instructor. She is a "tireless volunteer" who works to develop and conduct programs at five state parks in our area.

The Nature Center Association of Caesar Creek received a Partnership Award in recognition of outstanding service and support to the mission of the OCVN program.

The local SW RiverLands OCVN Chapter received a Continuing Excellence Award in recognition of the quantity and quality of service fulfilling the mission of the OCVN program.

As an example of an OCVN-led nature hike, I will endeavor here to describe a recent 2-hour outing that took place at Hisey Park near Waynesville. The weather was perfect and nearly two dozen nature enthusiasts came to listen to OCVN,

Bill Lindauer, talk about the wildflowers, shrubs, trees, birds, and other denizens of the 158-acre park. Kids from 4 to 12 years of age came to hear Bill's nature interpretations. Parents, grandparents, and senior citizens, like me, also hiked the trails and learned from Bill.

We saw a black vulture's nest with two eggs in it being incubated. We crushed the leaves of some native plants and noticed that they had distinct aromas – like licorice, and garlic.

Could they have been seasonings in the soups, salads, and stews of pioneer families?

We learned that some wild plants are edible while others are quite poisonous. We saw blooming spring wildflowers like Dutchman's Breeches, Trout Lily, Sessile Trillium and Rue Anemone.

We climbed a tall hill and overlooked the valley of the Little Miami River and the historic old Hisey farmstead. We learned that Native American artifacts were collected in abundance when the park was still being operated as an active farm many decades ago.

We enjoyed hearing about the park's history. We enjoyed nature on a great weekend day to be out and about. We got plenty of fresh air, sunshine, and

exercise, and enjoyed Bill Lindauer sharing his knowledge of nature in the park.

There will be more of these outings in the future, and we hope you will come and join us. Check the schedule of events on the web page of the Warren County Park District (<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/>) to see what's coming up. Or, call the office of the park you want to explore and ask to schedule an OCVN-led hike.

As time marches on through the seasons, nature offers widely different experiences. There is always something new to see and learn about. Together, let's enjoy nature close to home.



The 2014 OCVN Class

contributions of individual OCVNs, chapters, and partners of the OCVN program.

This year's state conference was held at Camp Miakonda near Toledo in April. Our local chapter was recognized through several awards issued during the event.

Sarah Blair of Warren County received a Continuing Excellence award for her dedication and tireless efforts to promote and improve the Caesar Creek Nature Center. She also conducts kayak and canoe excursions at Cowan and Caesar

## Happenings cont.

**Warrior 5K & Kids Race**  
(June 14) 8:45 am Lebanon Jr. High School. Come show your warrior pride and support the Lebanon Alumni Association's scholarship fund while sharing special time with family and friends. Online registration: [LAAoh.org](http://LAAoh.org) Packet pick-up and late registration June 13, 7:30 pm. Info: [Warrior5K@LAAoh.org](mailto:Warrior5K@LAAoh.org)

**3rd Friday on Mulberry Street** - (June 20) 5pm-11pm. Downtown on Mulberry Street Featuring The Shaw Band Food by The Golden Lamb, Historic BBQ and the Nook. Beverages by Dickerson and Valley Vineyards Free Admission.

**OCVN-Led Nature Programs in the Warren County Park District**  
(June 21) 9:30 - 11:30am Hisey Park – Come along for a late Wildflower Hike!

**Tourette's Syndrome Awareness Day**  
(June 26) 10am – 4pm Urbancrest Baptist Church FREE community event for students with Tourette's Syndrome in grades 1 – 6. Come join the fun with games, music, crafts, and door prizes! Bring a sack lunch and drinks will be provided. Register online: [Urbancrest.org](http://Urbancrest.org) or call 513.259.3451

**Carlisle Area Historical Society 1st Annual Quilt Show**  
(June 27 & 28) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Chamberlain Middle School 724 Fairview Dr., Carlisle. Cost \$5.00 Children under 12 free. Door prizes, raffles, Many vendors, Food Concessions. More info: Joyce 937.657.8695

**OCVN-Led Nature Programs in the Warren County Park District**  
(June 28) 9:30 - 11:30am Armco Park at kiosk across from shelter 27. Come join us for an introduction to the Armco Park Tree Trail (Bring your insect repellent!)

**24th Annual Lebanon Garden Tour** (June 28 & 29) 11am – 5pm At The Lebanon Station 198 S. Broadway. Advance tickets 8\$ at William & Mary, The Ice Cream Parlor & Restaurant, and at local nurseries and garden shops. \$10.00 (day of tour) children under 12 free. Contact: (513) 932-3430 Facebook: Lebanon Garden Tour 2014 [lebanongardentour@gmail.com](mailto:lebanongardentour@gmail.com) (See Story on page 22!)

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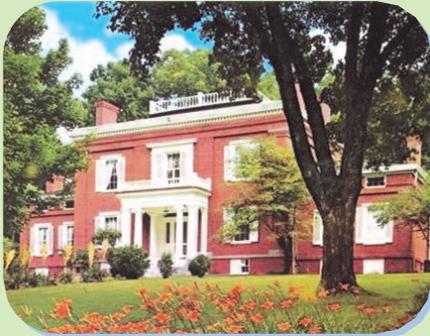
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# Students show artistic talents



Live music was performed by many of the high school students. The halls and gym of Lebanon High were lined with art of all kinds. (Doug Graves photos)

by Doug Graves

For four hours last month the hallways of Lebanon High were transformed from drab cream-colored brick to explosive, attention-getting colors as students in grades 1 to 12 showcased their talents with every medium imaginable. Some of the astonishing exhibits would have made LeRoy Neiman or Picasso proud. Add to all this some musical talent that should be showcased on the next American Idol and you have one bombastic art show.

The Lebanon City School District Art Show has become a tradition, ever since it was started by Gene and Rosemary Chutes in the early 60's.

"A lot of people were instrumental in the growth of this show through the years," said Tom Russell, LHS art teacher the past 35 years. "The artwork is unbelievable, it's really super."

According to Russell, the Chutes were avid art enthusiasts themselves and began the art show as part of the science program. The show was held at old high school (now



At left is Kristen Zack's rendition of a tiger, created during a Art II class. Above, is the rendition of a blonde as seen in the eyes of Courtney Ryan. Ceramics (at right) are part of the Lebanon City Schools art curriculum. The bowl at right was created by Kayla Tomilson.



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the junior high). The industrial arts program was involved for a few years, but eventually withdrew from participation.

"We give the students projects with a few guidelines, but they can take these guidelines and make their own interpretations," said art teacher Craig Spencer, who teaches pottery, sculpture and Art I classes. "The arts are alive and well here in Lebanon."

Artwork adorned the first floor and main office area of the high school, the cafeteria and gymnasium.

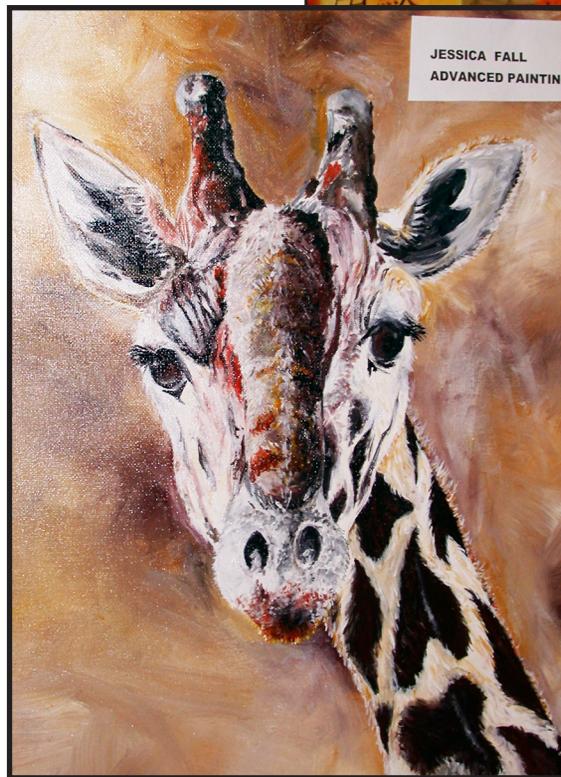
The Lebanon High School art staff includes Russell, Deron Kuntz, Craig Spencer and Rob Hodges. The Lebanon Junior High art staff includes Jennifer Rodgers and Meggie Bierkan, while the elementary art staff includes Beth Mele (Bowman), Amy Brewer (Donovan) and Abby Miller (Berry).

This year's show was held in memory of Gary Simendinger, a Lebanon High art teacher who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2005.



Third and fourth grade students had their separate vision of what a flower looks like. At right is Jessica Fall's Art II drawing of a giraffe. At far right is Stephanie Antrican's work done in tin. (Doug Graves photos)

For four hours on evening last month the gym, halls and commons at Franklin High were turned into an art exhibit as students in grades 1 to 12 showed their artistic talents. Upon entering the main doors to the high school visitors were greeted by colorful oriental paper hangings (right).



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**Lebanon Local** **The others**

# Dance Kids Studio keeps locals in stride with ballet, jazz, tap

by Doug Graves

Lebanon, a small city by most standards, is chock full of athletes, musicians and artists. And let's not forget about those dancers.

Dance Kids Studio, under the director of instructor Denise Devery, has been in existence for 18 years.

"Some of our students started dancing when they were four," Devery said, referring to many of her members who are now 18. "A lot of these kids grow up with dancing and eventually teach dance near the college that they attended. Dance is something you can major in at college, it's something you can pursue and take further in life."

Dance Kids Studio teaches classical ballet, jazz and tap, but not ballroom variety of dance.

"Sometimes we get the type of kids who just enjoy dancing around the house," Devery said. "Some take technique classes and some take it for the camaraderie and team environment. Sometimes the parents are the driving force behind the students but mostly it's the kids who want to do it."

Dance Kids Studio started out on a small scale, with 20 students gathering just one day a week. Today, there are 60 students enrolled on any given time, with meetings five days a week.

According to Devery, students come from Lakota, Bellbrook, Indian Hill and elsewhere.

"We treat dancing like an education, which it is," Devery says.

Devery's studio is located in the Colony Square Shopping Center.



# LHS has top band around

by Doug Graves

David Iannelli directs music for grades 7-12 for Lebanon City Schools. He could speak to you for hours, listing the awards and accomplishments of his young musicians. The hardware earned may be emblematic of a job well done, but Iannelli looks beyond the trophy case.

"As director for these students the biggest reward working with these young people is watching them succeed," Iannelli said. "Whether it's in a practice, on the stage, a football field, a gym, wherever...seeing their eyes light up when they realize 'I've got this' is the best feeling in the world."

Hard work. Long hours. Dedication. The results of these efforts has been nothing less than superb.

This year's wind ensemble received a Superior Rating at a district contest. The marching band placed eighth in MSBA Championships. The winter drumline unit won the MEPA State Championship and the WGI Dayton Regional. The unit finished ninth in WGI World Championships. This year's Winter Guard finished sixth in the MEPA State Championships.

"Our wind ensemble, concert band

and jazz band is busy in class every day," Iannelli said. "The marching band practices roughly 10 hours per week and the drumline practices about 12-15 hours per week. The students put in a lot of time and effort in what they love to do."

Iannelli's musicians have performed charitable functions as well, performing at Rotary Club luncheons, a Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony at Otterbein, and July 4<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day Parades in Lebanon.

"I know that there are other schools that have more money at their disposal, more staff to help teach the kids,

and more resources available, but nobody outworks Lebanon kids," Iannelli said. "You can buy nicer stuff than us, hire more staff than us, and maybe have a really nice semi to pull your stuff that we don't have, but you can't put a price on heart, desire, or motivation. Nobody gives these kids anything they don't deserve."

"In a day and age when all you hear about is how cruddy kids are and how much better things were in 'the good ol' days' I'll be just fine living in the now and doing it here. I love teaching band in the Lebanon City Schools. There's no place I would rather be."



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# Siblings' mission: to help others

by Doug Graves

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Those words, spoken by Winston Churchill, describe the heart and lives of those who give back to others. Those words describe people like Ally and Bailey Hall of Lebanon.

The two sisters are accomplished athletes. Ally, now 23, played outside hitter for Tim Mersch's varsity volleyball team at Lebanon High before graduating from Kentucky Christian University and heading to Ohio Christian University (OCU) to coach the sport.

Bailey, now a junior at LHS, is outside hitter in this sport. She also played basketball and is a third-year high jumper in track and field.

But a glance at their resumes indicates they do a lot more for others than they ever did for themselves. Their contributions off the court are far more telling of these girls.

Ally is currently on a mission trip to Costa Rica, where she is promoting awareness of human trafficking and will be working with women who have been rescued from the industry. She has created



**Bailey (top) and Ally Hall have a lot in common. They both excelled in volleyball and they both love helping other people.**

a program at OCU to bring awareness to this issue.

Ally volunteers in other areas, too, like mentoring young women from southeast area of Columbus, Ohio in her home every week.

Bailey, 17, has a passion for special needs kids and has volunteered with Propel, Daylight Prom and Special Olympics for several years. She performed service work with Athletes in Action and sponsored a child through a youth group.

She, too, has been on mission trips. Last year she went to Haiti and worked with a child who was partially blind, and helped a family there expand their home by removing rock from a mountainside using a pick axe.

Sometime through all this she participated in volleyball, track and basketball at Lebanon High.

While the sisters were reluctant to talk in first-person, their mother, Christi, provided some insight.

"I guess it runs in the family," Christi said. "My mom and dad were on many boards and committees and even I volunteer as well."

"I encouraged my girls to be in the public eye. They didn't really have a choice. That's important to me because I grew up that way. Everything you do

reflects on your family."

Ally started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) program at Lebanon Junior High. She continued work with the FCA in high school and was part of the National Day of Purity. She also made mission trips to the Appalachians, Costa Rica and Passion Projects.

"Bailey leans more towards those with special needs and helping the underdog," Christi said. "Ally is more the type of person who takes the leadership role and getting things done."

Both sisters grew up fascinated with sports.

Ally is a two-year NCCAA All-American and American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American with 1,000 career kills.

She has coached club ball for Lebanon, Columbus Volleyball Academy, Marshall University Club and is currently coaching with Roundtown Volleyball Club. Ally coached the boys volleyball team at Lakota East last fall.

"I want them to have positive attention for what they do," Christi said. "I hope they're acknowledged for this, not because they seek it but so others know they're doing the right thing."

## Run for Dreams 5K scheduled for June 21

The Dreams Within Reach Committee will hold their annual Run For Dreams 5K on June 21 at 9 a.m. at Armco Park in Lebanon. This 5K Run/Walk raises funds to support people with developmental disabilities who live in Warren County.

The Run For Dreams 5K is open to people of all ages, all abilities and disabilities. The course is a 3.1-mile scenic loop throughout Armco Park. The terrain is level to rolling.

For individuals who use wheelchairs, there is a one-mile Stroll and Roll track available.

After the 5K race there will be an awards ceremony, as well as music and refreshments provided.

Registration costs \$20, or \$25 which includes a T-shirt. Registration forms can be completed on-line at [www.runningtime.net](http://www.runningtime.net), or can be printed and mailed in with your payment.

Forms can also be found on Facebook/Run-ForDreams. The deadline is June 14 for mailed registrations or June 19 if completed on-line.

Late registrations and race-day registrations will be accepted for \$25, but without a T-shirt.

"We're so pleased by the support of local businesses for this annual event," said Megan Manuel, Superintendent of the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "This is the fourth year for this run and we hope to see another large turn-out of participants."

"For anyone who cares for someone with disabilities, running in this 5K is a wonderful way to show your support."

As of press time, current sponsors of the Run For Dreams 5K include; Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP), Community Options Inc. & Community Concepts Inc., Kroger, GO Concepts, Minuteman Press, Goodwill, Bill DeLord Buick GMC Cadillac, Aaron's Home and Family Center, and Laurie Lupinetti.

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# Year long study for I-75 on display

By Beth Callahan  
Editor

Over the past year Warren County officials and residents have been busy attending various workshops and meetings concerning growth and development along the I-75 corridor that involves areas in Monroe, Turtlecreek Township, Franklin Township and Middletown.

On Tuesday June 24 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Warren County Administration Building these plans will be shared for the public to see at an open house.

Matt Obringer, Planner 1 of the Warren County Regional Planning Commission, headed up the project after a request was presented to the county commissioners from Turtlecreek Township Trustee Jonathan Sams.

Because of the economic growth that has been occurring along the I-75 corridor over the last two decades, Sams and many Warren County residents know that the area of I-75 that runs through both Turtlecreek Township and Franklin Township is the connecting link for the

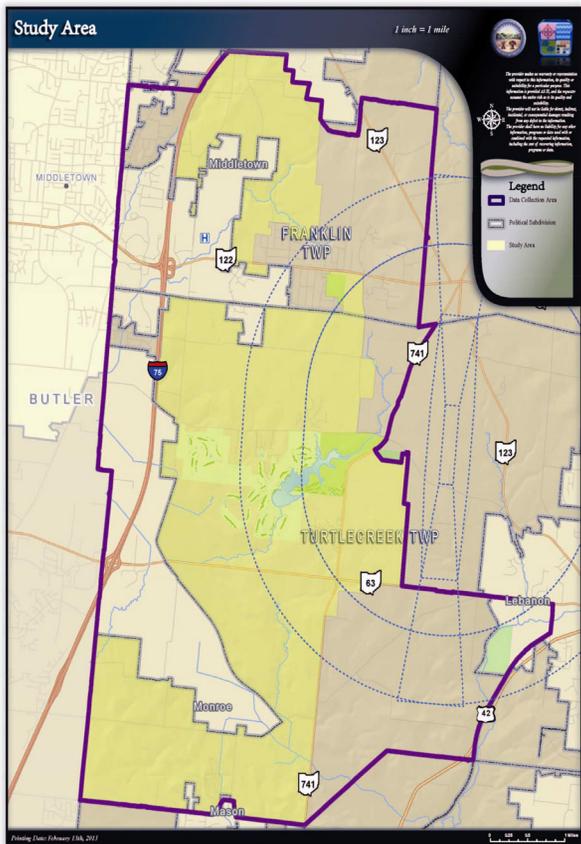
Dayton and Cincinnati markets.

Being able to have a vision and plans on how county residents want to see this area develop over the next few decades is important said Sams.

Over the past year meetings were held on such things as: infrastructure needs such as sewer, water, roadways and fiber optics; housing and plat developments; parks and recreation; medical facilities; and education.

Within the Turtlecreek Township area the growth that is coming with; the new Miami Valley Gaming Racino, the outlet mall, the Cincinnati Zoo property, the economic development of Otterbein, which includes family housing, an elementary school and possible college campus, and the property purchased by the University of Cincinnati will play an impact on the Lebanon Schools and the city itself.

Obringer has taken the year's worth of gathered information and created a website with all the updated goals, objectives, and strategies presented at the different meetings and workshops. Visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/I75AreaPlan/GOS/default.aspx> for more information.



## AAA wins Soin Award



Pictured above: CEO Tim Dehart (in back row blue shirt) along with his father Gene DeHart (on left holding check) were recognized by Franklin Township Trustees Beth Callahan, Greg Sample, Ron Ruppert (on right holding check) and fiscal officer (far left) Scott Fromeyer. (Photo by Traci Stivers)

AAA Wastewater, a Lebanon Chamber Member and a Warren County Business based in Franklin Township, was this year's recipient of the Dayton Chamber's \$25,000 Soin Award for Innovation.

The award is designed to identify, honor and financially assist a company that demonstrates the spirit of innovation for which the Dayton community is well known. The company, which will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, started back in 1954 by Gene and the late Linda DeHart. Today AAA Wastewater is owned and operated by their son Tim.

Tim spent many years aboard before returning to Franklin to take over as president of the family company. It was during his travels that he came to understand the importance and need of clean water. Finding ways to be innovative in the recycling of human waste products from used water has become an important task for Tim as he moves the company forward.

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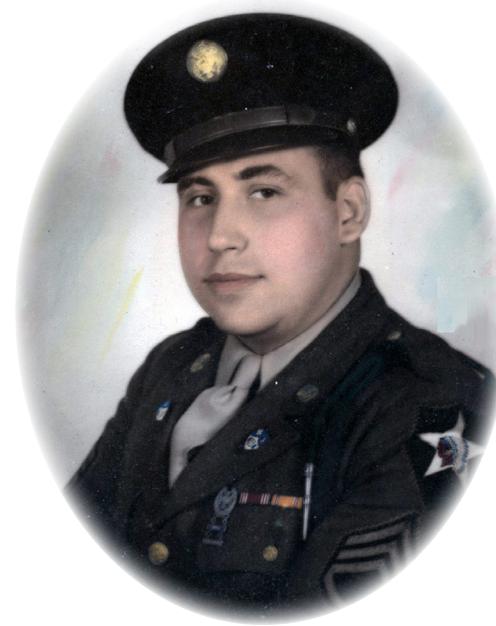
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# Lebanon groups hosts meetings for leadership development

The City of Lebanon, its surrounding areas and Warren County play a vital role in the state of Ohio's growth and development.

Since Lebanon is the county seat, the city is the home for many of the county's different governmental agencies such as Area Progress Council of Warren County, The Warren County Board of Realtors, Warren County Chamber Alliance, The Warren County Historical Society and Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities... just to name a few.

Because Warren County is still one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the second to third wealthiest (Geauga County and Warren have been battling this race out for the last two census), it plays an important role in Ohio's economic development.

Turtlecreek Township, which sits in Warren County and is the home to many Lebanon School District families, has both I-75 and I-71, two of the country's major Interstates, running through its borders. This makes Warren County one of Ohio's major connectors for three of its major cities: Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus.

Because of its important position, many of the community and organization leaders find it imperative to stay informed on all the innovative local and regional programs effecting the county.

Some major first-time events have been held in the first half of this year. These programs were created to help keep both the local business leaders and elected officials abreast to their local economy, as well as Ohio's, the nation's and the



Renowned speaker Brian Beaulieu spoke to a crowd of more than 400 at the first Warren County Chamber Alliance held at the new racino in Turtlecreek Township world's economic outlook.

Warren County Chamber Alliance held its first Economic Breakfast at the new Miami Valley Gaming racino. Renowned economist and co-author of "Make your own Move," Brian Beaulieu spoke to a room of over 400 guests from the county's six chambers.

Martin Russell, from The Warren County Office of Economic Development and Warren County's Port Authority Executive Director, noted that the chamber alliance has been organized to build a consensus amongst the county's chambers. A county-wide consensus would help advocate public policies that will

improve the region's business climate. Beaulieu spoke about understanding the economical cycle of business. He shared tips on ways for business owners to stay strong when the economy is up so that when the economy goes into its down cycle, the business can survive. To learn more on what Beaulieu spoke visit [www.itreconomics.com](http://www.itreconomics.com).

An other event that was offered to area leaders was the Warren County Ambassador Program 2014. Hosted by both The Warren County Board of Realtors and Area Progress Council of Warren County, the program was held on two consecutive Thursdays highlighting two of the area's unique locations. Day one was at The Lebanon Conference and Banquet Center where participants walked away with knowledge of the history of Lebanon and the county, as well as plans for the county's economic growth



Over 100 people attended the Warren County Ambassador Program held at Lebanon's Banquet and Conference Center.

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2	Geauga	\$32,735	\$65,663	\$76,780	93,389	34,264
3	Warren	\$31,935	\$71,274	\$82,090	212,693	76,424
5	Hamilton	\$28,799	\$48,234	\$64,683	802,374	333,945
	USA	\$27,334	\$51,914	\$62,982	308,745,538	116,716,292
16	Butler	\$25,892	\$54,788	\$68,539	368,130	135,960
	Ohio	\$25,113	\$47,358	\$59,680	11,536,504	4,603,435
24	Montgomery	\$24,828	\$43,965	\$56,559	535,153	223,943

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# Camp Joy hosts benefit dance at Cintas Center



Nearly 600 guests attended Camp Joy's "Dance for Joy" event last month at Xavier's Cintas Center.

The goal of the benefit dance was to enhance the lives local low-income youth, foster campers and children with chronic medical conditions.

Former Camp Joy counselor and current board member Drew Lachey was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening festivities, which included cocktails, silent auction, a dinner, and a performance by the Lachey Arts Camp performers. The group danced to the music of local favorite Johnny Clueless.

Cincinnati Bell and Macy's were the presenting sponsors. The event was co-chaired by Dave and Mya Heimbach, as well as Lisa and Steve Knutson.

Roughly \$300,000 was raised at the sold out event, which will make a life-long impact on the lives of hundreds of children who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to have a camp experience. Funds raised by the Dance for Joy will increase programming opportunities for more underserved youth.

For more than 75 years Camp Joy has made a positive impact on the lives of more than one million people by providing life-changing experiences for these youth in the Greater Cincinnati region.

Camp Joy's Outdoor Education program delivers experiences for school age youth that focus on academic standards in an experiential

learning setting. Camp Joy also provides leadership and team building programs for business professionals, community leaders and students in high school and college.

For more information about Camp Joy visit: [www.camp-joy.org](http://www.camp-joy.org).



Drew Lachey with camper Brennen Kinch and volunteer Devin Klaserner. This marks Camp Joy's 75th year of making an impact on young lives.



Above left, Drew Lachey got close and personal with many of the campers. At left, Julie and Mike McGinty of Lebanon chatted with campers and discussed many camping matters with them.

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with asthma and one-third of those are children.

"When you consider what can occur without controlling your home's air purity it's hard to believe more people don't take advantage of whole-home air cleaning systems for their health's sake," Back said.

The American Lung Association also lists dust mites as a common household allergen, adding that an estimated 10 to 15 percent of an entire population may be allergic to cat or dog dander.

Back says that whole-home air purifi-

ers can be installed as part of one's home central heating and cooling system and out of sight. The air, he adds, is filtered each time the system runs so potentially harmful contaminants are removed from every room and permanently trapped in the filter. The result, he says, is cleaner, healthier air to the entire home.

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job of protecting the expensive HVAC system in the home from build-up of dirt and grime.

"I see it all the time," he said. "It's amazing how dirty a system can get when only a standard filter is used. Folks should consider taking a look at their indoor air and how they can reduce the allergens they breathe at home. At the same time, they can prolong the life of their serious investment in heating and cooling."

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## Remembering our past



May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day. For the past three years, the Lebanon Police Department has been holding Commemoration Ceremony for the Lebanon Village Marshals that served.

This year Elmer E. Smith was commemorated. He served as the Lebanon Village Marshal from 1903 to 1909. He was elected 4 times and served for 6 years.



After an officer's widow approached dispatcher Traci Gallagher inquiring if there were any items left from her deceased husband, Traci found they really had no records of employees from the past. Then not too long after, a man came with a box of stuff he bought at an auction. It had items of officers from the past. Traci began to do some research and found that Lebanon's Police Dept. has a special past that she has put in a book called The History of the Lebanon Police Department.

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growth from such speakers as county historian John Zimkus, Sheriff Larry Sims, County Commissioner Pat South, county staff Martin Russell and Matt Obringer, and Warren County Chamber Alliance Chairperson Christye Leasure.

The following Thursday the program was held at the Warren County Career Center where participant learned about the county's commerce, culture and recreation. Speakers during this day were Benjamin Yoder of Warren County Parks, Fort Ancient Director Jack Blosser, Warren County Airport Manager Dustin Bailey, Bridget Kochersperger communications manager of the county's visitors bureau, Warren County Museum President Bill Dunning, Kim and Debra Phillips from Countryside YMCA, Camp Joy Director Amy Thompson, WCCC Superintendent Margart Hess, Scott Markland VP Sinclair, and Jim Bolen from WC EMS.

Both Arla Tannehill of Area Progress Council and Missy Stone President Warren County Board of Realtors agreed it was a successful program that they plan continue to grow.

More information can be found at [www.wcbrealtors.com](http://www.wcbrealtors.com).

**Then in late spring** an event was held at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center presented by the Southwest Ohio Leadership. Leaders from 15 surrounding counties were brought together to "Think Regional."

Keynote speaker Jeff Weedman, CEO of Cintrufuse and VP Global Business Development Procter and Gamble explained its time we begin working together rather than against.

"It's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit," Weedman said quoting Harry Truman.

As the world is changing and the economy shifts, local business owners and leaders in the area are and need to be working to find ways to stay strong and continue to see positive growth, Weedman said explaining how even Procter and Gamble has been doing collaboration with its competitors to create products that are good for the consumer, the environment and the market.

To learn more about Think Regional go to [www.thinkregional.com](http://www.thinkregional.com)

# Lunch with Lebanon's finest



Pictured left to right: Jack Collopy, Police Chaplain Rich Harrison, Sgt. Dave Gehringer, Ann Smith, Marcia Collopy, Officer Nate Trout, Communications Officer Keith Phillips, Chief Jeff Mitchell and City Manager Pat Clements.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation, which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Over the years, the Lebanon Optimist Club have participated in this celebration by inviting one of Lebanon's Outstanding officers to lunch and to speak.

This year instead of asking just one they invited five different officers from the different divisions, one being Chief Jeff Mitchell

According to Mitchell 111 officers died in 2013 and it is during this week that they take time to remember those who have fallen.

"We have an excellent team," said Mitchell about his department that has 28 sworn officers, seven dispatchers and one secretary.

The only other department that has its own dispatching is Franklin Mitchell said noting that all the other departments in the county use the county dispatching center.

Mitchell noted that the Lebanon Police Department was one of the first departments to become accredited by

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"Forty percent of all waste water sewage in south west Ohio is being burned or placed into landfills. We are working on developing this sewage into a fertilizer," Tim explained.

According to Keith Collins, a bio-energy consultant, by adding the bio solids to the fertilizer, it becomes a high nitro resource. In some preliminary studies, higher crop yields have been reported where this type of fertilizer is being used.

Along with finding ways to recycle the waste in water, brown grease trap waste from restaurants is another area that AAA Wastewater is being innovative.

the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The purpose of the program is to improve the delivery of public safety services.

There is a total of 265 standards that the department strives to meet Mitchell noted.

One way that the department is delivering safety services is by having offices in three of the six schools.

While there are no set hours, Mitchell explained that it is helpful when accidents or crimes occur near or around the school the officers have an office to go to make calls and write reports. It is also a way for the students to see the officers more as a peace officer.

One other thing that the Lebanon Police Department has that they might be the first to do is have an app. By downloading the Lebanon App, Mitchell said requesting accident reports and things of that nature will be easier to access for the public

To learn more about the Lebanon Police Department visit: [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov).

The company is working on a process of separating the brown grease and creating a product that can be used as bio-diesel.

"The evaluation of AAA Wastewater from a small family owned company to a more professional company focused on environment is where the innovation is coming from," said DeHart.

"The SoIn Award is a fantastic opportunity for our company. The funds presented will be used to help take us to the next level," he said.

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## Time for the country music festival

The 2nd Annual Lebanon Country Music Festival *Stompin in the Street* will be held in Historic Downtown Lebanon on Saturday June 14th.

This all day event (11am-11 pm) features 8 live bands, a beer garden, mechanical bull, food, shopping, Kid's Zone and a 2nd Stage with family fun activities.

Some of the activities include a hog calling contest and a water melon seed spitting contest.

"The music is free and this is a great way to spend a summer day with family and friends," said Jo Wise Executive Director of Hisotrical Downtown Lebanon Inc., LLC.

HDLI, Lebanon Rotary along with Miami Valley Gaming are the sponsors for the event which is in its second year.

This is a good fundraiser for the community and the money raised goes back into the community, Wise said.

## Mud, guts, glory and a new truck!

Several of the participants in Kings Domain Mud Guts and Glory walked away with some awesome prizes from Lebanon Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram... especially Mick Soale, of Goshen. He was the lucky winner of a 2-year lease on a fully customized 2014 Ram 1500 truck.

Lebanon Chrysler also gave first, second and third prizes to both male and female contestants adding up to \$2,500. The participants ran a 5-mile course, 32 obstacles and 1,200 vertical feet of climbing. For more information go to [kingsdomain.org](http://kingsdomain.org)



## Happy Father's Day



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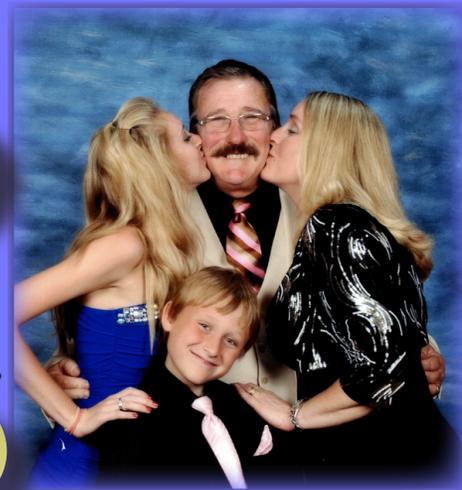
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## Lebanon softball team makes deep run into post-season play

The streak continues.

At press time the Lebanon High girls varsity softball team made its way to the Sweet 16 in Division-I play. The Warriors, undefeated all season long, was to face Northmont on May 28, followed by a game against the Mason/Fairfield winner on May 31.

In post-season play the lady Warriors defeated Stebbins (21-1), Fairmont (12-0), Edgewood (4-0) and Ursuline (3-0).

I've watched Lebanon, Mason, Fairfield, Lakota West and Lakota East play this season. I've been behind the plate calling a few games involving McAuley and Ursuline and was impressed with the Warriors' win over the Lions last week.

Good luck lady Warriors!

**THE** USSSA softball season is well under way, as are all levels of youth baseball. Select baseball and softball teams will make a run in their seasons through the month of July.

August will be a time for baseball and softball tournaments, not to mention conditioning for fall sports like football, soccer and girls tennis. And for the avid baseball and softball freaks there's fall ball, and they'll play to the first weekend in November.

**RECORDS**, not rules, are made to be broken.

A few weeks back the New York State Gaming Commission gave California Chrome permission to use the controversial nasal strip in its run in the Belmont this Saturday. The group dismissed the possibility of an unfair advantage in the race.

Hmmm. Prior to this controversy the Gaming Commission had outlawed them, but I guess since we haven't had a Triple Crown winner My gym friend, "Racetrack Don", and I disagree whether the use a thoroughbred nasal strip should be allowed. I'm against any enhancing product or substance in ANY sporting event, and if used there should be an asterisk (\*) when accomplishing record performances.

Like the strips worn by humans, the equine strip is applied on top of the horse, just above his nostrils.

### Across the Board



**DOUG GRAVES**

the past, though he didn't wear one during this year's race.

The horse racing industry, which is trying to fortify its fan base, is desperately wanting this horse to win the Triple Crown. California Chrome already has wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

**HORSE** racing is like any other sport in that changes are expected. Change is good, so they say. I'm not so sure about that.

Take softball for example. As a long time umpire I can recall when softballs were white, not optic yellow.

I recall when bats were wooden, not metal. And no one back in the day ever heard of a bat donut. There was a time when rubber cleats replaced metal ones, only to see metal cleats make a rebound.

I remember baseball pants extended just below the knee and we wore actual stirrups, not printed ones on long socks as they do nowadays.

I played high school and college tennis using a wooden Jack Kramer racket. Good luck finding one of these relics. I eventually used a Wilson T-2000 but those have given way to graphite and other composite rackets.

And tennis balls back in my day (yes, they were vacuum-packed) were white, not yellow.

The shoes we wore back then were either Keds or Converse. Nowadays you have an unlimited choice, not only in styles but colors. Amazing.

Shorts worn by junior high students are baggy and to the knees. My three kids make fun of me around, laughing at the shorts I wear. Yeah, they're in the style of John Stockton and Larry Bird.

I think I'll quit for now. I'm starting to show my age.



Franklin High golfer Scotty Brown (above) gives pointers to a youngster during a golf clinic at the Southwest Golf Ranch. Below, FHS golfer Ethan Kemp examines a golf head with Evan Schuler. For more about this golf clinic see page 16. (Doug Graves photos)

## Lesson on the LINKS



**The Lebanon Local is on the lookout for the unsung athletes, whether they're highlights of the playing field or doing something special in the community. If you know of such an athlete send a line to Doug@lebanonlocal.com.**

# First round unkind to Lebanon boys

Uh-oh.

Regular season baseball games are meant to be played so that teams can compete for league titles and prepare for post-season play. Unfortunately for the Lebanon High varsity baseball team, the tourney trail ended after one game.

Colerain defeated Lebanon 11-6 in the opening round of the Division-I sectional, ending the Warriors season at 18-8.

Lebanon, ranked No. 10 in the Cincinnati area baseball coaches' poll, finished first in the GWOC-South at 9-1, ahead of Miamisburg which finished 7-3.

The lady Warriors varsity softball team fell behind to Stebbins, 1-0, in their Division-I opener but rebounded in fine fashion, putting away the Indians 21-1. Kim Frank struck out nine batters in four innings while Alexis Strother closed out the game by pitching the fifth inning.

Frank was just as productive at the plate, going 3-for-4. Going 2-for-3 at the plate in this win were Sam Showalter, Bri Hutchinson, Mikala Bonny and Jordan Crawford.

In round two action, the Warriors trounced Fairmont 12-0.

Lebanon then blanked Edgewood, 4-0, to advance to a district final meeting against Ursuline. Pitcher Tara Trainer tossed her fifth no-hitter of the season in the win over the Cougars in a game played at Centerville High School. Trainer fanned 16 batters.

This year's Lebanon High boys tennis team did well to finish 9-9 overall and 4-1 in GWOC-South play. The Division-I sectional action at Centerville High, however, didn't go so well.

Senior Chris Raikes defeated Ryan Wells of Miamisburg, 6-1, 6-3, before falling to junior Connor Poe of Centerville in the second round, 6-4, 5-1 (ret.)

Senior Ben Franer lost to Daniel Bendel of Fairmont in his opener, 6-1, 6-0, while sophomore James Hof lost to Sully O'Hara of Fairmont, 6-2, 6-4.

Zach Berry of Springboro, the top seed in this sectional, held true to form, winning the bracket over No. 2 player Trent Hayden of Beavercreek, 6-1, 6-1.

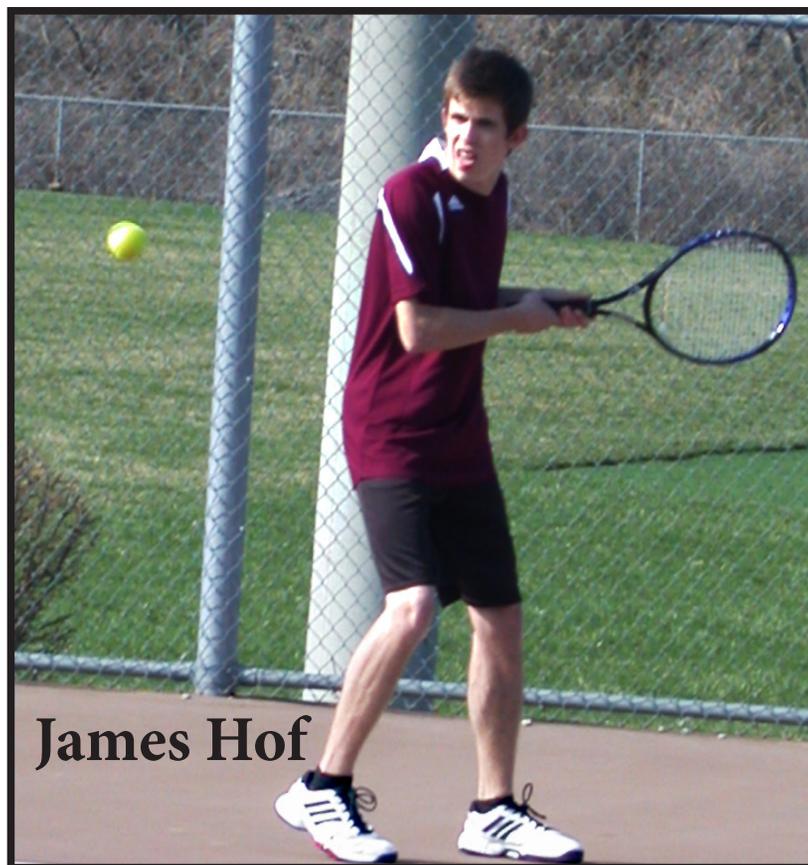
In doubles action, the team of senior Billy Nuss and junior Kyle Kempf defeated Gordon Thornberry and Kyle Duff, 6-3,

7-6, before falling to Nikhil Reddy and Guy Kaskacsak of Centerville, 6-0, 6-1. The Centerville pair went on to win this bracket in an upset of the No. 1 doubles team from Springboro of Nic Ruscello and Eshan Bhatt.

Lebanon's team of sophomores Daniel Randolph and Braden Zsembik defeated Kristi Dinh and Christian Galloway of West Carrollton, 6-0, 6-1, but lost in the second round to Evan Massie and Prithvi Sharma of Wilmington, 6-0, 6-0.

## BASEBALL

<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>@Harrison</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>@Miamisburg</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Kings</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Miamisburg</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>12-10</b>
<b>St.Xavier</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-5</b>
<b>St.Xavier</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>9-4</b>
<b>Xenia</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-2</b>
<b>@Xenia</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-1</b>
<b>@Springfield</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>15-1</b>
<b>Colerain</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>Middletown</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>6-4</b>
<b>@W.Carrollton</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-1</b>
<b>W.Carrollton</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-4</b>
<b>@Piqua</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>Fairborn</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-1</b>
<b>@Fairborn</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-1</b>
<b>@Hamilton</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>7-4</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>@Sycamore</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>13-6</b>
<b>@Springboro</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-2</b>
<b>Springboro</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>11-1</b>
<b>Princeton</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-6</b>
<b>Centerville</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>14-7</b>



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# Superb turnout at six-week golf clinic

by Doug Graves

**W**ant a better varsity sports program? Get a feeder system started. Don't have a feeder system? Then get one started. Sixteen students (those in elementary and junior high) attended the first-ever Lebanon Junior Golf clinic at Southwest Golf Ranch.



Jake Jones keeps an eye on the swing of young golfer Clay Rothenbush. There was an instructor for every two golfers at this six-week golf clinic.

Those behind this effort (golf pro Tony McMullin and golf coaches at Lebanon High) feel that the only way to build a better varsity program is to reach students at a younger age.

"The game of golf doesn't come easily and you have to work at it," McMullin said. "And it all starts with fundamentals. You need to build a program at the lower level so when you get to the varsity ranks you'll start hearing the same fundamental teachings over and over again. All the fundamentals should

be explained the same way, over and over. They need to hear these same fundamentals all the way to the high school level."

Among those assisting the students at these introductory classes were golf coaches Tom and Pam Russell and many members of the Lebanon High boys and girls varsity and junior varsity golf teams.

"It might be a bit difficult getting the youth program off the ground," said Pam Russell, who coached girls golf at Lebanon High for 19 years. "We informed the students at Berry and Lebanon Junior High. Once the kids catch wind of this program it'll take off. And reaching the little ones is where you want to start.

Spearheading this effort is McMullin, who pledges to reach the young golfers by teaching a 'rule of the week' and basic golf fundamentals. He even gives the newbies some homework.

"The first week's homework was etiquette and how it applies on the golf course," McMullin

said. "Etiquette is the art of being invisible on the golf course. You make no sounds when you're on the course, you don't want to be in another golfer's vision and when you leave the course nobody knows you were ever there."

Each week McMullin and the other instructors will stress two things each week, a rule and some part of the golf game itself.

"If you give students just two things a week they'll retain that information," McMullin said.

The rule for Week No. 1 was to "play the ball as it lies."

"That's rule 13-1," McMullin pointed out.

After learning a golf rule McMullin and company gave the fundamental of the week: the grip. Students were informed about the 'neutral' grip, with a grip pressure of 4 on a scale of 1 to 10. They also spoke about proper alignment, posture and setup.

"We tell the young golfers to 'own' their golf swing," McMullin said. "They need to figure what makes it go the distance it does and what makes the ball go sideways. By the time they reach JV golf tryouts they should be confident and understand their golf swing."

Before departing the first night of class the young golfers were given homework, having to define etiquette in golf and to pick a favorite professional golfer.

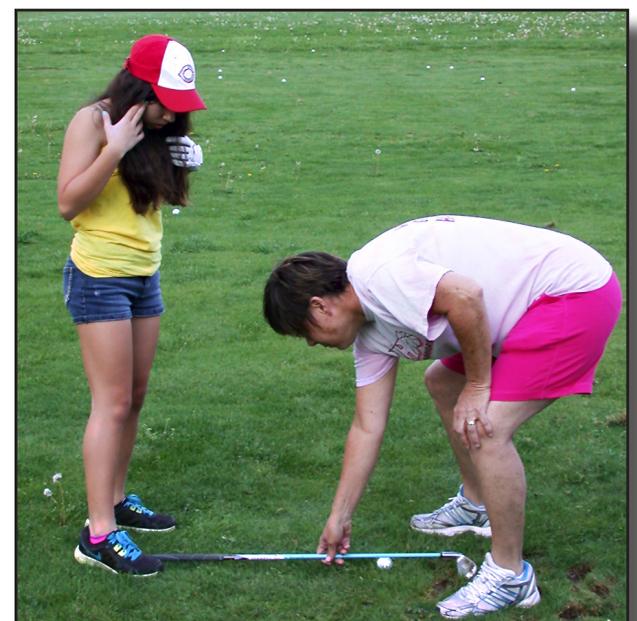
The golfers meet once a week for six weeks, leading up to a junior golf league to be held June 18 through July 30.



"I now crown you...." Actually, Tony McMullin uses a club as a teaching tool, reminding the young players to be balanced and keep the head down on all swings.



FHS golfer Tyler Simms, above, helps Paige Shroder with her backswing and grip.



Pam Russell (above) shows a student the proper distance needed when addressing the ball before each swing. Tom Russell (left) demonstrates proper foot alignment during drives. Volunteers for this six-week program included current Lebanon High golfers as well as coaches and former coaches. The program was led by golf pro Tony McMullin. (Doug Graves photos)



# SOFTBALL

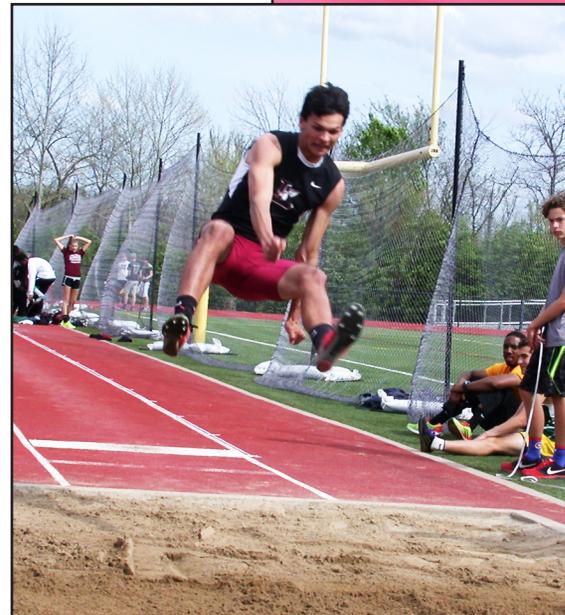
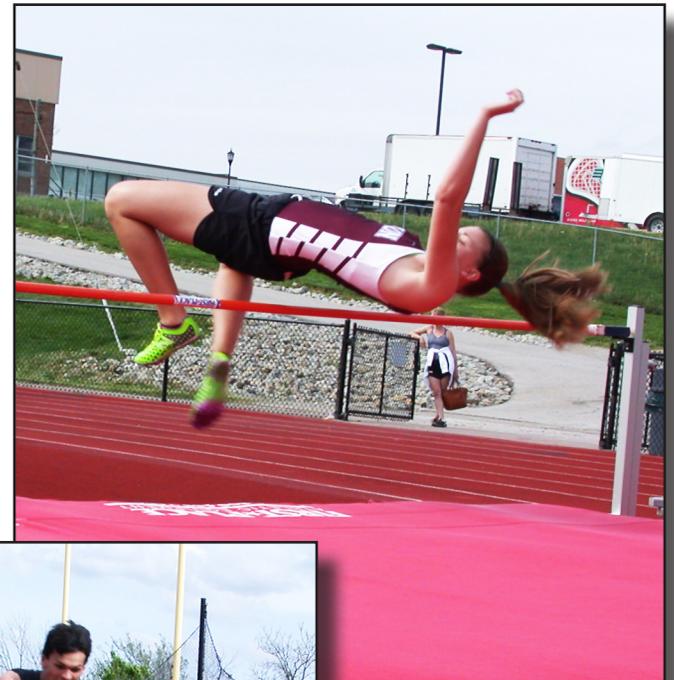
<b>Greenville</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-1</b>
<b>McAuley</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Fairfield</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Miamisburg</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>@Miamisburg</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>Akr.Springfield</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-0</b>
<b>Elyria</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-2</b>
<b>N.Cant.Hoover</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Xenia</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>@Xenia</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12-0</b>
<b>@Springfield</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9-0</b>
<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>@Kings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>14-0</b>
<b>@Milford</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-3</b>
<b>@W.Carrollton</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-1</b>
<b>Fairborn</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9-0</b>
<b>@Fairborn</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>15-1</b>
<b>Glen Este</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2-0</b>
<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-2</b>
<b>@Springboro</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2-0</b>
<b>Springboro</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>13-3</b>
<b>@Piqua</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>19-1</b>
<b>Centerville</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>
<b>@Gah.Lincoln</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9-2</b>
<b>Stebbins</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>21-0</b>
<b>Fairmont</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12-0</b>
<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-0</b>



# TENNIS

<b>Wilmington</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Centerville</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Beavercreek</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@Xenia</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Fairborn</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@Mason</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Fenwick</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>@Piqua</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Miamisburg</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Fairmont</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@Springfield</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@Alter</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>@Springboro</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@W.Carrollton</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>@Wayne</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-0</b>

Abby Feldmann clears the bar during competition earlier this year at Kings High School.



Corey Bishop takes to the air during this long jump in competition earlier this year. At press time many Lebanon High runners were set to compete in Regional competition at Dayton's Welcome Stadium. (Doug Graves photos)

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Just down the street from Camp Kern on state Route 350 one will spot the Fort Ancient Trading Post, an exciting, treasure-filled hot spot of antiques.

John Elsbernd and co-worker, Spotty, greet visitors inside the front entrance to this house. Elsbernd used to live in the structure, which now is home to antiques.

# Antiques, artifact goldmine right here in Oregonia

by Doug Graves

If you've ever seen an episode of American Pickers then you owe yourself a visit to the Ft. Ancient Trading Post. Located at 5277 state Route 350 in Oregonia, this hotbed of antiques will take you back in time.

"When people come here they talk about American Pickers all the time," said owner John Elsbernd, who once lived in the old three-room structure. "I think the American Roadshow also got people's attention about the value of antiques. Those shows lead people to think the antiques they have are more valuable than they thought, and sometimes the items they're holding on to aren't worth as much as they thought, too."

Expect to find most anything in this old shop, including ancient Roman coins, Civil War bullets and badges, collectible coins, rustic toys, Depression class, rare fossils and more.

"We've been in existence since 1958," Elsbernd said. "It all started when my grandfather dealt in scrap iron during World War II. After the war the price of scrap didn't change much but other things certainly got more expensive. People slowly starting bringing in things like brass kettles and iron pans, even their antiques. Slowly antiques eventually took over this old house."

A walk through the Ft. Ancient Trading Post is a combination of a scavenger hunt and an adventurous walk in the past. So many items in the shop beg for attention it would take days to look at and examine each item. Military artifacts, fossils, old insulators, old coins and lamps dominate one room, books and glassware dominate yet another.

"A while back the hot items were old clocks and lamps. They sold real well," Elsbernd said. "We hardly sell those any more at all. Furniture was hot at once, but not any more. We never did much with furniture. We do sell a lot of jewelry."

Elsbernd says Indian artifacts and coins are highly coveted items these days.

"I still collect and trade but I still pick," said Elsbernd, who scanned all parts of the U.S. in search of items for this shop. "That is, I look for those scarce and desirable things. What I do buy is of good quality."



Antiques at the Fort Ancient Trading Post will take visitors back in time. No floor, desk or wall in the place is without antiques. (Doug Graves photos)



Vintage Coca-Cola bottles, beer cans, license plates, Civil War relics, Army apparel and more can be found at the Fort Ancient Trading Post.



Whether you're looking for old bottle caps or old coins, the Fort Ancient Trading Post is your stop.



No plastic toys found here. Pre-Depression era toys (above) and artifacts are abundant at this antique stop in Oregonia. At left are old glass insulators that once hung from telephone poles. Bargains can be found here, but some items may require a little extra spending money.

# Sky's the limit for Hube

by Doug Graves

There is a sports life after high school. Just ask Nate Hube of Lebanon.

Hube, a 2011 graduate of Lebanon High, recently received Honorable Mention from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Hube, a junior, is a pitcher for the Earlham Quakers. This season Nate had 11 starts and finished the season at 3-4.

In his final season wearing a Lebanon High uniform, this 6-foot-5, 205-pounder appeared in nine games, pitched in 32 innings, recorded 46 strikeouts, had a 3-4 record and an earned run average of 2.22.

"I just took the game one step at a time," he said. "I never really knew I'd play college baseball until the end of my junior season at Lebanon. I sprouted

late and I started getting contacts from colleges and the word just spread to other schools. Earlham was a good fit for me."



**NATE HUBE**

College ball, he says, is more demanding.

"High school games were more laid back and definitely shorter," he said, referring to college's nine-inning affairs.

"In high school you play each team in your conference twice, one home and one away. In college ball you play one team three times over a two-day period."

Accompanying Hube on the Earlham roster is Alex Arovits, who graduated from Lebanon High in 2010.

"I've progressed with each year since high school," Hube said. "I'd love to move up and up, but then again it's a big step from here. I'd have to do the right things on and off the field to make sure that playing at the upper level can be a reality."

Hube says his fastball (clocked at 90 miles per hour) is his main pitch.

He ranks his curve as decent and is working hard on his new changeup.

"By having a 90 mile per hour fastball it makes my off-speed pitches look even better," he said.

Nate, the son of Gary and Patricia Hube of Lebanon, says the sky is the limit with this sport.

"Growing up I played baseball for the fun of it, but once I reached high school I realized I could compete with guys at the higher level," he said. "I then wanted to play for a good college program, and hopefully it will continue after this."



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Larger than any sports roster, the Lebanon High Show Choir (above) and Musical Cast works long hours in preparation for each performance.



## LHS dancers, Singers

by Doug Graves

If you think Lebanon High was all about sports, guess again. Each year there are more than 1,000 requests for music classes at LHS. In fact, 65 percent of the student body is in a music class of some kind. The national average is between 20-30 percent.

"Lebanon was named to the Best Community for Music Education list for 2014," said LHS show choir director Kristi Ross. "Lebanon High's music tech program has attracted visitors in from surrounding communities, even the International Baccalaureate Curriculum Director from the Netherlands. This school has had Grammy Foundation semifinalists."

Ross directs the choirs at LHS: Cantare (auditioned and mixed), concert (unauditioned), Singers Show Choir (auditioned and mixed) and Symphonic choir (all girls).

"All choirs rehearse daily for 45 minutes," Ross said. "Additionally, singers rehearse for an additional three hours after school each Wednesday. We have four concerts every year and Cantare performs an additional candlelight carol sing in December."

The Cantare and Symphonic units participated in the Ohio Music Education Association's large group contests, both receiving Excellent

ratings. Cantare also entered Q102's Christmas Choir Contest and placed third, winning \$1,000 for the program. Choir members caroled at local nursing homes, Otterbein brunches and day care parties.

The choir members competed in five competitions this past school year, finishing in the top six in all events. They were second runner-up and Class B grand champions at the Hamilton-Harrison competition last winter.

The school's musical this season was Cole Porter's "Anything Goes!". Sixty students were members of the cast and an additional 15 students played in the orchestra.

"Being the choir teacher at LHS is very rewarding," Ross said. "My students are incredibly dedicated, hard workers who give up so much of their free time to perform at concerts, attend rehearsals, and do so much more above and beyond the norm. They are talented and always strive to be better and grow musically, both as individuals and as groups."

"The best part of being their teacher is watching them learn, grow and succeed, both musically and personally. Watching the joy in their faces when they sing and watching the light bulbs go off in their heads when they grasp a difficult musical concept or skill is the best part of my day."

## LHS boys, girls advance to regional

Success. The only word to describe this year's Lebanon High track team. The Lebanon boys and girls finished second overall in the 14-team fields of the Division-I track meet in Dayton. Centerville captured the boys and girls titles. The top four finishers in each even advanced to the regional.

In hurdle action, Taylor Elcook won the 110 hurdle event in 14.78 seconds. Erin Robinson was fourth in the 100 hurdles in 16.33.

In the 100, Brad Samay was first in 11.06 while Melissa Emery finished third in 12.90.

The girls 4x200 team of Abby Fatzinger, Erin Robinson, Hannah Bogaert and Mikayla Clark finished first. The boys 4x200 team of Mitch Tuprin, Elcook, Jordan Campbell and Samay were third overall.

Jackquelyn Crow finished second in the 1600 in 5:06.64 and second in the 800.

Jessie Hartman was third in the 3200.

In 4x100 action, the foursome of Turpin, Campbell, Samay and Joey McDonald finished second. The foursome of Fatzinger, Emery, Tristan McQuilkin and Aislen Ballenger finished third. Elcook captured the 300 hurdles in 40.44 while teammate John Ensman finished second in the 800.

Clark was second in the 400 and first in the 200. Erin Robinson finished fourth in the 300 hurdles and Jessie Hartman finished third in the 3200.

The 4x400 team of Bogaert, Erin Robinson, Sara Robinson and Clark finished first in the event. Kevin Leichter was fourth in the discus with a throw of 144-7. Leichter was first in the shot with a toss of 55 feet, 1.5 inches.

Isabel Shey's leap of five feet was tops in the high jump. Matt McDonald finished fourth in the long jump and Sara Robinson was third in the same event.

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# South gets items sold in rapid-fire fashion

By Doug Graves

Stephen South chants at breakneck speed, familiar words rolling off his lips: "Ten dollars, give 15 -- \$15. Now \$20 -- now \$25. I've got \$25 -- now \$30. Give \$35 -- SOLD for \$35 to number 84, for \$35."

His rapid-fire voice builds excitement, entices bidding wars and allows him the opportunity to sell a large number of items in a short amount of time. South is a trained and experienced auctioneer. He is president and founder of South Auctions & Associates on Highland Avenue in Lebanon. He grew up on a farm on Shaker Road in Lebanon and he's been at this trade the past 10 years. One can see (and hear) South many weekends in Building A at the Warren County Fairgrounds or at Kendrick Moving & Storage in Lebanon.

"My first auction was in 2004," South said, refusing to call himself a veteran of this trade. "The idea of standing up in front of a crowd and giving a speech tore me apart. My crutch was that of learning something you couldn't do."

In order to become licensed in Ohio, an auctioneer must first attend an approved auction school, serve a full year as an apprentice, and act as a bid caller in 12 auctions before applying for an auctioneer license. The

applicant must then take and pass a written and verbal examination prior to receiving a license. In Ohio alone there are more than 3,200 licensed auctioneers, apprentice auctioneers and auction businesses.



**STEPHEN SOUTH**

"You have to think about chanting and you have to think about counting," he said. "A lot of people don't realize you're thinking in terms of increments and oftentimes different denominations. In the beginning I had to push it and it takes a lot of practice getting the numbers to roll. To this day I'm still practicing."

"Even if I screw up most wouldn't catch the mistake, but those who attend my auctions regularly might catch my miscues. They won't crucify you for it, but they'll catch it."

South may have been born with that gift of gab, but he enhanced his tongue-twisting tricks of the trade by attending auctioneering school. He is the graduate of the Missouri Auction School and licensed in the state of Ohio since 2004.

The most popular school for such candidates here in Ohio is the Ohio Auction School (OAS), located in Groveport, Ohio. OAS executive direc-

tor Mike Brandy agrees with South, calling chanting and counting keys to this occupation.

"Chanting requires clarity, speed and rhythm," Brandy said. "It's something most auctioneers learn through formal training. Anyone with the proper training can be an auctioneer."

"The secret stuff, if you will, is there is always two numbers, the 'have' and the 'want'. The want is the number that the auctioneer keeps repeating about 80 percent of the time. He'll say 'I have 25 and I want 30, I want 30, I want 30' like that. As soon as that bid for 30 comes in the 'want' becomes the 'have', because you have a new 'want', and that's 35."

The lessons from the books one has to learn from don't give the students jitters, but the bid-calling certainly does.

"Schools will teach you how to chant but you still have to practice this art," South said. "And the main thing is you have to continue to push and push."

The chanting itself took a while to get down but once you did it was a good feeling because that's a huge hump to get over."



Stephen South moves merchandise faster than any auctioneer in southwest Ohio. He learned this art at the Missouri Auction School in Grandview, Missouri.



Dee Wobkenberg works as an apprentice under Stephen South. Wobkenberg must work a year at this entry level and work as a bid caller for 12 auctions before applying for her license.

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# Garden Tour an inspiring showcase

by Doug Graves



The patio of MaryEllen and Bill Haynes lends itself to peaceful times with a walkway bordered by plants.

For those who attended the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Lebanon Garden Tour last month it was a mix of HDTV and DIY. For all visitors the event opened the doors to thought and creativity.

The two-day excursion showcased five private garden locations in the Lebanon area and the grounds of the Lebanon Train Station.

Participants on this self-guided tour browsed the beautiful country and contemporary gardens and gained some insight by asking questions of each gardener or landscaper.

Proceeds from this event are used to help maintain the Lebanon Station, which was built by the Lebanon Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The gardens of Linda and Bob Fiorita located on Sheffield Court had "Red, White & Blue" as its theme. Their front porch displays American Country items that spill out to the front walkway, leading visitors to the garden. A small arched bridge provides entry to the backyard gazebo and pond, while two white doors and a ladder ceiling provide a screen and secluded seating area.



This swing and arbor was part of Linda and Bob Fiorita's "Red, White & Blue" garden theme located on Sheffield Court.



This water feature at the home of MaryEllen and Bill Haynes makes use of stone and plenty of lilies and iris. This oval pond is lined with creekbed stones, surrounded by colorful pottery pieces and plantings.

The landscape found at the gardens of MaryEllen and Bill Haynes at Summer Field Lane is proof that use of lilies, iris, hosta and perennial beds can elegantly highlight a garden. Lilies and iris abound around their white picket fences and arbors. Stone and paved walkways accentuate the hosta and perennial beds. Their new paved patio provides a spot for entertainment or simply a quiet summer evening together.

Janice and Steve Pilkenton of Sunrise Lane cleared their lot, leaving as many trees as possible. Their 1.5-acre lot contains a pond with a waterfall in the front and a creek (Rozer's Run) in the back. Their pond is stocked with koi, bass, catfish, bluegill, comets, turtles, bullfrogs and an occasional water snake or two.

The tree house was built by the couple using turn of the century stained glass, a pre-Civil War door, and 1800s farmhouse wood planked floor. Specimen plants include weeping white birch, chocolate mimosa, weeping spruce, miniature bamboo and Cherokee dogwood. The back yard is home to 45 different hosta, fern epimedia and a variety of Japanese maple, hydrangea and very large paw paw trees.

Wisteria vines, a red roofed barn, pavilion, pond, bridge and deck creates a perfect setting for a family wedding. This lovely panoramic view was found at the home of Sue and Tim Filloon at Beckett Drive. The centerpiece of this five-acre lot is a large circle garden of red roses and lavender.

A brick courtyard, Celtic brick labyrinth and a wall containing over 100 arches as well as decorative corbelling throughout provide a feeling of permanence at the garden of Jan Berg and Chris Brian on state Route 122.

Chris was struck by the permanence of structures built 800 years ago when he spent time in Rome. He developed the brick structures over 15 years. An arboretum began in 1983 when Chris, who had been influenced by the magnificent Bernheim Forest in Kentucky, planted the cornfield with seedlings and acorns. The arboretum is home to 175 varieties of trees and other plants. There is a creek and paths meandering throughout.



Joyce Lake with climbing tree.



A hydrangea tree provides a shady spot to sit at Janice and Steve Pilkenton's garden which is featured on this year's tour.



This waterfall leading to a fork in stones is at the home of our own Lebanon Local Publisher and his wife, Ray and Theresa Miller. Their seven-acre home was showcased last season.



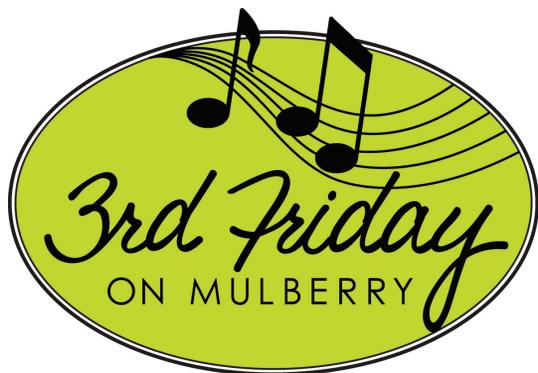
Brian Manor Celtic Labrynth Garden.

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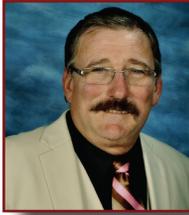
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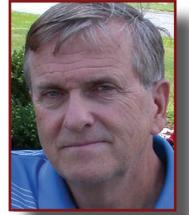
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