



The Ag Wing

"Spreading news through the Lebanon Ag community"

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Recent Events

- FFA Week
- Staff Luncheon
- Chapter Public Speaking Contest
- District FFA Activity
- Morehouse 99 Fundraiser

Up Coming Events

- Munson's Chocolate Fundraiser: February 22nd- March 14th
- Morehouse Scholarship Pasta Dinner: March 4th 5-7pm First Congregational Church, Lebanon
- Parent and Alumni Square Dance: March 11th
- Junior Leadership Conference: March 14th
- District Public Speaking at Ledyard High School: March 23rd, 3pm

FFA Week and Public Speaking Fun

The Lebanon Regional FFA Chapter has been having lots of fun participating in FFA Week this week. The students have been participating in the daily themes as well as working diligently to spread their FFA spirit. On February 23rd, Grant Chesmer, Emily Sala and Michael Wolf went to the WILI radio station and did a broadcast on their morning show talking about our chapter and all that it has to offer. In addition to that on March 1st, students held a staff luncheon and invited members of the faculty and staff down to enjoy lunch with them and view a slide show of recent activities within the program. Students are also looking forward to the district FFA event at Sports on 66 that is going to be held on Friday evening, March 3rd. All in all, FFA Week has been a success and we are so grateful to those that participated!

Another annual event that takes place during FFA Week is our chapter public speaking contest. Students competed in prepared public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking and creed speaking in hopes to move on to our district competition coming up on March 23rd at Ledyard High School. We are pleased to announce the following results of our contest. In the prepared public speaking contest, Emily Sala placed 1st and Rachel Breault placed 2nd. In our creed speaking contest, Solenne Miller placed 1st and Hanna Behlke placed 2nd. Finally, in our extemporaneous public speaking contest, Michael Wolf placed 1st, Jordyn Holbrook was 2nd and Megan Breault placed 3rd. We want to congratulate all of our students on doing such a nice job, as well as thank our judges; Heidi Herz, Paula Hopkins, Marissa Mackewicz and David Smith for coming and taking part in our contest.

Valentine Flower sales to benefit Make A Wish Foundation

On February 14th, the Floral Design students sold flowers to raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation. The students sold the people's choice of a Gerber daisy, spray roses or a single rose with filler and greenery for \$5. Teachers were also offered two different bouquet options that they could pre order and all of those proceeds also went to Make A Wish. Plant Science students sold the flowers during 10 minute break as well as all three lunch waves and periodically made sales throughout the day in the Ag Wing. Mrs. Grogan and her students are proud to announce that they raised a total of \$592 that will go on as a donation to the Make A Wish Foundation. They would like to thank all of the staff and students that participated in this benefit and are looking forward to doing similar events in the future!



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William Morehouse Scholarship Fund

LEBANON REGIONAL FFA PARENT & ALUMNI

**MOREHOUSE
SCHOLARSHIP
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TICKETS:

\$10/Adult
\$5/Child - 7 and under
Tickets may be purchased at
LMHS Main Office
and LMS Main Office.
Also available at the door

**SATURDAY MARCH 4th
5-7 PM
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
LEBANON**

All proceeds raised will be awarded to a
graduating senior, in honor of William
Morehouse, a former teacher of Lyman
VooAg for 25 years.

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MEATBALLS
ROLLS
SALAD
DESSERT



Mr. William Morehouse was an Ag Science Teacher at Lyman for over 25 years. He dedicated his life to teaching his students about agriculture and had a great impact on many students over generations. Well into his retirement, Mr. Morehouse was often found substituting at Lyman will a special request to be down in ag if the need was there; even into his eighties he wanted to be there to support the students with a passion for agriculture. Since his passing in 2014, the Lebanon Regional Parent and Alumni Association has created a Morehouse Scholarship Fund that is awarded to a graduating senior that is looking to pursue a career in agriculture. In hopes to honor Mr. Morehouse the Parent and Alumni Association is trying to raise money for this cause.

The Parent and Alumni Association will be hosting a pasta dinner on Saturday March 4th from 5-7 pm at the First Congregational Church in Lebanon. All of the proceeds raised will ultimately be awarded to a graduating senior upon graduation. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 7 and are available for purchase in the Main Office of both the High School and Middle School as well as at the door. If there are any students that would like to volunteer to help out at this event it will be counted as an FFA activity. Students that would like to participate can go at 3:30 to begin setting up. For any questions please contact one of the Ag teachers.

From the Desk of our FFA Reporter

This month in the Ag wing we are preparing for many upcoming events. Right now as an officer team we are discussing the upcoming Morehouse pasta dinner, the fundraiser at the 99 restaurant, chapter public speaking, our pancake breakfast, and of course BANQUET is coming up soon. Some things that have happened in this past month are our chapter public speaking winners are moving on to districts, as well as the conclusion of our FFA week, and we had some members advertise our chapter at WILI. We also have JLC coming up for freshman, and our spring CDEs have started practicing; Dairy Judging, Ag business management, Food science, Ag Sales, and Vet science.

From: Michael Wolf Chapter Reporter 2016-2017

From the Teacher's Nest....

Mrs. Grogan; Get your heart pumping:

Basic Floral: Students have finished the proficiency and public speaking unit and are now starting the greenhouse units. Students have chosen the vegetables, herbs and fruit seeds that we will be growing in the greenhouse to sell this spring. We will be going to Woodward Greenhouse on Tuesday in class to pick up our Easter Lily bulbs and geranium plugs that students will be growing to plant at Lebanon veterans graves for Memorial Day.

Ag 2: Students have finished the proficiency and public speaking unit and are now starting the nutrition unit. Students started with nutrition vocabulary and had to make a visual representation of the vocabulary that we are going to be using throughout the unit. They had their vocab quiz today and we will be discussing roughages and concentrates next week and taking a field trip to REW farm next week during class to see some feed examples and speak with Marc Wolf about balanced rations and the feedings for calves, heifers, milk cows and show animals.

Advanced floral: Students have finished the proficiency and public speaking unit and are now starting the wedding unit. We unfortunately had to dispose of our cherry tomato plants that we have been growing since September, because the white fly population was not receding and we don't want to contaminate our new spring plantings. However before disposal, we did enjoy the red tomato that we found before the plants were composted!

Ag 1: students have finished last two animal science units and public speaking. We are now in the Ag mechanics unit and discussing shop safety. Students will need to pass the shop safety quiz with a 90 or better to work in the shop. We will identify shop tools, their uses and students will choose a wood project to complete as their final grade for the unit. Students attire will be evaluated each class for shop safety and ability to participate in class which includes, sneakers/boots, non-baggy clothing, and hair tied back. Students shop performance will also be evaluated for being on task, wearing safety glasses and cleanup at the end of class.

Vet tech: Students have finished the proficiency and public speaking unit and are now starting the circulatory system unit. We have learned the parts of the heart, students have dissected and compared a chicken, pig and cow heart and are now working on constructing a 3-d model to represent the parts and function of the heart. They will be learning the components of blood and testing a dog blood sample to determine blood type and a human blood typing simulation test.



Mr. Picard; Tapping the Sap:

The sap is running in Lebanon. Students in forestry class caught the early run in January and ran with it. They tapped the trees, hung some buckets, and are busy collecting and processing the sap in our new sugarhouse. Students need to collect about 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. We hope to enjoy some homemade syrup on our pancakes very soon.

Mrs. Wildes; Discussing the Perfect Cow

The year is flying by and things have not slowed down any recently. My classes have all finished up with their speech units and are working on individual class topics. The freshman class has just started their Ag Mechanics unit and we are discussing shop safety. Once we are done talking about shop safety we will proceed to working in the shop doing some hands on activities. Ag Business classes are discussing Cash Flow statements and talking about the importance of knowing how much money goes in and out of a business, in addition to Net Worth which is learning about how much certain things are worth. Dairy Management class is delving in to things such as reading DHIA sheets, Sire Summaries and Pedigrees. All of which are learning how to de code valuable information that is used daily on a dairy farm. They are also learning about dairy conformation and what characteristics are needed to make the ideal dairy cow. Lastly, in Equine Science students are learning about the different breeds of horses and what qualities each breed entails as well as conformation and what makes the ideal horse. Students have also been practicing for Spring CDE's as well as getting ready to turn in their state proficiency awards to be judged.

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-Roberts Rules of Order, FFA Parliamentary Procedure**