

LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON

LOCAL SCHOOLS

621 WASHINGTON ST

BALTIMORE, OH 43105

LION REPORT

www.libertyunion.org

Ohio Department of Education: www.ode.state.oh.us/

To view the "Lion Report" in color, refer to www.libertyunion.org.

Under recent updates, click on "District Lion Report."

April, 2009



LU-T BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Kevin Byers, President

Art Brate, Vice-President

Joseph Farmer, John Hutton, S. Michael Raver

THE MISSION OF THE
LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IS TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS
FOR LEARNING AND THE SKILLS FOR LIVING,
THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.

Message from the Superintendent:

Please take a few moments to review a few facts about underage use of alcohol, provided by the Drug-Free Action Alliance:

- *Every day*, 5,400 young people under the age of 16 have their first drink of alcohol
- Studies show that adolescent alcohol consumption results in brain damage and impairs intellectual development
- When drinking is delayed until age 21, an individual's risk of incurring serious alcohol problems is *decreased by 70%*

Parent attitudes, expectations and consistency of discipline play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. A few more statistics:

- 68% of parents, and 61% of teens indicate that it is easy for underage youth to get alcohol
- 29% of parents and teens surveyed indicated they know of parents who host teen alcohol parties
- 25% of teens indicated they have attended a party where alcohol is served to underage youth in the past two months

During the month of April, the Drug-Free Action Alliance, Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County, and partners in the School, Community, Agency, and Law Enforcement (S.C.A.L.E.) Program are working together to bring the "*Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking*" public awareness campaign to the Baltimore and Thurston area. The campaign will provide information about the health risks and legal consequences of underage drinking, and encourages parents and community members to adopt a "zero tolerance" for underage alcohol consumption. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Department and Baltimore Police Department will be conducting compliance checks with area businesses, to be sure that the guidelines for the sale of alcohol and tobacco are followed in our community, and hopefully, will be providing positive recognition to those retailers for their diligent efforts to help reduce underage use.

The "I SEE" program provides community members a way to send tips to local law enforcement authorities regarding illegal alcohol, drug or other activity. Simply call (740) 681- I SEE (4733), or Email Sheriff Dave Phalen: sheriff@sheriff.fairfield.oh.us

Again this month, I invite you to have the *Lion Report* e-mailed directly to your computer. Simply forward your e-mail address to district secretary, Alice Bondurant: bonduranta@libertyunion.org

Paul Mathews

ADMINISTRATION

Paul E. Mathews, Superintendent	862-4171
David I. Butler, Treasurer	862-4171
Ed Miller, High School Principal	862-4107
Chet Coleman, Asst High School Principal	862-4107
Scott Williamson, Athletic Director	862-4107
Hank Gavarkavich, Middle School Principal	862-4126
Kelli Brownfield, Elementary School Principal	862-4143
Judy Cleland, Transportation Coordinator	862-4171
Jan Friedrich, Food Service Supervisor	862-4107

7:00 p.m. in the High School Library
Strategic Planning Committee Meetings

Tuesday, May 21st

FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Regarding the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program: Liberty Union-Thurston Schools can and will accept applications any time throughout the school year. If your family has had any change in income or number of household members, PLEASE have your student ask the secretary for an application for free or reduced meals. You may also call the Food Service Department to have an application mailed. If your student qualifies for the program, he or she will be entitled to have both breakfast and lunch at a reduced cost or even free.

The confidentiality of meal status (free, reduced or cash) for all students is very important. By using a cash register system which requires every student to use a unique identification number, confidentiality of student meal status is assured.

If you have any questions, contact Jan Friedrich, Food Service Supervisor at 862-4107.



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

The "Teacher of the Month" for March is **Mrs. Debbie Reckziegel**, who is a kindergarten teacher. She was selected by her peers to receive this award. Our thanks to the Mark Matthews Insurance Agency, for sponsorship of this award program during the 2008/2009 school year!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

The Liberty Union High School "Students of the Month" for March are **Ariel Frasure** and **Beth Winchell**.

Ariel Frasure is a junior student at Liberty Union High School, and has established a 3.9 grade-point average. **Ariel** is a member of the high school choir. She participates in community service through work at the Lancaster Soup Kitchen. **Ariel** is active in her church youth group.



Beth Winchell is also junior student, with a 3.8 grade-point

average. **Beth** attended the National Congressional Youth Leadership Conference as an Ohio Ambassador. She is a member of the Varsity Soccer and Varsity Track teams. **Beth** is an Ensemble member, and was Stage Manager for "Seussical, the Musical". She is also a member of the Knowledge Bowl team, Leo Club, FFA and the Foreign



Language Club.

Ariel and **Beth** will be recognized at the April 13th Board of Education meeting, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The Junior-Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Bryn Du Mansion in Granville. Again this year, parents and family members are invited to watch and photograph the "Red Carpet Entrance", from 7:30-8:00 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed for both the prom and after-prom events. The after-prom party will be held at CoCo Key Water Resort at Cherry Valley Lodge. Parents interested in helping with either event are asked to contact Prom Advisor, **Miss Courtney Lehman**, at 862-4143 or at lehmanc@libertyunion.org.

MILITARY SPOTLIGHT



The featured military service person for April is **Mr. Steve Price**. **Steve** is a 1971 graduate of Liberty Union High School. He enlisted in the United State Marine Corps in March, 1972, and completed his basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. Following basic training, **Steve** completed diesel mechanic training at Camp Lejeune, North

Carolina. He then spent the next year and a half completing vehicle maintenance work at Camp Pendleton, California, before being sent to Okinawa. **Steve** spent thirteen months in Okinawa, and then returned to North Carolina, where he was assigned to the New River Air Station. During the four years he served in the Marine Corps, **Steve** was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Meritorious Mast, and earned Rifle Expert status. His rank, upon discharge, was Sergeant E-5. Following his return to Ohio, **Steve** and his spouse, Janet, were married in May, 1978. Their two oldest children both graduated from Liberty Union High School as Valedictorians, and their third child is enrolled at the elementary school. **Steve** is currently a police officer for the Columbus Police Department. Military service has turned out to be a family tradition, as **Steve's** father, Ross Price, served in the Marine Corps during World War I, and Steve and Janet's son, Wes, is soon to be a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps. We thank **Steve** for his service to America, through his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, as a graduate of Liberty Union High School!

MILITARY RECOGNITION

Do you have a family member or friend who is a LUHS graduate or lives in the Baltimore community and has served or is currently serving our country through military service? Bring, mail or e-mail a picture and pertinent information to the District Office. With your help, our alumni will receive some well-deserved recognition!

CHARITY MATHATHON

LU-T sixth-grade mathematics students, with help from their teacher, **Mr. Joe Muck**, recently completed a "Mathathon" event to raise money for St. Jude Hospital. St. Jude's treats children free of charge who have cancer. Sixth-grade students worked very hard, and collected almost \$6,000 for the hospital! The three top individual fundraisers this year were **Trisha Ford** (\$700), **Emily Pepin** (\$366), and **Eric Owens** (\$300). **Mr. Muck** and the students thank everyone in the community who helped to make this event a huge success!

← FOURTH GRADE CONCERT

Under the direction of **Mrs. Kelly Leach**, music teacher, fourth grade students presented an excellent program of recorder music for a school assembly and an evening concert.



FUTURE FARMERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Annual FFA banquet was held March 12th celebrating the many student successes this year. Over 500 students, parents, teachers, administrators, and members of the Board of Education attended. Highlights of the awards program included 30 Chapter Farmer Degrees, 12 State Degrees, 4 American Degrees, 20 Leadership pins, numerous Scholarship pins, and several Proficiency awards. **Gregg & Christi Bachman** were awarded the Honorary Chapter Degree for their contribution to Liberty Union FFA over the years. FFA Chapter proficiency awards winners:

Accounting: Mark Underwood	Ag Mechanics: Chris Sanders
Ag Sales & Service: Jared Sims	Beef: Taylor Justice
Dairy: Megan DeBruin	Div. Crops: Ethan Pulvermacher
Div Livestock: Andy Mix	Food Tech: Stephanie Sodders
Vegetables: Kevin Shaeffer	Home Improv: Mandy Hannan
Outdoor Rec: Hayden Kull	Soil & Water: Kevin Shaeffer
Spec Animal: Derek Schmitt	Swine: Clayton Bondurant
Vet Med: Jacquie Keller	Div Hort: Nick Ford
Equine Science: Travis Reeves	Turf Mgmt: Mark Underwood
Jacquie Keller will advance to the State finals later this month.	
Star Freshman: Casey Donahue, Kelsey Holbrook & Taylor Jensen	
Star Sophomore: Tricia Steffen	
Star Junior: Andy Dickson & Jared Sims	
Star Senior: Becca Goodman, Ryan Jensen & Nick Whittington	
Senior DeKalb: Nick Ford	
Star Chapter Farmer: Kevin Shaeffer	
Star Tech Prep Agriscience: Andy Mix	
<u>2009-2010 Officer Team</u>	
President: Taylor Justice	
Vice President: Natalie Hutton	Asst: Barrett Lawlis
Secretary: Jared Sims	Asst: Kelsey Holbrook
Treasurer: Andy Dickson	Asst: Jessica Kilger
Reporter: Rachel Gates	Asst: Christina Ciofani
Student Advisor: Matt Kohler	Asst: Sami Lane
Sentinel: Quinton Cook	Asst: Casey Donahue
Chaplain: Meghan Logue	

LOCAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Eighteen LU-T student projects received "Superior" ratings at the local science fair, held on March 5th. The students also qualify to advance to the District Eight Science Fair, held at the Ohio University-Lancaster Campus on March 28th. Congratulations to the following students:

Melody Anthony	Leanna Bachman
Courtney Bader	Zach Biggie,
Brandon Burkey	Brittany Dempsey
Taylor Dickson	Davon Donovan
Christian Hill	Kelsey Holbrook
Abigale Jagger	Matt Maldovan
Garrett Mathias	Brielle Moon
Alison Sodders	Abby Thompson
Elijah Varney	
Sheba Smith & Autumn Thompson (team project)	

Students earning "Governor's Awards" for the highest scoring project in specific categories were:

- Leanna Bachman** (Biotechnology),
- Courtney Bader** (Water Resources),
- Joe Green** (Information & Technology),
- Kelsey Holbrook** (Environmental Science),
- Garrett Mathias** (Energy-Related),
- Joe Morehead** (Manufacturing Science),
- Alison Sodders** (Food Science) and,
- Elijah Varney** (Materials Science).

MAPLE SYRUP PROJECT

There were some very unique learning activities completed this



month, making use of our land laboratory. **Mr. Tim Turner**, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, along with community volunteers **Mr. & Mrs. Dave Brandt**, as well as **Troy and Casey Donahue**, spent many hours to

tap sugar maple trees, collect sap, and boil the sap into maple syrup.

Students in the elementary school had opportunities to see every step of the process, with elementary school teachers creating related mathematics, reading, history and science lessons. A number of high school vocational agriculture students were also involved, making



presentations for the elementary school students about various steps

of maple syrup production. As a special treat, every student at the elementary school got to taste the final product, with their own serving of our own homemade maple syrup with a special French toast



and sausage lunch! The Land Laboratory was donated to the school district a number of years ago by Mr. Edward N. Sands, who wanted to preserve a special place for student learning. We sincerely hope that projects such as this would make Mr. Sands proud!

AUTHOR VISITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Children's Author, **Jim Aylesworth**, from Chicago, Illinois, recently



spent an entire day making presentations and working with students in each grade level at the elementary school. **Mr. Aylesworth**, a former elementary school teacher and author of many children's books, was treated to see

a unique display of work made by the elementary students, who, after reading his books, were inspired to create art work depicting some of their favorite scenes. A huge thank-you goes out to the Elementary School Boosters who sponsored this very special day at the elementary school!

April, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 4:30 JrHi Track @ Berne Union 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Harvest Prep 5:00 JV BB @ Harvest Prep	7 4:30 HS Track vs Mlspt & Sheridan 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Fisher 5:00 JV BB @ Fisher 7:30 Music Boosters	8 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ Lick Hghts 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB vs Lick Heights	9 School in Session Make-up Day for Kgn-12 th Var SB & Var BB @ Myrtle Beach 4:30 HS Track @ Licking Valley 4:30 JrHi Track vs Amanda & Carroll	10 No School Var SB & Var BB @ Myrtle Beach	11 Var SB & Var BB @ Myrtle Beach
12 Easter Var SB & Var BB @ Myrtle Beach	13 School in Session Make-up Day for Kgn-4 th Var SB & Var BB Return from Myrtle Beach 7:00-10:00 HS Lib Brd of Ed	14 4:30 HS Track vs Fair Un & Circleville 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Berne Union 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB @ Berne Union	15 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ Grandview Heights 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB vs Grandview Heights	16 Honor Society Tapping 4:30 JrHi Track @ Columbus Academy 5:00 Var SB @ Millersport	17 5:45 Var SB @ Miller Park Field 2 @ vs Wheelersburg 5:00 Var BB @ Millersport	18 9:30 Zuber Memorial 11:00 JV SB @ Groveport 11:00 JV BB DH @ Westerville Central 11:45 Var SB @ Miller Park Field 1 vs Bryan & 5:00 Var SB @ Miller Park Field 3 vs W Holmes 5:00 BINGO
19	20 4:30 JrHi Track vs Millersport & Rosemore 5:00 Var SB vs & 5:00 Var BB vs West Jefferson 5:00 JV BB @ West Jefferson	21 4:30 HS Track @ Hamilton Twp 5:00 JV SB @ Granville	22 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ Harvest Prep 5:00 JV BB vs Harvest Prep	23 TBA JrHi Track @ Canal Winchester 5:00 JV SB @ Canal Winchester 7:00 Market Day Pick-Up	24 4:30 HS Track @ Grandview Hghts 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Licking Heights 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB @ Licking Heights	25 LU Alumni Basketball Tournament 10:00 Var BB DH vs Lancaster 10:00 JV BB DH @ Lancaster Prom @ Bryn Du & , After-Prom @ CoCo Key Water Resort 7:00 Elementary Daddy / Daughter Dance
26 LU Alumni Basketball Tournament	27 4:30 JrHi Track vs Fair Christ & West Jeff 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ Fisher Catholic 5:00 JV BB vs Fisher Catholic	28	29 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ Berne Union 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB vs Berne Un	30 4:30 JrHi Track vs Beougher Relays	1 4:00 HS Track @ Hamilton Twp 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Grandview 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB @ Grandview Hghts	2 10:00 Var BB (DH) @ Sheridan 10:00 JV BB (DH) vs Sheridan 11:00 Var SB (DH) & 11:00 JV SB (DH) vs Amanda 5:00 BINGO

2009-2010 school year: 1st day for students - Wednesday, August 19th; last day for students - Friday, May 28th