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**LEBANON EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**200 WEST SCHUETZ STREET**

**LEBANON, IL 62254**

**Newsletter Date:**

**October 2013 Next LEF meeting October 7th, 7 pm in the LHS Commons**

**William T. Wright, Former Teacher, Principal and Superintendent, dies at 87**

William T Wright, 87, of Lebanon, Illinois, born October 29, 1925, died Tuesday September 17, 2013, with his family by his side.

Bill was born and raised in Lebanon, Illinois, where her attended elementary and high school. He joined the US Army in 1943 and served in the European and Asian/South Pacific theaters of World War II. He received his bachelor’s degree in 1950 from McKendree College and began his teaching career at Lebanon Community High School. He taught history/social studies and coached boys basketball in the high school. In 1951, in completed his master’s degree in school administration from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He served as Lebanon Commiunity High School principal from 1954-1979, when he was named Superintendent of Lebanon School District 9 until his retirement in 1986. His skills as a teacher and storyteller were only matched by his skills of management and negotiation, skills which were tmpered by his honesty and commitment and dedication to the student of Lebanon School District 9.

Surving are his wife of 63 years, Anne, nee Potter, Wright; daughter Jayne (Marthew Rigney) Wright of St. Louis, MO; son Thomas ( Jacqueline) Wright of Fairview Heights, IL; sister Patricia Rodriquiz of Lebanon, IL; brother John (Bonnie) Wright of Lebanon, IL: and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff and administration of Cedar Ridge Rehab Center in Lebanon, IL for their kind efforts and tender care.

Memorial may be made to the:

Lebanon Education Foundation

c/o Lebanon CUSD 9

200 W. Schuetz,Street

Lebanon, IL 62254

**End of School Year 2012-2013 Wrap-Up**

**Lebanon Elementary School Awards 2013**

American Legion: Benjamin Shaw and Kenlea Meeker for distinguished achievement

American Legion Honorable Mention: Stephen Fuller and Elizabeth Crowell

Citizenship Award: Levi Frey and Veronica Bryant

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Representative: Casey Berberich

Perfect Attendance Award: Austin Yates

Scholastic Achievement Awards: Austin Yates, Alex Stangle, Benjamin Shaw, Zachary Noggle, Mabelle Hunt, Stephen Fuller, Joseph Crabtree, Allison Schulte, Kenlea Meeker, Levi Frey, Elizabeth Crowell, Veronica Bryant, Casey Berberich

President’s Academic Fitness Awards: Alex Stangle, Kenlea Meeker, Levis Frey, Elizabeth Crowell, Joseph Crabtree, Veronica Bryant, Casey Berberich

High Honor Roll (all 4 quarters) Straight “A”: Kenlea Meeker, Levi Frey, Veronica Bryant, Casey Berberich

Congratulation to all the above and the entire 34 students of the 8th grade graduating class of 2013!!!

**Lebanon High School Awards 2013**

American Legion Awards: Zachary Schoenfeld and Taylor Koenig

American Legion Honorable Mention: Sean Bates and Aileigh Wilken

School Citizenship Award: Gadge Corey and Kyleigh Johnson

Valedictorians: Hailey Cummings and Zachary Schoenfeld

Salutatorian: Taylor Koenig

There were 38 Lebanon High School seniors who graduated in the class of 2013. Congratulations to all the graduates. These students were awarded over $540,000 in scholarship money and grants.

***Congratulations!!!!!*** *Lebanon High School was listed as the top high school in the metro-east area for our 2012 PSAE test scores. Lebanon High School had the highest percentage of students meeting and exceeding in Madison and St. Clair Counties.*

*Way to go students!!!*

**Plans for a New School in the Projects**

Last year the voters in Lebanon approved a $7.5 million bond issue for a new elementary school. In 2005 the Lebanon School District 9 applied to the State of Illinois for a construction grant. It has been approved by the state, yet the money has not been approved by the general assembly and the governor.

The school district plans to go ahead with the project without the state funding. Holland Construction Services, who is planning the school, conducted a feasibility study, and concluded the $7.5 million budget is fairly workable. Holland Construction Services and Ittner Architects are currently working on the plans for the school. The district officials plan to put the project out for bids in December with construction to begin shortly afterwards.

The new school will be built on existing school property southwest of the high school. It will be a 40,000 square foot building, in which pre-kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms will be housed. It will have a student capacity of 400, more than what is currently available.

If the project begins, it is estimated the students should be attending the new school by the start of the 2015 school year. Once the school is completed the 80 year old grade school will be torn down.

**LEF Golf Tournament Results**

The Lebanon Education Foundation’s 18th annual golf tournament was held Friday July 12th at The Hills Golf Course at McKendree University (formally Locust Hills Country Club), in Lebanon. Most of the golfers are alumni of Lebanon High School. Over eleven thousand dollars was raised, making this the best tournaments the LEF has held. It was a beautiful summer day for the 108 golfers. Nine teams won in three separate flights, as follows:

A-Flight:

1st place: Blake Wood. Zach Peters, and Aaron Parsons

2nd place: Derrick Missey, Jeff Missey, Dennis Faust

3rd place: Tom Pilackas, John Pilackas and Darin Lee

B-Flight:

1st place: Dave Berberich, Bill Bohnenstiehl, and Ed Brockhahn

2nd place: David D’Amico, Terry D’Amico and Dave McAllister

3rd place: Dr. Delbert Harris, Walt Ptashile and Mike Castrale

C –Flight:

1st place: Bob Vaninger, Betty Gross, Amanda Vaninger

2nd place: Jeff Gray, Jay King and Tom Weber

3rd place: Adam Mueller, Matt Trame, and Aaron Bohnenstiehl

Closest to the pin:

# 4 Julie Stogner # 8 Roscoe Toles

# 10 Margaret May # 15 Howard Thomas

Longest drive-men: Zach Peters

Longest drive-women: Barb Paquette

Thanks to all the golfers and those who worked.

**US News & World Report High School Award**

Based on the PSAE (Prairie State Achievment Exam) test results, Lebanon High School was given the Bronze Medal Award by US News & World Report. The PSAE tests are taken by the junior class. Our PSAE showed 65% of the students tested scored at the “meets standard and/or exceeds standard levels” in both reading and math. This ranking is above the average for the schools in the State of Illinois.

For more information, you can go to US News & World Report web site, [www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools.com](http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools.com) ,then click on “Illinois”, followed by “View Rankings” and then type in” Lebanon High School” in the search box.

Congratulations to the faculty and students for an outstanding job!

**Lebanon Education Foundation Awards**

**Eight Scholarships in 2013**

The LEF was proud to award $8000 in scholarships this school year 2012-2013. It is through our fund raising with the annual golf tournament and the mouse races that we are able to provide these scholarships. It is a small group of LEF members who handle these fundraisers, which take a lot of time and hard work to accomplish. I would like to give each of them and “pat on the back”, because sometimes I know it is hard to help with these activites and also raise a family and have a career. So hats off to you the golf and mouse races committee’s members.

The following graduates received $1000 each from the LEF Scholarship Fund:

Mason Christ who is attending McKendree University

Hailey Cummings who is attending Union University

Kyleigh Johnson who is attending Lincoln Christian University

Taylor Koenig who is attending Southwestern Illinois College

Alexis Mayes who is attending Blackburn College

Alexis Noggle who is attending Illinois State University

Zachary Schoenfeld who is attending Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla

Aileigh Wilken who is attending Southwestern Illinois College

Congratulations to all of you!

**Golden Reunion Honors LCHS class of 1963**

The 23rd annual golden reunion of Lebanon Community High School graduates from 50 years or more took place Thursday, July 11,2013 at the Bellecourt Manor in Belleville. A total of 142 class members were in attendance as the class of 1963 was especially honored by the classs of 1962.

Retired Col. Delbert Mueller of the class of 1941 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ginger Ogden Haeuber welcomed those present. Mary Frueke Reibold gave greetings, prayer, and closing.. “Father Time”, masked and portrayed by Bob Frerking, stopped in for a visit. Entertainment was provided by the class of 1962 with Ron Trame and Ron Literski. As Elvis Presley, performing. There was a 50/50 drawing held of which the LEF received $ 175.

Next year the class of 1963 will be the host to the class of 1964. Brian Poole of the class of 1963 is spearheading the committee.

**April 15, 2012 LEF Meeting:**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Checking account = $ 25,682.10 Total assets = $168,121.09

**Alumni Committee:** Current members—2454 Active Members (Dues Paid) - 181

Memorials received for Penny Neal ($800) and Cliff Dawson ($500)

Golden Alumni Reunion information mailed on Monday April 8th

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Golf Tournament Committee:** Golf Tournament scheduled for July 12, 2013. Start time 8:30 A.M. Hole sponsorship letters will be mailed April 24th

**Hall of Fame Committee:** No report

**Mouse Committee:** A motion was made to transfer $4,788.00 from the mouse Race profit to the permanent Scholarship Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

**Employee Recognition:** No report.

**Scholarship Committee:** A motion was made to approve $8,000 for scholarships. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** Apple computer setups have been tabled at this time

**New Business:** Motion made and carried to give the LHS $300 for our annual yearbook ad.

**Annual Board meeting July 29,2013**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Checking account = $ 30,115.37 Total assets = $172,554.38 Approved moving $40,000 from unrestricted funds to the Scholarship Fund

**Alumni Committee:** Current members—2380 Active Members (Dues Paid) - 181 The class of 2013 has not been added to the database. We received $175 from the Golden Alumni 50/50 drawing.

We received $500 from Jeff Faust (1988), whose son, Carter, pasted away in 2012 at the age of 5.

Golden Alumni Reunion information mailed on Monday April 8th

**Finance Committee:** Edward Jones account is doing well $146.968

**Committee Reports:**

**Golf Tournament Committee:** 108 golfers played. Total profit over $11,000 which is our best tournament ever.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** No report

**Mouse Committee:** Due to many conflicts in scheduling, we moved to change the mouse races to February 8, 2014, with a snow date of February 22, 2014. First meeting November 18, 2013 at Sherry B. house, with follow-up meeting January 27, 2014

**Employee Recognition:** No report.

**Scholarship Committee:** No report

**Old Business:** Election of Officers- All current officers were re-elected for one term

**New Business:** Purchase the Scholastic News magazine for each student in the 6th grade for Wendy Quayle ($119.63). Renewal of the Brainpop.com subscription for the school district (approximately $900). Purchase of science materials for Jenny Middleton’s 6th grade science classes ($500). Donated $413.75 to the Lebanon Food Pantry for a joint fund raising project.

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**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**ALUMNI SECRETARY**

**200 W. SCHUETZ STREET**

**LEBANON, ILLINOIS 62254**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Class of** \_\_\_\_\_\_ or **Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_ or **Friend** \_\_\_\_\_\_

(Year) (Check one if applicable)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Levels** (Check Preference)

Top of the Pound $ 100.00 annually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Golden Greyhound $ 50.00 annually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Silver Greyhound $ 25.00 annually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Greyhound $ 5.00 annually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Association represents classmates, teachers, and past graduates from Lebanon High School

Lebanon Junior High School - Lebanon Grade School - Summerfield Grade School

**Send completed form to the address above**

**A Charitable “Not- for – Profit “ Corporation**

**Schedule of LEF Meetings**

October 7, 2013 7 pm

January 21, 2014 7 pm

April 7, 2014 7 pm

July 28, 2014 7 pm (This is the Annual LEF-Election of Officers meeting)

All Meeting held in the Lebanon High School Commons.

**2013-2014 LEF Officers**

Sherry (Schaefer) Blythe-President (class of 1978)

Marvin Meddows-Vice President (class of 1964)

Andy Berberich-Secretary (class of 1989

Ruth Ann Weber-Treasurer (class of 1976)

Sherry (Winterrowd) Christ-Alumni Secretary (class of 1973)