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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:

The accomplishments of our LUHS Alumni are certainly a great source of pride, especially when they find unique ways to use their skill and talents to "give back" to students in the school district. On May 12th, some of our top middle school science students will have an opportunity to travel to the Lancaster branch of Ohio University to take part in a special NASA interactive video conference: "*The Invisible Universe*." Edward Brown, 1989 LUHS Graduate, played a significant role in the production of the program, and made a special effort to be sure our students could have access to this unique opportunity. Edward graduated from OSU in 1993 with a BS with distinction in physics, and then earned an MA and PhD in physics at the University of California, Berkley. Dr. Brown is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at Michigan State University. A special thanks also to Dean Furlow and the staff at OU-L for hosting us for this special event!

Sophomores at LU-T took the *Ohio Graduation Test* in March, and should receive test results later this month. Students in grades three through eight completed the *Ohio Achievement Tests* during the past two weeks. Their individual results are expected in June. I certainly appreciate the "best effort" put forth by students and staff. Some of the achievement tests were very challenging!

During this school year, we had several students take advantage of the opportunity to earn college credit through the *Seniors To Sophomores* program. The program allows capable students to attend Ohio University-Lancaster, taking classes for "dual credit," earning both high school credits toward graduation as well as transferable college credits, at little or no cost to parents. For the 2009/2010 school year, it appears that we will have at least twenty-five students who will be enrolled in the program. In addition, next year LU-T will offer four courses at the high school where students may earn the same "dual credit." These courses will be taught by our high school teachers, partnering with professors at OU-L. These programs have been implemented to encourage more students to earn college degrees, as well as to provide students challenging options so that they can make the best use of their junior and senior years in high school.

The design phase of district construction projects, to build a new middle school and complete extensive renovation to the high school is nearing completion. Following review of the plans at the Village and State level, the projects are scheduled to be put out for competitive bid about the first of July. The Ohio School Facility Commission reports that recent construction project bids have been very competitive, which should help keep our project on budget, and enable us to get the most for our money.

Congratulations to students in the Class of 2009, who are preparing to participate in commencement exercises on Sunday, May 31st at 3:15 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. May is always an exciting time, as students await word on scholarship applications, military options and job opportunities, preparing for the next step in their lives. The many achievements of our high school students will be recognized at a special program on May 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the LUHS Band and their Director, Mr. Ben Factor, for earning a Superior Rating for their performance at the Ohio Music Education Association State Competition, held on Friday, April 24th! This is the second year in a row that the band has earned a superior rating at state contest.

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

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7:00 p.m. in the **High School Library**
Strategic Planning Committee MeetingsTuesday, May 21st

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



The "Teacher of the Month" for April is **Mrs. Emily Fisher**, Middle School and High School Music Teacher. She was selected by her peers to receive this award, and she will be recognized at the May 11th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. 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 April are **Cam Love** and **Becca Thompson**.

Cam Love is a sophomore student at Liberty Union High School, and has established a 3.3 grade-point average. **Cam** is a member of the Varsity Football Team. His interests include hunting and fishing, and he participates in various habitat and conservation efforts through the

Southeast Ohio Pheasants Forever Club.

Becca Thompson is a junior student at LUHS, with a 3.6 grade-point average. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Girls' Golf Team, Varsity Track Team, and the Band Color Guard. **Becca** is active in her church youth group, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cam and **Becca** will be recognized at the May 11th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.



2008 RALPH REED MEMORIAL GOLF

Boys and girls in grades 5-9 are invited to participate in a nine-team junior golf league at Pleasant Valley Golf Course. The league is operated independently from LU-T Schools under parental supervision. Applications are available at the middle and elementary schools.

The LU varsity golf team will offer a clinic for all participants prior to the league's starting date. Questions may be directed to league manager, Jim Reed, at 862-4216.

FIRST-GRADE WRITER



First-grader **Anabel Barker** recently won third-place in a tri-state writing competition, sponsored by the television series "Reading Rainbow". **Anabel**, her mother and her first-grade teacher, **Mrs. Mindy Beery**, traveled to the WOUB Center for Public Media, in Athens, Ohio last week to record and tape her winning story. Over the next several months, WOUB will work to animate her story, which will be shown on

"Reading Rainbow" sometime next year. Great job, **Anabel!**

MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

The featured military service person for May is **Mr. Mark S.**



Bader. Mark is a 1978 graduate of LUHS, and is the son of Glenn and Donna Bader. He enlisted in the United States Navy under the delayed entry program in 1983. Upon completion of basic training in Orlando, Florida, he attended "Storekeeper" school in Meridian, Mississippi. He then served as Casualty Repair Parts Expeditor on the USS Coral Sea, in Portsmouth, Virginia.

During his lengthy career, **Mark** was deployed to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf three times, served as Chief Petty Officer on the USS Gettysburg and the USS Donald Cook, earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, and earned an Associate Degree in Business at Miami University, Ohio, with the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was elevated to the rank of Senior Chief in September, 2000, and has served in Resource Management and Supply Directorate roles with the Naval Special Warfare Development Group since 2003. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, and four Navy Achievement Medals. **Senior Chief Bader** currently resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia with his two sons, and will retire from the U.S. Navy at the end of this month, after twenty-six years of service! We thank **Mark** for his service to America through his military career in the United States Navy, as a graduate of Liberty Union High School!

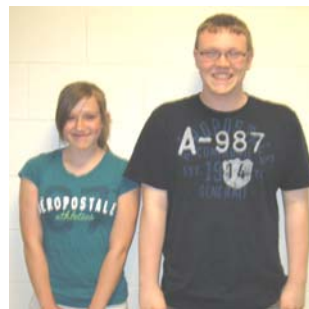
MILITARY RECOGNITION

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!

ART STUDENTS EXCEL

Congratulations to four LU-T art students, and their teacher, **Mr. Vitorio Tambaro**, for their winning entries in the First

Annual Fairfield County Agriculture Day Student Poster Competition. Middle School student **Thomas Robinson** won first-place and **Nicole Belcher** won second-place in the middle school division.



Clay Doles won second-place and **Danielle Roberts** won fourth-place in the high school division.



WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Name	Awards
Wrestling	
Tyler Barber	MSL 2 nd Team
Travis Crisan	MSL Honorable Mention
Damien McAfee	District Qualifier; MSL 1 st Team
Girls Basketball	
Kayleigh McCormick	MSL Honorable Mention
Courtney Schilling	MSL 1 st Team; District 11 Honorable Mention; Eagle Gaz All-County Honor Men
Brittney Barwick	Central District Honor Mention; MSL 2 nd Team; Eagle Gaz All-County Honor Men
Krista Mathews	Central District Honor Ment; MSL 1 st Team; District 11 1 st Team; Eagle Gaz All-County 2 nd Team
JV Girls Basketball	MSL Champions
Boys Basketball	
Matt Stallard	MSL Honorable Mention
Andy McCord	District 11 Honorable Mention
Pat Blevins	Central District Honor Men; MSL 2 nd Team; District 11 2 nd Team; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Boys Swimming	
Ryan Grimm	District Qualifier: 50 Freestyle; District Qualifier: 100 Freestyle
Jared Sims	District Qualifier: 100 Freestyle
Matt Thompson	District Qualifier: 200 IM; District Qualifier: 100 Breaststroke; MSL Honor Men: 100 Breaststroke

SPORTS PHYSICALS SCHEDULED

Sports physicals for all Liberty Union student-athletes entering grades 7 through 12 will be given on Monday, May 18th at the high school. Current students in grades 6 - 8 should report at 6:30 p.m. and grades 9 - 11 report at 7:15 to the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$10. Physicals are **only for school-sponsored sports**. Students must bring completed and signed Pre-participation Physical Form, OHSAA Authorization Form, and OHSAA Athletic Eligibility and Authorization Statement. Both student and parent signatures are required. Forms are available at Liberty Union High School or Middle School offices. For more information call 808-2267.

DISTRICT 8 SCIENCE FAIR

Two LU-T eighth-grade students qualified to advance to the State Science Day Competition. **Leanna Bachman** earned a perfect score (40) on her project, while winning the first-place Governor's Award for Biotechnology (\$50 prize) and the second-place Governor's Award for Agriculture & Food Service (\$25 prize). **Matt Maldovan** won the very competitive Dee Mowery OU-L Alumni Biomedical Award (\$100 prize) for his project. Congratulations to both students for their outstanding science research.

LIBERY UNION MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sub Sale: The Liberty Union Music Department will be selling subs from April 27 through May 5. Prices are \$4.50 each or 3 for \$13.00. The subs will be made on Thursday, May 21. To order subs, contact any LU music student or e-mail the following address: smittys04@verizon.net

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS Continued

Girls Swimming	
Madison Lawhorn	All-Ohio: 100 Butterfly 6 th Place; All-Ohio: 100 Breaststroke 4 th Pl; Dist Qual: 200 Medley Relay 6 th Pl; Dist Qual: 400 Free Relay 8 th Pl; MSL 1 st Team: 100 Breaststroke; MSL 1 st Team: 100 Butterfly; MSL 2 nd Team: 200 Medley Relay; MSL Honor Men: 400 Free Relay; Eagle Gaz Athlete-of-the-Week (4 x); Col Dispatch Girls Swim-of-the-Wk 610 WTVN Girls Swim-of-the-Week; Gaz Fair Co Swim Athlete-of-the-Year
Marybeth Reshan	Dist Qual: 200 Medley Relay 6 th Pl; Dist Qual: 400 Free Relay 8 th Pl; MSL 2 nd Team: 200 Medley Relay MSL Honor Men: 400 Free Relay
Tricia Steffen	Dist Qual: 200 Medley Relay 6 th Pl; Dist Qual: 400 Free Relay 8 th Pl; MSL 2 nd Team: 200 Medley Relay; MSL Honor Men: 400 Free Relay
Klare Williamson	State Qual: 100 Backstroke; Dist Qual: 200 Medley Relay 6 th Pl; Dist Qual: 400 Free Relay 8 th Pl; Dist Qual: 50 Freestyle; MSL 1 st Team 100 Backstroke; MSL 2 nd Team 200 Medley Relay; MSL Honor Men: 400 Free Relay; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Seventeen LUHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society during the annual "tapping" ceremony held on April 16th. Nineteen second-year Honor Society members conducted the ceremony, which included musical selections by the High School Ensemble and Jazz Band. The NHS Faculty Advisor is Mrs. **Cathy Poston**. Second-year members: Seniors: **Jimmy Clark, Max Cothrel, Tara Friedrich, Nick Ford, Audreyana Jagger, Jonathon Jasper, Sam Johnson, Kaleigh Kenney, Amber Lawrence, Corinne McIntire, Lauren McKay, Trey Miller, Andy Mix, Nathan Murphy, Kaylina Norton, Kristin Parrish, Kristyn Perrine, Matt Stallard and Nick Whittington**



New members pictured above: (Front) **Meara Leiendecker, Becca Thompson, Alicia Campbell, Mary Mandeville, Jessica Mossman, Beth Winchell, Heather Hite;** (2nd row) **Cierra Bailey, Kendra Heistand, Meghan Logue, Krista Mathews and Jayce Born,** (3rd row) **Barrett Lawlis and Drew McCormick** (back row) **Jared Sims, Andy Dickson and Alex D'Amato,**

LIBERY UNION MUSIC DEPARTMENT Continued

Jazz Dinner Dance: Tickets may be purchased at Schaffner's Drive-In, or from any jazz band member or choir member. The cost is \$8.

May, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 4:30 JrHi Track vs St Mary & Grandview 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Millersport 5:00 JV SB @ Gahanna Lincoln	5 4:30 HS Track @ Fairfield Union 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB vs Berne Un 5:00 JV SB & 5:00 JV BB @ Berne Union 7:30 Music Boosters	6 5:00 Var SB & 5:00 Var BB @ West Jeff 5:00 JV BB vs West Jeff 7:30 Athletic Boosters	7 TBA JrHi Track MSL Meet 5:00 Elementary Boosters Mtg 5:00 Var BB & 5:00 Var SB vs West Jeff 5:30 JV SB @ Gahanna Lincoln 5:00 JV BB @ West Jeff	8 4:30 HS Track Lion Invitational 5:00 JV SB @ Utica	9 11:00 Var SB & 11:00 JV SB vs Canal & Centerburg 11:00 Var BB (DH) @ Granville 12:00 JV BB (DH) vs Granville 7:30 Music Dept Dinner / Dance @ Christ UM Church
10 Mothers Day	11 7:00-10:00 HS Lib Brd of Ed	12 4:30 Var Track MSL Prelims @ Berne Union 5:30 Var SB Sectional @ (TBA) 7:00 7 th & 8 th Gr Concert	13	14 TBA JV Track @ Canal Winchester 5:30 Var SB Sectional @ (TBA) 7:00 HS Spring Concert	15 6:00 Track MSL Finals @ Berne Un	16 5:00 BINGO
17	18 Sports Physicals 6:30 Land Lab Mtg	19 2:00 Var SB Dist Semi-Finals @ Pickerington Cent 3:30 Girls Track Dist Prelims @ Groveport 3:30 Boys Track @ Gahanna 7:00 5 th & 6 th Gr Concert	20 3:30 Girls Track Dist Prelims @ Groveport 3:30 Boys Track Dist Prelims @ Gahanna	21 5:00 Var SB Dist Semi-Finals @ Pickerington Cent 7:00 Market Day Pick-Up 7:00 HS Lib Strat Plan	22	23 12:00 Boys Track Dist Finals @ Gahanna 2:00 Girls Track Dist Finals @ Groveport
24	25 Memorial Day No School 5:00 Var SB Region Semi-Finals @ Lancaster	26 6:00 Music Awards Banquet	27 5:00 Var SB Regional Finals @ Lancaster	28 HS Track Regional Prelims Boys @ Fairfield Union Girls @ TBA	29	30 HS Track Regional Finals Boys @ Fairfield Union Girls @ TBA
31 3:15 Graduation in HS Gym	1	2 1-Hour Early Dismissal Last Day for Students 7:00 Music Boosters	3 7:30 Athletic Boosters	4	5 HS Track State Prelims @ OSU	6 HS Track State Finals @ OSU 5:00 BINGO

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