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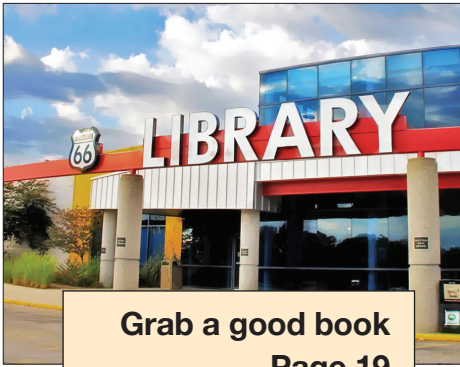
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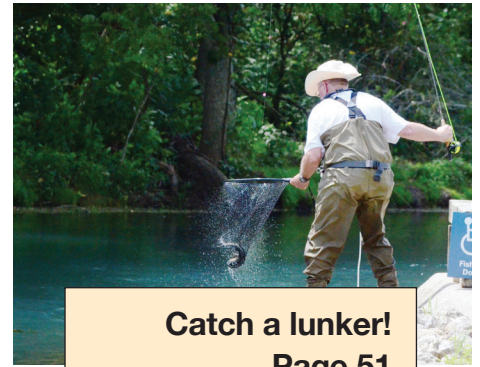
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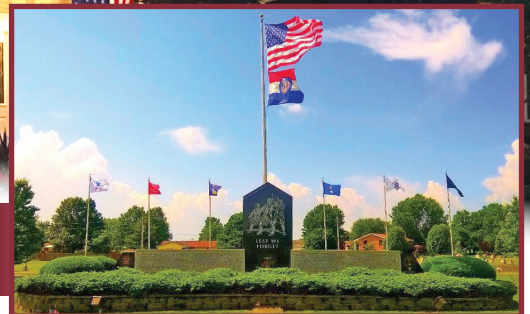
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It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to Lebanon. Since our founding in 1849 Lebanon has been a community that has always welcomed travelers. Positioned on historic Route 66, now Interstate 44, the community rests on the northeast side of the Ozarks. Lebanon is a growing community with a strong economic base consisting of manufacturing, service and tourism industries.

Whether staying for a day, a week or the rest of your life, Lebanon is committed to its motto of "Friendly people. Friendly Place." Once you are here it is easy to see why.

Being labeled as the "Aluminum Boat Capital of the World" is not by happenstance. There are several manufacturers located within Lebanon that help form our economic backbone. We boast several metal manufacturers that make products ranging from the housing industry and semi-trucks and trailers. We also are home to a stove mill, who makes wine and spirit barrels that are shipped worldwide. With the Information Age upon us, industry has changed to meet these needs and several companies in town have created a high-tech marketplace for industrial machines.



Mayor Jared Carr

Lebanon is home to the premier event center in the area – The Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center. With 128,000 square feet of space under roof including a 48,000 square foot exhibition hall, the Civic Center can accommodate corporate meetings, shows/conventions, weddings or other special events. It also features a 650-person theater with a full stage and orchestra pit. Let our friendly staff help plan your next event!

While here make sure to visit our Route 66 Museum located inside the library or stop by our Route 66 park with three murals depicting life on Route 66 in Lebanon.

Residents and visitors alike enjoy many shopping opportunities in our historic downtown and our mall. Wonderful local restaurants appeal to a wide array of tastes from steak to sandwiches to Mexican. If you are hungry we have it all!

When in town no visit is complete without a cruise down scenic Missouri 64 to Bennett Spring State Park. Just 12 miles from Lebanon, it houses a state-of-the-art hatchery releasing 400,000 trout per year in to the beautiful Niangua River. Lebanon is perfectly located within 30 minutes of three

rivers where you can float your cares away all while taking in the beautiful scenery that the Ozarks has to offer.

Thank you for being a part of our community whether you visit or live here you will see that our community is you.

-Mayor Jared Carr

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Mayor Office Hours

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New to town?

Here is a list of important numbers and contact information to get you started in your new home



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In the case of an emergency, you should call 911.

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Shelter from the storm

There are two FEMA storm shelters in Lebanon

When inclement weather strikes, Lebanon has two FEMA certified storm shelters available to the public.

Federal Emergency Management Agency storm shelters are available to the public outside of school hours. Current shelters include Lebanon Middle School and Maplecrest Elementary School. The Lebanon R-3 School District is also expected to begin construction for a shelter at Boswell Elementary School.

Follow the City of Lebanon on Facebook and listen to social media for updates as to when the shelters are open. Residents are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts by texting LEBANONMO and/or LACLEDEMO to 888-777.



Construction was completed on the new FEMA certified storm shelter at Maplecrest Elementary during the summer of 2021.

**Lebanon Middle School
2700 Buzz Pride Drive**

Please enter the south entrance (behind the school) during inclement weather. Shelters will be opened when a tornado warning has been issued or if local officials feel the need is warranted.

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Experience what Lebanon and Laclede County residents enjoy every day with family fun events, cultural activities and national attractions at the crown jewel of our community- the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center. The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to stop by for a visit anytime and get to know our blend of past and present small town America with home town hospitality. See you real soon!



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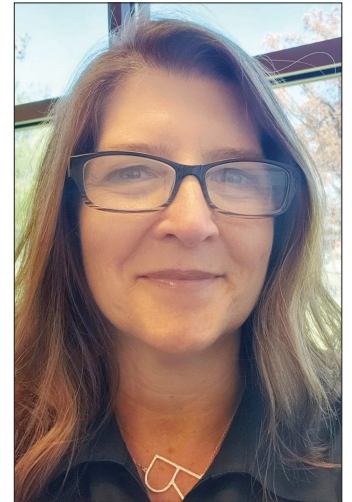
Visit historic Lebanon



The area offers everything from historic stops on the Mother Road to trout fishing at Bennet Spring

Shopping, antiquing, fishing, tubing, camping, hiking, swimming, golfing, dining, sightseeing, fueling your need for speed or just floating your cares away, Lebanon, Missouri and Laclede County is the place for you!

Home to more than 15,000 residents and several native pioneers of industry, Lebanon is conveniently located directly on Interstate 44, positioned perfectly in the scenic Ozarks of south-central Missouri. The Lebanon and Laclede County area offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor amenities to fit just about any event need. The City of Lebanon alone is home to eight parks, encompassing over 100 acres. Located within these parks are disc golf, baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, paved walking trails, several playgrounds and



**Tourism Director
Rebecca Rupard**

11 shelters. Boswell Aquatic Center and Route 66 Themed Boswell Park is a notable gem in the community that features several pieces of Route 66 History in Lebanon.



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The YMCA is housed in the Cowan Civic Center as well and is one of the largest not-for-profit community service organizations in the Ozarks. It is equipped with a gymnasium and a large multi-purpose sports facility, which in-


cludes an amazing NCAA approved lap pool and a tennis court.

Lebanon is a great place to visit; our historic downtown features many unique shops and is growing and renewing daily! Lebanon also has many options for 'retail therapy.' Shepherd Hills Factory Outlet, the world's largest dealer of top-selling Case Knives. The huge store offers Ozark walnut bowls and a vast selection of home décor items. The Heartland Antique Mall is the largest between Joplin and St. Louis, with more than 250 dealers with a Russell Stover's Candy Outlet and exotic cheese outlet. The area also has numerous other family-owned antique stores


which are sure to have the perfect vintage treasure for your collection.

Lebanon was an important stop along Historic Route 66 and Boswell Park located on the historic route is themed to recognize that designation. The Park is home to three larger-than-life murals featuring historic images of the route and hosts an annual Route 66 Festival each June which features a parade, live entertainment, family games, vendors and more! Historic Route 66, often romanticized as the "Mother Road," inspires thoughts of days gone by and simpler times.





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Some may see Route 66 as a link to our parents and grandparents, others perhaps feel the sense of freedom that the road provided to those early travelers.

Most of the original auto courts and cafes are long gone, but a few sites still exist such as the Munger Moss Motel, the newly revitalized Wrink's Market, and The Manor House Inn. All can still be visited along the historic highway in Laclede County. Along with driving the 'Mother Road,' you can learn more about the historic route in Lebanon's world-renowned Route 66 Museum and Research Center.

Another popular attraction centered around cars, fast ones, is the Lebanon Midway Speedway. Friday nights between April and September, you can feed your need for speed at this Speedway with its fast and wild dirt-track venue.

Lebanon is also conveniently located near Bennett Spring State Park. The pristine beauty of the park is a natural attraction. In addition to world class trout fishing, this popular and scenic park offers 12 miles of hiking trails, Niangua River float trips, an interpretive center, a rustic dining lodge, hatchery tours, cabins & condos, or you can just pitch up a tent. Whichever your preference, you will find dozens of campgrounds and RV parks throughout the area. No matter when you visit, we will welcome you with open arms. Lebanon, truly a friendly place with friendly people. For more information contact the Tourism Office for the City of Lebanon at toll free 844-4LEBANON or visit our website at www.VisitLebanonMO.org.

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The course features a driving range, putting green, and chipping green with three sets of tees stretching to 6,435 yards. Gently rolling hills offer a track that affords elevation changes, large contoured greens, water hazards, a large "sinkhole" on the Par 3, Sixteenth hole, and numerous options in shot selection on the Par 4s and 5s.

With a mix of tight, tree-lined fairways and some that are more forgiving, the course definitely presents a variety of play.

The clubhouse features a bar, the 19th Hole. The grounds also feature a swimming pool and tennis courts.

The fitness center is open 24/7 to all members and includes cardio, free weights and circuit training. There are certified instructors that provide a variety of fitness classes, including spinning and zumba, and a certified massage therapist is available by appointment.

Membership at GreatLife includes access to all other GreatLife facilities, including locations in Springfield, Kan-



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■ Maplecrest Elementary School

901 Maple Lane
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■ Boswell Elementary School

695 Millcreek Road
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■ Lebanon Middle School

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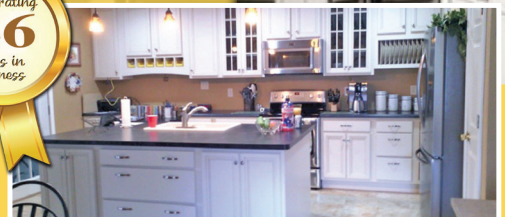
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Higher learning in Lebanon

Degrees can be earned from Missouri State, Drury and OTC

Although Lebanon is a relatively small town, students with big city university ambitions can fulfill their dreams without ever leaving their community.

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MSU and OTC

Thanks to a partnership between Ozarks Technical Community College and Missouri State University, Lebanon students can receive a four-year degree in many fields, including elementary education, criminal justice, communications and general studies.

MSU, which used to be locally housed at the Nelson Education Center, moved into the OTC Lebanon Center's Reuben and Mary Lou Casey Hall, which is named after its 2010 donors, in the summer of 2013 and opened up for classes the following fall. OTC, which offered a two-year

associate's degree, will now be able to give its students an option to continue into a specific degree program.

"Basically what it is going to do is allow the students to have easier access, where they can interact between both schools and end up not only graduating with an associate's degree but also at least a bachelor's degree," said Gib Adkins, outreach coordinator for MSU's Lebanon operations. While MSU students could achieve a bachelor's degree from MSU at the Nelson Education Center, they couldn't do it with the ease that they will be able to at OTC, Adkins added.



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"This is going to give a seamless transition from your freshman year on forward with our close partner, Missouri State University," OTC Chancellor Dr. Hal Higdon said when the partnership was announced.

The area that MSU moved into was a previously unfinished area of the campus. An open warehouse space was converted into six additional classrooms, restrooms and an office area.

MSU offers classes in the form of traditional classes and iTV (interactive TV) classes. The iTV classes allow students to interact in real time with a professor in Springfield or 1 of 14 other locations in 4 states who is teaching through a video that is streamed to Lebanon.

Drury University

Drury University began classes, including law enforcement courses, in Lebanon in June 2017 in new quarters at 128 E. Commercial St., just across from Drury's Lebanon office.

Lebanon site coordinator Millie

Gann said the new home is something Drury has been working on a long time.

"Drury in Lebanon has waited a long time to find a home," Gann said. "We have this beautiful landscaped courtyard to look at every day and we have four classrooms we worked very hard to provide our students."

Drury President Dr. Tim Cloyd said students taking classes in the new facility will have the advantage of a personal connection with instructors.

"We give our students individualized and customized experiences. We are like a boutique rather than a mass online program. We have connections with human beings and that's what's critical," Cloyd said.

Cloyd said the Drury College of Continuing Professional Studies, which offers evening and online courses, has been around since the late 1940s. He said Drury's alumni base includes 15,000 living alumni who are graduates of the CCPS.

"Drury was founded in 1873 and

it has been serving Missouri and the country for almost 150 years," Cloyd said. "So Drury is not a fly by night organization, Drury is a place that cares and a place that's a part of Missouri."

The classroom location at 128 E. Commercial St. is a new permanent home for Drury classes in the region and allows Drury to offer summer classes in Lebanon for the first time in several years. The space houses a new computer lab and student lounge. It is home to the Drury Law Enforcement Academy's second location, starting in June. This was the first time law enforcement courses will be offered by Drury in the Lebanon area.

Drury University began in Lebanon in 1986 by offering two courses at the Lebanon Junior High School.

At the Lebanon location students may receive associate's degrees and take courses toward bachelor's degrees.

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Lebanon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) was created in 2004 as a public-private partnership to serve as a lead partner in the economic development process for Lebanon and Laclede County. REDI is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization with a core mission “to strengthen the Laclede County economic base and increase the standard of living of all residents through retention, expansion, attraction and development of primary jobs and capital investments.” A combination of public financial support from the City of Lebanon and Laclede County as well as private contributions help REDI staff members work to achieve its overall mission.

“We continue to be blessed by the forward-thinking and investments of local leadership at the city, county and private sector levels,” said Brian Thompson, REDI’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “They have been the backbone of our organization and its efforts. Without their support – we simply don’t exist.”

Thompson said that REDI has worked hard to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to economic development and what it requires to be successful. According to Thompson, this requires “flexibility” based on the community and county’s present needs combined with the ►►



Lebanon REDI President and CEO Brian Thompson mans a booth at the Fort Leonard Wood Job Fair. Thompson works to recruit businesses to Laclede County.



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current trends in economic development nationally and globally. "Economic development is much more complicated than decades ago," he said. "That is not necessarily a bad thing. You just need to be willing to evolve with the times. Lebanon and Laclede County continue to do an excellent job in this regard as can be seen by the efforts of all parties involved. It truly is a team sport."

Some key areas that REDI remains focused on are workforce development, partnerships, and leadership enhancement.

In July 2019, REDI became the administrative partner for the Greater Ozarks Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (GOCAPS) Lake Region program. Juniors and seniors from participating high schools can "test drive" careers in the fields of manufacturing, engineering, business, entrepreneurship, and health care as part of the program. GOCAPS allows students to leave the traditional classroom setting and work directly with area businesses in a variety of ways to earn first-hand experiences that they otherwise would not have access to. Thompson said that this approach is developing the future workforce.

REDI has also been involved in other workforce development initiatives including career fairs at Lebanon Technology and Career Center (LTCC); active engagement with students at Hillcrest Education Center and the Jobs For America's Graduates (JAG) program; and support of new programming at Lebanon's higher



education institutions – Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) Lebanon Center, Missouri State University (MSU) Lebanon and Drury University. REDI also works with state economic development partners on programming to support local businesses and industries.

"We do our best to help companies in whatever capacity is needed," said Thompson. "Sometimes it is as simple as helping obtain letters of support for a new project. In other cases, we may help companies go through process of receiving incentives and working with the City of Lebanon and other partners in those instances. It really is a case-by-case and need-by-need approach. We want to do what we can to remove the barriers to success for those we work with."

REDI staff member Ann Hopper has also taken the lead the development and management of



Top, Lebanon REDI President and CEO Brian Thompson and other local leaders meet with Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler. Above, Thompson, far right, was one of the judges of mock job interviews with local high school students.

the 9-month leadership program known as "Leadership Lebanon," that will help the community enhance future leaders to help grow Lebanon and Laclede County for years to come. The program is in its second year and is the result of a collaboration between REDI and the University of Missouri Extension Service (MU Extension).

The REDI office is located inside Lebanon City Hall at 401 South Jefferson Ave. For more information on the organization, contact Thompson at (417) 533-5627, by e-mail at brian@lebanonredi.com or visit www.LebanonREDI.com.

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Fifteen years ago, a group of donors got together to transform an abandoned K-Mart building into the biggest library that Lebanon had ever seen.

Every year the library grows its selection. It is home to over 100,000 items, according to director Cathy Dame, and that's not including all the items that can be borrowed through online e-book lending services or from library to library borrowing.

There is wireless Internet service, books on tape, large print books, DVDs, videos, a children's room and many research resources, like those found in the Missouri Room, the hot spot for genealogists and history buffs.

The Missouri Room houses obituary books published by the Laclede County Historical Society.



The Missouri Room houses obituary books published by the Laclede County Historical Society. These include obituaries for Laclede County residents, but are invaluable resources for anyone seeking clues about their ancestors. Marriage records

and cemetery record books compliment that research, as do copies of published family histories.

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that includes a number of biographies of prominent residents and original settlers.

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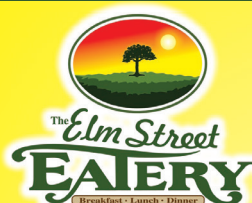
The library subscribes to Heritage Quest, an online genealogical database that carries all U.S. censuses, as well as lists of books and articles about family history and images of Revolutionary War pension records. Library cardholders have free access. Visitors can log on with the library's computer for two hours with a \$2 visitor's card.

The Missouri Room microfilm collection, available free, contains all Missouri census records and many rolls of microfilmed local newspapers, including the Laclede County Republican, the Lebanon Rustic-Republican and all editions of The Lebanon Daily Record and Laclede County Record.

Three reader-printers are available for researchers at library cost.

There are also old editions of the Lebanon High School Magnet yearbook and Polk City Directories for many years.

Besides genealogical materials, the room is full of books and magazines containing Missouri



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magazines containing Missouri and Ozark history. There are Missouri Blue Books, official manuals, dating from 1889 to the present. There is also a four-volume "Ozark Folksongs, a collection by Vance Randolph that was published in the 1940s.

Best selling books by authors with an Ozark connection are also located in the room. There is "Shepherd of the Hills," written by Harold Bell Wright while he lived in Lebanon and the "Little House" series written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, who lived at nearby Mansfield in Wright County.

The room is ideal for researching Missouri, with information on caves, the capital, flowers, archeology, geology and other subjects.

The library is also a place for fun educational programs for all ages.

Every year, the library sponsors a themed summer reading program for children, from the first of June to the end of July.

For highway and map enthusiasts, there is a complete library of road maps, dating from the 1900s to present.

The library is also home to the Route 66 Museum, which tells the local history of the Mother Road, and the Kinderhook Treasure gift shop, which is filled with numerous unique items.

The building is handicapped accessible.

More information about the library is available by calling (417) 532-2148 or visiting the website at www.lebanon-laclede.lib.mo.us.



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Route 66 Museum gets visitors from all around the world

Most people know enough to visualize neon and chrome at the mention of Route 66, but if you really want the lowdown on the Mother Road, then Lebanon's Route 66 Museum is a must-see.

Located in the Lebanon-Laclede County Library, 915 S. Jefferson Ave., the museum was one of the first museums in Missouri that is dedicated entirely to Route 66.

"You won't find just a ton of these out there," museum curator Mark Spangler said of the museum. "Some communities celebrate their Route 66 connection, and others do not. Some are catching on and actively developing that; we started that process a dozen years ago when we had the idea to do the museum, so we're kind of ahead of the curve."



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Although Route 66 probably wasn't much different from other interstate highways in its day, a series of circumstances caused it be one of the most well-known roads from an era when the United States' infrastructure was just beginning to take shape.

"Route 66 wasn't the only highway, it wasn't the longest, it wasn't the first, it just became perhaps the most famous, perhaps because of some quirky little things that happened," Spangler explained.

To begin with, promoters were exceptionally active in trying to draw attention to the road for economic purposes.

A more specific event that helped launch Route 66 to its current fame was the publication of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." The novel follows the members of the fictitious Joad family as they head toward California in an attempt to flee the Dust Bowl via — you guessed it — Route 66. Besides nudging the highway into the limelight, the book also coined the term "The Mother Road" in reference to Route 66.

Another popular culture reference to the highway came in the 1960s in the form of a television show simply titled "Route 66."

"It was just a couple of guys in a convertible just out goofing around on Route 66, which kind of hearkens into the whole 'Get your kicks on 66' the whole song that kind of made it famous as far as a sound to go along with it." Spangler said of the show. "But that's part of the problem. So many people think that's it — 'Get Your Kicks on 66' — and there's so much more to it. You can slice it and dice it in so many ways besides just a place to have a good time."

Lebanon's Route 66 museum originated in 2004 when the library moved from a smaller building into its current location, which was once a K-Mart building. The move allowed the library to have much more space than it had had before; in fact, it had a little space to spare. Route 66 Society member Bill Wheeler had some ideas about what the facility could do with that space.



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"I would say this was his idea. If you could credit any one individual, Bill was the one that approached the library about doing this," Spangler stated.

The library board approved of Wheeler's idea, and the Route 66 Museum was born.

Today, visitors to the museum can see a variety of displays, including three vignettes: one of a gas station, one of a diner and one of a tourist cabin. The museum also boasts a diorama of the intersection of Route 66 and Highway 5 as it looked in the 1940s.

Spangler stated, "Now there's nothing that remains of (the buildings shown in the diorama), but because the family was careful about documenting their businesses, we have just a fabulous set of photographs of what was one of the jewels in our community of the Route, the Nelson Hotel and Dream Village. And we've got just a fabulous set of photographs — you seldom see a place documented that well with photographs."

The museum also has a variety of artifacts, including a switchboard from the office of the Munger Moss Motel and a piece of sign post from one of the "Our



Town, Your Town" signs that used to mark the edge of the city.

"We had two of these signs at the entrances to Lebanon over Route 66," Spangler explained. "They were beside Route 66 trying to beckon folks into town. ... And unfortunately we lost those

signs. When the route changed directions they were dismantled and scrapped and are now gone. When we redid Elm Street, they came across one of the supports, the one up on the east side of town, so that's as close as we can come to having a piece of the original sign."



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The museum features two glassed-in displays, one describing different types of pavement that road builders considered using, and another one explaining the Good Roads Movement, which was the immediate precursor to Route 66.

Although the museum continues to be a work in progress, it receives a large number of visitors. According to Spangler, the Route 66 Museum draws people from around the world.

"You would be gratified to see the amount of people that come to the museum with no more advertising than we are able to do. We have a worldwide audience for that and it seems like it is growing every year. It's very gratifying to see people interested in the things that you spend so much time on," Spangler said.

A good museum always has a good gift shop, and Spangler said that he believes the new gift shop is a wonderful contribution for the tourism aspect of the museum.

"I'm going to say that you are not going to see a nicer gift shop than ours. You just will not. We have all been working very hard on it, and it seems to have paid off. We set out to make this special and we've done everything we can to do that," Spangler said.



The gift shop features a wide variety of items, both functional and artistic. There are candles, books, tableware, jewelry, paintings, prints and everything related to Route 66.

"If you truly want a unique gift that you will not find anywhere else, we have something for you," Spangler said.

Besides the traditional Route 66-themed items, the gift shop is actively trying to have American-made traditional arts and crafts. Spangler hoped to add wallets, purses and journals, all handmade.

"The next time you need to buy a wallet for someone, remember the gift shop. You

can buy a wallet that is made right down the road in Marshfield," Spangler said.

Preserving Lebanon's history is very important to Spangler, he said. Although his work isn't done, he hopes what is already accomplished is something the community can take pride in.

"Every area has its own history that is interesting and relevant. However, not every area chooses to focus on that ... I would hope that our heritage and things around us are not only things that we care about, but also something that we care to present to people that come to visit us," Spangler said.

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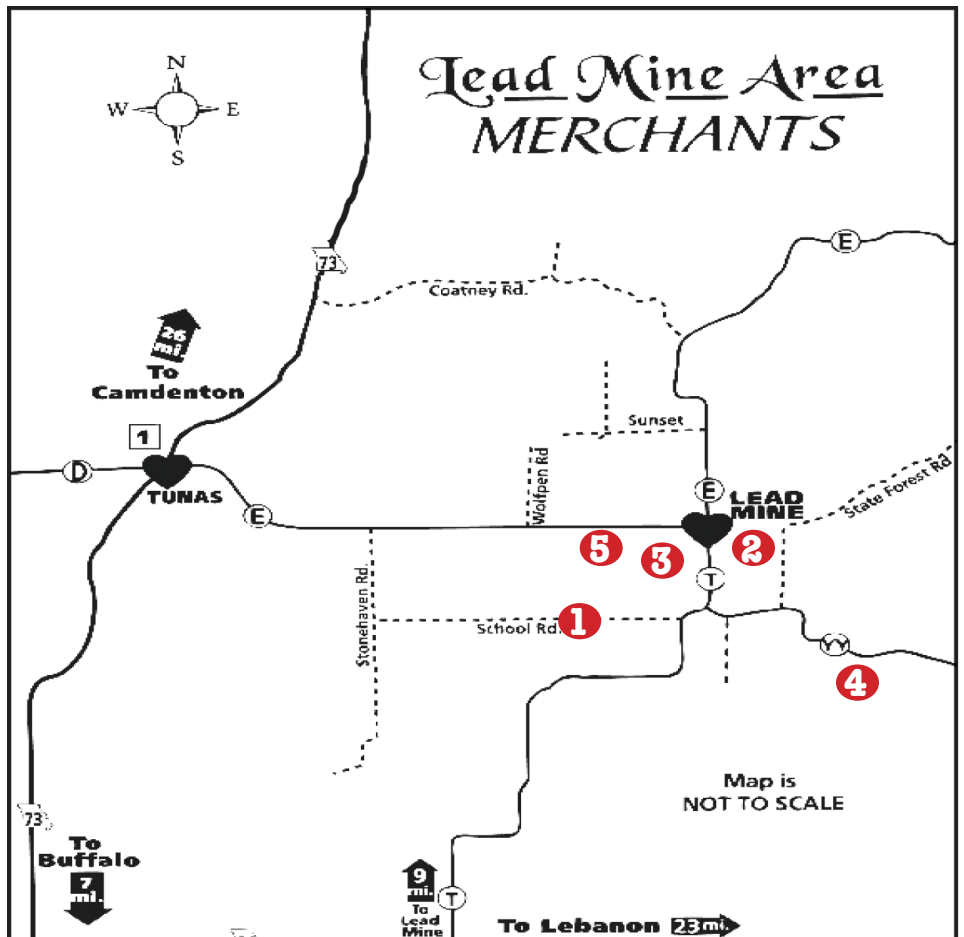
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The Lebanon Route 66 Festival is held in June

Classic cars from all over the area and even surrounding states cruised into Lebanon on June 18, 2021 to kick off the two-day Lebanon Route 66 Festival.

The society's 14th festival featured two days of fun and activities, starting Friday night in Downtown Lebanon and ending Saturday evening with a celebration at the Munger Moss, which turned 75 this year. This is the fifth year in a row that the festival, which started in 2001 and has not been held each year, has been held during Father's Day weekend.

Festival Chairman Jessica Rodden said

she was pleased with this year's event.

"We were very excited about the turnout at the festival this year, especially having downtown be involved," she said. "They are already planning for next year's event."

Ashton Light, Executive Director of the Downtown Business District said Commercial Street was lined with families during the event.

"We don't have a good way to count the number of people who attended, but we do know that there were over 100 classic cars that participated," she said. "It was so neat to see so many people from inside and

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outside the community come together for just an all around fun event. There were smiles on face up and down the street. These events are great for our Downtown. They remind people that we are still going strong and that there are so many wonderful businesses located Downtown. These events are what help the community fall in love with our District. I think the Route 66 Festival Downtown Cruise did a great job of that. I was absolutely blown away by the

number of people and cars that attended. We spoke to a family from Iowa that was staying at Bennett Spring and had seen the event on Facebook. We have an amazing community and they definitely proved it on Friday night."

On Friday night, Commercial Street was packed with classic hotrods for the event's kickoff, a Downtown Cruise hosted by the Lebanon Downtown Business District.



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Phat Mike and the Bartenders performed Downtown for the festival.

Along with the car eye candy, the night featured live music from Phat Mike and the Bartenders on one end of the street and a sock hop dance on the other end hosted by EMJ DJ.

Events at the Saturday portion began at 9 a.m. with a bike parade at the Boswell Park history murals. This is the second year for the bike parade with the first in 2019, after the event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. This year's event featured a 5 and under category and a 6 to 12 awards category. The bike parade included a secret judge and trophies awarded for the best decorated bike with a Route 66 theme.

Organizer for the bike parade, Rachele Jennings, recruited Boy Scout troop 57 and 2557 to help with the awards ceremony. Steve Norris is the Scout Master for troop 57, the oldest in the area, and Eric Adams is Scout Master for 2557. "We really want to encourage involvement, and this is one way they can be of service and also have fun," Adams said.

Following the bike parade at Boswell, classic cars lined up on Wyota Drive across from Laclede Electric for a parade of over 100 classic automobiles that rolled down Route 66 to Boswell Park for a cruise in.

The Color Guard Presentation of Arms by the Lebanon National Guard Unit took place at 11 a.m. before Christina Ruble sang the national anthem.





The invocation prayer was given by John Stowe followed by a welcome from Lebanon Mayor Jared Carr and Heritage Bank President Kim Light. Heritage Bank was the main sponsor of the event.

Grand marshal of this year's Route 66 parade, Norma Bledsoe, thanked the community for the opportunity.

"I have really enjoyed doing this," she said. Bledsoe, whose property contains a piece of old Route 66, led the Route 66 parade in a classic car.

Drawings were held every hour starting at noon until 3 p.m. for \$66.00 each. Other activities included a corn-hole tournament sponsored by the Elks Lodge that included both adult and youth divisions.

Also, the last remaining Camp Joy

cabin was open for visits for the afternoon. The cabin was relocated to Boswell Park in 2019 from its original Camp Joy location on Catlin Street, across from the Cowan Civic Center.

Live music from the Bucket Band served as entertainment for the festival at Boswell Park. The Kansas City area rock band specializes in music from the 60's and 70's.

The two-day festival wrapped up Saturday evening at the historic Munger Moss Motel. The business, as well as Orchard Hills Package Store, celebrated their 75th anniversaries with a night of classic cars and food. The Vintage Cowgirl at Wrink's Market also had a cruise in Saturday night. They hosted everything from a petting zoo to hay rides throughout the night.

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Gasconade Park

Located at 4th Street and Harrison, Gasconade Park was Lebanon's first.

One shelter was built years ago, and the Lions Club soon added playground equipment. The park currently houses the Hughes Senior Center, for which the city donated land. The park has a quarter-mile walking track, dedicated to Emma LaBlank, who has a long history of serving food to senior citizens in the area.

A second shelter house was built on the foundation of the original bathhouse of the old pool. The park has a play area with equipment and a ball field. Gasconade Park provides green space for neighborhood children and areas for picnicking.

The Lebanon Parks Department turned its attention to upgrades at Gasconade in 2016, making upgrades to the playground equipment there. In 2021, construction on a new skate park began.

Spiller Park

A small neighborhood park on Spiller Street near the water tower. It is a small, quiet green space with playground equipment and picnicking areas.

Boswell Park

Originally known as Maplecrest Park, this area now bears the name of its largest benefactor. It is located on Historic Route 66 and in 2016, the park started being transformed into a tribute to Lebanon's history



with Route 66.

After a donation from the Boswell family the park changed names. The family donated \$100,000 in the late 1970s to provide matching funds to build the outdoor pool. It was then named after James E. Boswell, Jr. (1937-1955).

The park includes three shelters for picnicking, a baseball field with spectator seating, concession stand, batting cages and restrooms.

It also has a well-utilized one-mile walk-

ing trail. It also includes two lighted tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court and a disc golf course.

The crown jewel of the park is the Boswell Aquatic Center. The pool complex, located inside the park, is complete with two 26-foot water slides, a kiddie pool, a main pool, shade structures and a recently renovated bathhouse. Since the aquatic center opened in May 2008, thousands of pool-goers have lined up to splash around in the cool water.



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The original pool was built in the 1970s and had undergone little in the way of improvements in 30 years of public use. The \$1.1-million pool project included the renovation of the earlier facilities and the addition of several new pool features.

The renovation was funded by the Capital Improvement Tax that was approved by Lebanon voters in February 2007.

Originally the Route 66 theme project was intended as a small "pocket park" inside Boswell Park, but in the summer of 2015 the Lebanon Park Board decided to expand the project to make the rest of Boswell Park Route 66-themed as well. The refurbished park includes three 10-by-20 foot Route 66-themed murals, a replica Route 66 fountain, a new shelter and a Route 66-themed playground.

W.T. Vernon Park

Located on Greenleaf Street. It has one shelter for picnics, a restroom facility and a playground.

Wallace Park

Lebanon's second newest park was the result of a gift from St. John's/Breech Medical Center after a new hospital replaced Wallace Hospital on Harwood Avenue. The land from the old hospital was given to the city, and most of the building was demolished.



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Wallace Park also has beautiful new playground equipment and a small gazebo for picknicking. The Lebanon Community Band and Choir perform at the park.

Nelson Park

Nelson Park is Lebanon's newest park. The new park was constructed after the old park's land was sold.

Phase one of the project was completed in the spring of 2020. More work is yet to be finished, including a new playground.

The park is located by the Lebanon Middle School and contains multiple ball fields. It is also connected to the walking trails at Coleman Memorial Conservation Area on Evergreen Parkway.

Atchley Park

Located on North Missouri 5. The park has four ball fields, restrooms, three park shelters, a fenced playground area and a disc golf course. A lighted walking trail surrounds the park.

There are entrances at the back and front of the park. Ample parking is provided. Several weddings are scheduled each year at the gazebo.

With the recent relocation of the playground at Atchley Park, the Lebanon Park Board was tasked with finding a practical solution for the empty space. After much consideration, the board agreed for the old playground space to be renovated into a dog park.

"We've been thinking about a dog park



for a number of years. It was just always a matter of where to put it. We had discussed doing something at Gasconade (Park) a long time ago. Between finding the right location, fencing, water, restrooms and other hindrances, we never knew where to put it," said Parks Director John Shelton.

According to Shelton, the public has been wanting a dog park in Lebanon for

some time.

"We've had a lot of people asking about it and calling. It really seemed like more and more interest was being expressed over the last couple of years. Then as we became more dog-friendly in the parks with stations and other added things, it just seemed like more and more people were asking for it," Shelton said.



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Shelton added that the inspiration of Helen Cowan was one of the main driving points behind the park.

"Mrs. Cowan enjoyed walking her dog in Atchley Park. I mean, she was out there all the time walking her puppies regardless of the weather. Rain, snow, cold and everything else, she was religiously out there," Shelton said.

"It's really a great area. There is lots of shade, which is very important when deciding on an area for a dog park. You don't want the dogs out in the exposed sun in the summertime without a shaded area. ... I really think it's going to be a great fit for a park and a perfect contribution to the parks of Lebanon," Shelton said.

Lebanon's canine population seems to agree.

Palmer Park

A green space located on the southern side of the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center property. The area contains a gazebo that is a popular picnic spot, and it is a good relaxation place after a walk on the trail surrounding the civic center.

Harke Park

Named in honor of the generosity of Walter and Rene Harke, Harke Park is located on National Avenue just off Fremont Road. It includes a half-mile paved walking track. The park also has a beautiful gazebo, play areas with state-of-the-art playground equipment, a disc golf course, restrooms (heated in winter) and picnic areas.



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According to Missouri Department of Conservation Research Forrester Steven Laval, the Coleman Memorial Conservation Area is a 64-acre hidden gem that is beneficial to everyone who visits it.

"I think the Coleman area has something for everyone who enjoys being outside," Laval said.



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Before the property became a place of Wildlife Restoration, the property was home to Henry Kenneth "Hap" Coleman and Louise Evelyn (Moore) Coleman. Louise Coleman would go on to donate the land after she saw an article in the Lebanon Daily Record written about a high school biology teacher who was seeking land to be used as an outdoor

classroom for group projects. Louise Coleman wanted the land to be used for educational purposes, and for those in the community who were interested in observing wildlife inside the city limits.

"She wanted to make sure it went to a good cause, and to people who would love the area as much as she did," Laval said. "She loved the idea of finding a good home for the land. I think it's good that we have a connection to her through the property. The area has a lot of history, and I think her story adds to the property in a

way that makes it very special."

Laval says the MDC has worked hard to make sure the property stays as natural and unique as it Louise Coleman left it. The trail on the property is just over a mile and a half in length. When walked completely, hikers will see several types of habitats including an old growth forest with trees that are more than 200 years old, a sink hole that's almost 100 feet deep, and a natural grass land area that is home to deer and turkey.



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"We made the trails through the property, but we didn't make any changes to it. The rest of it we try to keep natural. We have a warm season grass field there with natural bluestem and old switchgrass. The deer love to hide there, and we have the closest you could get to an old-growth forest in this area."

Each section of the land is marked on interpretive signs near the side of the trail. The signs are easy to see and feature an image example, as well as an in-depth definition of the habitat.

"It's great to have a place like this for conservation, but it's even better when there is information available throughout the land to teach people what they are seeing," he added.

Laval believes Coleman would be proud, as the Coleman Memorial Conservation Area is being used "exactly the way she hoped it would be." Several times a year, science and biology classes of the Lebanon R-3 School District take field trips to the area to learn about property, and to observe an ecosystem in person. In the past, the MDC hosted a Conservation Day at the Coleman property for middle schoolers to learn about aquatic life, forestry and all things relating to preser-



vation.

"We always have something going on there. Now that the middle school is right there next door, we've connected the trail system on the property to the school athletic area. And they are using it a lot more than ever before. They use it to walk, and all of their classes that relate to the land," Laval explained. "It's a natural tie-in. I think that is the neatest thing about the new school. They have a backdoor entrance to the property, and it will always be there."

Lebanon High School biology teacher Shane Rebmam believes the area is resourceful for students and adults of all ages. "I love that place, and (I've) used it several times with my classes," Rebmam said. "We've used the area for forestry assignments, leaf and flower projects, soil sampling, water and invertebrate collections out of the pond, and some clean up in the sinkhole. We've actually done quite a few different things out there. It all seems to help these kids get a first-hand experience."

Rebmam has been scheduling field trips to the Coleman Memorial Conservation Area for more than 16 years, even before the MDC managed it. In that time, Rebmam says hundreds of students have been able to observe a biological community.

"It's been very beneficial resource to our school. Kids can see things in person. When we talk about succession (the process by which a biological habitat changes over time), I can show them pictures of the pond. The pond there has changed considerably over ten years. And they can see that when they are there, and when I show them pictures I've taken," Rebmam said.

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Everything from community garage sales to concerts are held at the CCC

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They voted for a Capital Improvements Tax that funded the building of the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, which is named for a former mayor of the city. Now not a weekend goes by that something isn't going on at the CCC.

It holds a theater, an exhibition hall, an atrium, meeting rooms and the Lebanon Family YMCA.

Considered by many to be "the crown jewel of Lebanon," it also hosts the

Wall of Honor, which depicts dozens of citizens who have contributed greatly to the community.

The variety of events and activities at the CCC is amazing. While the city's main tourism draws are outdoor, warm weather activities such as visiting Bennett Spring State Park and cruising on old Route 66, the CCC brings visitors to the city year-round.





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The CCC serves as a venue for the Lebanon High School graduation ceremony and hosts various plays for schools in the theater. Local lovebirds also take advantage of the site for weddings and receptions.

Even the parking lot is used for car shows and outdoor movies for the community.

Probably the most popular event for the CCC has been the Gospel Music Spectacular, drawing top-shelf gospel artists and their fans from all over the country.

The CCC also serves as the site for a humongous community wide garage sale twice a year, gun shows, educational seminars about everything from alpaca wool to economic development, a high-school percussion artists competition and the annual Miss Merry Christmas pageant.

Most of the events come to Lebanon because of local people who have suggested the CCC to their promoters as a venue. The city also advertises the facility.

In December 2020, the city completed work on renovations at the civic center. Improvements include a new indoor walking trail and covered canopy, new carpet in the theater, fresh paint, polished and stained concrete, new doors, new LED lighting throughout and new signage. The improvements were paid for through a capital improvements tax passed by voters.



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The market also has a permanent restroom and a second is being planned for the future.

The project was completed in the spring of 2020. It had been in the planning since the summer of 2019.

Kate Bolden, manager of the Lebanon Farmers Market, has been preparing for a busy spring and summer at the market.

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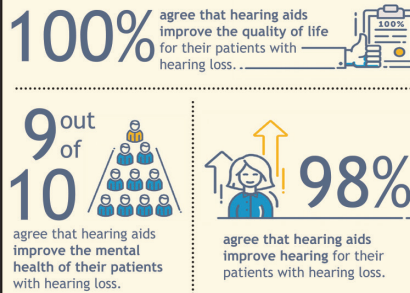
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According to Bolden, many people don't know that sales at Farmers Markets are regulated by guidelines from the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Health and the County Health Departments. It is important to the market members to feature safe, quality products.

Bolden is still accepting vendors for the season so if you need more information you may call her at 417-426-5690 or her cell phone 314-608-9848.

Fun at the fair

The Laclede County Fair arrives the second week of July every summer

Each year in July, The Laclede County Fair Board brings a week of excitement to Lebanon.

The fair includes livestock exhibits, a carnival and other events throughout the day at the Laclede County fairgrounds in Lebanon with the carnival opening up each night.

In 2018, the fair was able to begin using the Agriculture Legacy Building. The new building has long be a dream of the fair board.

"I don't know of any other county fair in the state that has a facility like this," said Fair Board President Glen Raef.

"It's always been a dream of the whole fair board to get another facility down here because our fair was just growing so fast, we ran out of room," Raef said. "We worked and worked on it and finally we got it going and here we are today."

He said at previous fairs, the livestock has always been housed in the fair barn, which had become crowded.

"All the hogs now will be housed under the new pavilion so that will open



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Throughout the week, area youth will be showing animals that they have raised from cows to rabbits. The week

culminates with a big sale of champions , where people can bid on the winning livestock.

The week of the fair is also host to nightly events. One of the newest events at the fair is the Ranch Rodeo. Competitions at the rodeo include mugging, trailer loading, branding, sorting and a calf scramble for the kids.





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Another fair tradition, is Senior Day at the Civic Center. It is held each year in conjunction with the fair. Local government agencies and businesses will have booths filling the center.

Raef said he has been involved with the fair all his life and started showing livestock there as a kid.

"I've always been a part of the fair, always have been," Raef said. "I've always had a passion for it, to help the rural youth of Laclede County, give them a place to come and show, and make some memories."

He says the chance to help youth is one of the things that's drawn him to the fair.

"I like the fact that we're helping kids with their projects and we're teaching them responsibility through FFA, 4-H, the home ec part of it," he said. "It gives them a chance to show off what they've accomplished with their projects."

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During the 1920s when America was enjoying prosperity following World War I, Bennett Spring (then known as Brice) was one of many areas considered by state planners to be preserved as a state park.

A Dec. 12, 1924, article in the Laclede County Republican stated that Lebanon Chamber of Commerce President O.A. Mayfield requested that the state consider Bennett Spring as a possible state park site.





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Several weeks later, another contract was signed between William Sherman Bennett, Mrs. Smith's brother, and the state for the sale of 565.33 acres. Of that land, 427 acres can be traced as belonging to James Brice, who settled there in 1837. The land where today's park store, office, dining lodge and hatchery buildings stand once belonged to the Bennett family.

Records indicate that James Brice came here from Illinois in search of productive land and a healthful climate.

He decided to stay at the beautiful spring area, which reportedly teemed with wildlife. Elk, deer, wild turkeys, buffaloes and even panthers were said to drink from the enormous spring.

Brice homesteaded 160 acres, which included the spring, and eventually homesteaded additional acreage that included all of the land and spring branch area. He built the first mill in the vicinity where early-day farmers brought their corn for grinding.





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The mill eventually was washed away during a violent rainstorm and flood.

Brice, the first permanent settler in the Bennett Spring area, died in 1855 and is buried in the Bennett Cemetery.

The Bennett family later settled at the spring area on land known as the Elmer Conn farm, site of the present Sand Spring Motel and Restaurant. The enterprising Peter Bennett built a mill at the spring outlet and Niangua River, which also was washed away in a rainstorm and flood. Bennett built a second mill known as Bennett's Mill during the Civil War years, and it became a center for tradesmen and farmers.

The mill was too small to accommodate the increase in business, so Bennett built a third mill and included a carding machine that prepared wool for the spinning wheel. He also built a sawmill in one section of the mill.

As business continued to grow, Bennett decided to construct a three-story building, and he purchased equipment for it in St. Louis.

Since the railroad track went only to Rolla, Bennett and his employees had to meet the train there and haul the equipment to Brice in ox-driven wagons



— a slow process over the rocky fords of that time.

Peter Bennett married Anna Brice, the daughter of homesteader James Brice. After Brice's death, Peter and Anna inherited the property.

When Peter Bennett died in 1882, his son, William Sherman Bennett, continued to run the mill. Bennett's daughter,

Josie Bennett Smith, operated a hotel at Brice for many years.

The Bennett Mill was destroyed by fire in 1895. The last mill at Brice was built by Dr. John B. and Freeman Atchley. Others who operated the mill in later years were J.E. Kelly, Mr. Runge and B.J. Usery.



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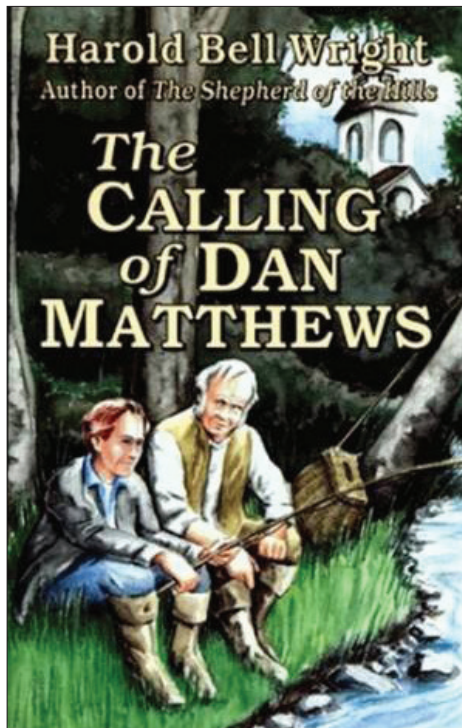
The mill stood as a landmark at Bennett Spring for sightseers and tradesmen alike. The Civilian Conservation Corps, which worked in the area during the 1930s, improved the mill. However, it later was destroyed by fire.

The CCC also constructed a log dam, foot trails, a new bridge and many other buildings at the park.

The spring valley already had become a popular camping site in the late 1800s as an area where farmers waited their turns at the mill. According to a Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) brochure, campers would fish, hunt or visit with local townspeople to pass the time.

By the turn of the century, recreation was gaining in importance at Brice. According to the DNR brochure, in 1900 the Missouri fish commissioner introduced 40,000 mountain trout into the spring, and a privately owned fish hatchery was built in 1923, the year before the state bought the spring and some of the surrounding area for a state park.

The Brice Post Office originally was



built as a log building on the river bank and named after James Brice. In later years, it was located in a general store operated by William Sherman Bennett

and his wife, Louie. The name of the post office was changed to Bennett Spring in 1939 and finally was discontinued in 1965. Arlie Bramwell was the last postmaster at Bennett Spring.

It was reported that in the early 1900s, William Sherman Bennett had a number of cans of young trout emptied into the spring. The trout thrived in the cold waters, attracting many fishermen.

Brice was the location where famed author Harold Bell Wright completed work on his classic novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills." Wright also wrote "The Calling of Dan Matthews" while he lived in Lebanon.

In that book, Wright's "Gordon's Mill" actually was Bennett's Mill.

Today, one of the oldest original buildings at Bennett Spring is the Bennett Spring Church of God, organized in 1917 through the influence of William Sherman and Louie Boles Bennett, who donated land for the church site. In the 1950s, stone veneer was applied over the wooden structure. It is the only original building that was in old Brice.





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In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Project Administration (WPA) were two new programs implemented by the U.S. government to put people to work during the Great Depression.

Much work was done at Bennett Spring starting in November of that year. The crews’ first tasks were to build barracks for themselves.

They built a new dam, a bridge, a dining lodge, six cabins, a store and post office building, shelters, houses, roads and trails. They also renovated the old Atchley Mill.

The men also constructed a second set of gravel-bottomed hatchery rearing pools and in 1935 built a new section onto the hatchery building. After the men left in 1938, they dismantled all but one of their barracks.

Through the years most of the development at the park has taken place outside of the park’s boundaries as private individuals built cabins, hotels, campgrounds and many other businesses. In 1969, Arlie Bramwell sold his wood and stone cabins to the state. Ralph User’s cabins were razed. Splan’s Resort was once a very busy place there. Vogel’s Resort was acquired by the state in 1980.

In 1969, the Nature Interpretive Center opened at the park with George Kastler as the first naturalist, and in



1982 the park dedicated a new office and store building close to the dining lodge on the site of the original Brice.

Later the park’s Niangua entrance was renamed the Bramwell Entrance in honor of Arlie Bramwell.

An additional 1,650 acres of land to the south of the current state bound-

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A number of different hiking trails are free and open to the public, ranging in length from less than half a mile to the 7.5 mile long Natural Tunnel trail that begins south of the spring. With such a variety in length, hiking trails are available to beginners and the very young to more experienced hikers who are ready for more of a challenge. Those trails include:



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■ The Old Hickory Trail, a .3 mile loop and the Bride Trail, a .7 mile hike, both of which are located behind the Bennett Spring Nature Center.

■ The Whistle Trail, a mile long trail that runs along the spring and up the bluff and begins at the Wooden Bridge near the Niangua River is also a popular trail.

■ The Trail Head offers two trails, the Savannah Trail is 2.5 miles and runs behind the cabins in the spring area and takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. And finally, the Natural Tunnel Trail is the park's longest and takes an estimated four hours and twenty minutes to complete. This last one features several small caves, bluffs and a water crossing before reaching the Natural Tunnel, the trail's main feature.

According to Bennett Spring State Park's Naturalist Resource Interpreter Patricia Chambers, the park's trails are one of its most popular features. There are more than 12 miles of trails around the park. Chambers said that during the pandemic, people from all over the coun-



try have come to the park to hike them. "...The hiking trails have remained popular this entire season as so many have sought outside activities during this time," Chambers said. "We have even had a number of people stop in from the East and West Coasts, as they have explored the Lebanon area as a possible new home. That's been impressive in that they want to check out Bennett

Spring as one of our area's best features as they consider moving to Missouri."

Park visitors of all ages and backgrounds enjoy the trails, like Sean Willoughby of Kansas City, Mo., one of many who come from the state's urban areas and Emily Perry, Grace Baker, Hannah Esther and Maggie Mebruer, who live just up Missouri 64 in nearby Lebanon.



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The trails also offer various levels of difficulty, making hiking available to the inexperienced as well as older, more skilled hikers. No matter the age and stage of the hiker, basic safety practices still apply like using sensible shoes, application of insect repellent and sun

screen, and staying well hydrated, especially on the warmest days of summer.

In the 2021 season, the Nature Center has offered a series of special Bird Hikes, including one each month this summer on hummingbirds, vultures and bald eagles.



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One of the first known newspapers

printed in Lebanon was The Clipper, a small, short-lived paper published in the 1860s. Several other newspapers sprang up in the early days of Lebanon. Most lasted only a short time.

To trace the roots of the Laclede County Record, you have to go back to 1866 when the Laclede County Republican was established by Major A.F. Lewis.

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As evident by its name, the newspaper had very strong Republican views. The paper was sold and changed names several times. J.E. MacKesson bought it in 1892, and he and his family operated the Republican for more than 30 years. Another early paper that is part of The Laclede County Record's heritage was the Lebanon Rustic, established in 1873. The Milton Fullers operated this paper the longest number of years of any of its owners. The Rustic and Laclede County Republican were combined in 1935 when a stock company, under the name of the Lebanon Publishing Co. Inc., purchased the Laclede County Republican, the Lebanon Rustic and the Lebanon Times. The Times had been published for a short time by Paul "Pete" Page. The papers combined under the name of the Rustic-Republican, with Fred May as editor and publisher of the company and Paul Page as manager.

Lebanon's first daily paper with paid circulation was The Lebanon Daily News, established in 1936 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred May. The first issue of The Lebanon Daily Record hit the streets Aug. 6, 1945.

In August 1946, Ozark Newspapers Inc. purchased the Rustic-Republican and Daily News from Col. and Mrs. Fred May.

The businesses were consolidated under the name of Lebanon Publishing Co. Inc., with the weekly paper continuing as the Lebanon Rustic-Republican and the daily as The Lebanon Daily Record.

In 1953 Lebanon Publishing Co. was purchased by the late O.R. Wright, father of current owner and president Dalton Wright. Dalton Wright purchased the newspaper in 1972.

The last issue of the Rustic-Republican was published Sept. 25, 1975.

The newspaper and its predecessors have been published at various locations on Commercial Street in Lebanon most years since 1866. In February 1973, the office was moved from 221 E. Commercial to 290 S. Madison.

By the end of 1996, Lebanon Publishing Co. reached another milestone when it announced the purchase of the historic Lingsweiler building at 100 E. Commercial. After a year of construction and renovation in an attempt to return the 1912 structure to as close to its original condition as possible, the company moved its news, advertising, composing and business departments in the spring of 1998.

In June 2018, the Daily Record went through yet another evolution, becoming the Laclede County Record. The LCR publishes twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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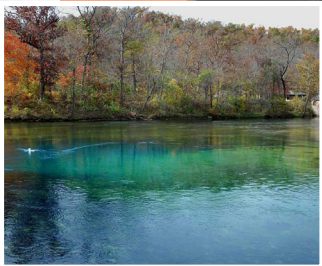


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The following year, the track became part of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series and became a paved track. Everyone from Ken Essay to Billy Moyer raced on the track in those early days. Nationally known drivers like Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards used the track to help vault their careers.

For a short time in the early 2000s, the track went back to dirt, but it starting in the 2010 season, it went back to a NASCAR sanctioned asphalt track.

The current track is a high banked 3/8-mile asphalt oval.

The I-44 Speedway season runs from April through September.

Races are held each Saturday night with gates opening at 6 p.m. and the races starting at 7:30 p.m. For ticket prices, visit www.i44speedway.net.

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Many businesses also participated in fun activities throughout the night. Families could meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, tell them what they wanted for Christmas and get photos with the magical couple. There were also inflatable bounce houses and slides for the kiddos, a photo booth, live music, sleigh rides, cookie decorating and dance performances.

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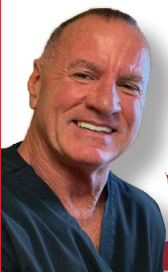
"The Lebanon Christmas Parade is one of the largest continuous parades in southwest Missouri and potentially probably all Missouri," says Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Director Darrell Pollock.

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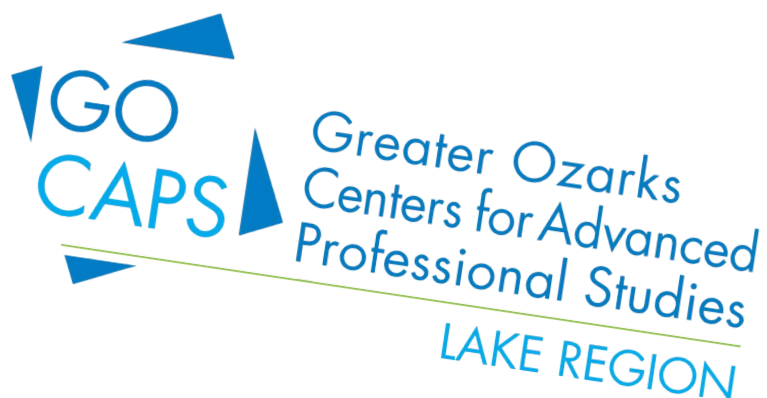


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Meet the chief

Bryan Arnold took over as the chief of police in Lebanon in 2019



Bryan Arnold

Bryan Arnold, a former Highway Patrol trooper, has been the chief of police in Lebanon since he was appointed in 2019.

Arnold, a Lebanon resident, formerly served as a criminal investigator assigned to Troop I of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

He retired from the Highway Patrol in November 2019 with 25 years of law enforcement experience.

Before beginning his career with the MSHP, Arnold served as a military intelligence officer in the United States Army. He has an associate degree in criminal justice, an associate degree in missile and munitions technology, a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a graduate of the MSHP Academy.

Mayor Jared Carr said he chose Arnold because of his dedication to service.

"Being in the Army for 13 years demonstrates his ability to lead," Carr said. "For the past 25 years, he has served in the Missouri State Highway Patrol in many different roles, demonstrating his character and willingness to commit to something bigger than himself."

Arnold said Lebanon is where he and his wife, Michelle, a local banker, have made their home. The Arnolds have two children and two grandchildren.

Arnold began his tenure with the LPD on Nov. 4, 2019, succeeding Chief Randy Halstead, who retired in 2019 after 38 years of service to the department.

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Sam Schneider is the chief of the Lebanon Fire Dept.

Lebanon Fire Department Chief Sam Schneider has spent most of his professional life in the fire service. It is a career choice that has given him a lot of satisfaction.

"I very much enjoy the job. I am appreciative of the challenges that it provides and the brotherhood of the emergency services and the fire service. Here in my own community, I hope to improve and build a department that responds to the needs of the community, citizens and visitors coming through here. It takes a lot of work, a lot of time, a lot of dedication, and I truly enjoy all that," Schneider said.

He spent years rising through the ranks of the fire service on his way to become the chief.

Following his 1988 graduation from Lebanon High School, he began his career in the fire service in October 1989 when he joined the Lebanon Rural Fire Department as a volunteer. His reasons were twofold.



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By the time he left Lebanon Rural in 1995, he had risen to the rank of assistant chief, an unpaid position at that time.

He became a licensed EMT through a program at Breech Medical Center. He left his drafting job for an EMT job with Breech Paramedics and began training to become a paramedic, working briefly for Breech.

He left Lebanon in December of 1995 for a job in the Kansas City metropolitan area as a firefighter-paramedic for the Fort Osage Fire Protection District outside of Independence, Mo.

He also worked part-time for the Sni Valley Fire Protection District in Oak Grove.

At the same time, he was volunteering with the Lake Lotawana Fire Department and teaching for the University of Missouri's Fire and Rescue Training Institute and another training program elsewhere.

He worked at the Fort Osage Fire Department for over two

years before he began working for the city of Liberty for another two years before leaving for Belton to be a full-time training officer.

Schneider made one last career move in April of 2001 when he returned to Lebanon as Lebanon City Fire Department's chief.

As chief, Schneider is proud of the capabilities of his staff. They are trained in technical rescue, hazardous materials, fire suppression and emergency medical care.

"I can't say enough about the good they do and the work they put in. The dedication from the staff has been tremendous," Schneider said.

He is appreciative of his staff as well.

"The nice thing about a career fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week is that you do have that timely response to incidents. The staff, the firefighters we have, simply in my own estimation are incredible. We have a

minimum staff that is on duty. If you look at other communities our size, sometimes we don't always have as many on duty as they do, but we still do the job," Schneider said.

While he still dons a turnout coat occasionally, Schneider's role as chief typically involves administration, management, planning and strategies.

"My job is more one of command and management and administration than it is hands-on physically fighting the fire. I do get suited up once in a great while, not as often as I used to by any means," Schneider said.

Schneider makes certain that training is ongoing at the Lebanon Fire Department.

Schneider said the fire department responds to calls for emergency medical services to get trained medical personnel on scene as quickly as possible to start patient care.



Finding the balance between CFO and mayor

Carr works to run his family business and serve the community

Lebanon's mayor is balancing the demands of a full-time job with the duties required of the city's top elected official.

Jared Carr said he has gotten better at juggling the private workplace and city hall.

"Sometimes you get pulled in a lot of different directions," he said. "One of the best things I've learned is when to say 'no or I can't do that right now.' That's helped balance out time between work, being mayor, and of course, family," he said.

Carr was first appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy created when former mayor Josh Ray resigned in 2017. Carr was elected to the position for the first time in 2020.

While serving as mayor, Carr continues to work at Carmeco, Inc., a metal fabricating company in Lebanon. He had a quick response when asked to describe a typical week juggling his public and private roles.

"Late nights, early mornings and everything in between," he replied. "Being in a small business, you never know what you're going to get when you walk in the door and that's the fun thing about it."

Carr performs a variety of duties and sometimes helps out filling orders at his private job.

"I had to run parts last night, I've still got grease under my fingernails in fact



Lebanon Mayor Jared Carr is seen at work at his other job as chief financial officer of Carmeco.

from last night, but it was fun, it breaks it up," he said.

He typically spends 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at City Hall to handle mayoral duties.

"If Carmeco needs me for something, I can leave here and if I need more time

here, I can leave Carmeco as well," he said. "Of course that makes it so some nights I have to work a little later after I come up here and work later"

Carr says he came to office without any set agenda.





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"I came in with a pretty open mind about wanting to make this the best place to live and make it a place my kids will want to come back to," he said. "If there's some opportunity here they don't have or if their life takes them someplace else, at least they're proud to say I'm from Lebanon and carry on the traditions of Lebanon wherever they go in the world."

He graduated Lebanon High School and has lived in the area all of his life except for the time he was in college. After moving back in 2004, he started working for the family-owned company, Carmeco, Inc., which his grandfather started in 1970. He is chief financial officer and in charge of IT at Carmeco.

"We've been in the community for many years and been a part of it and being in the industrial part of it plugs you into seeing what people need around town and helping out employees," he said. "My Dad's always preached to me to be willing to serve and be willing to give back some time, I have no problem giving back to the community that's given me so much."

The council is making progress at getting things done, but Carr said he "can't take credit for it."

"I'm just there to oversee it, but the city staff really has all these ideas they bring to us. The city employees are really looking out for the citizens and customers of Lebanon," he said. "Actually getting the work done and accomplished is something I attribute to them and Mike (Schumacher), the city administrator, and all the department heads. Maybe I have had something to do with that, but they've opened up to the fact that, hey, we can do things and we can look at ways to make this a better community for everybody that decides to live here."

Carr is also active in the Lebanon Rotary Club where he has chaired Pancake Day and the Choices program for the middle school.

He and his wife have kids who are active in sports and school activities.

Carr said his door is always open to anyone who has concerns or questions.

"I may not have the answer and it may not be the answer they want to hear, but I'm open to any suggestion that will help make a better community for us," he said.

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Wagons for Warriors

Chuckwagon cooks from around the country visit Lebanon to raise money for local veterans

For the past 10 years, the annual Wagons for Warriors event has been serving up chuckwagon meals for a good cause - raising money for local military veterans.

The Laclede County Fairgrounds hosted Wagons for Warriors 10th annual gathering over Memorial Day weekend in 2021. The event was the vision of Navy veteran and WFW president, Steve Hull, after his involvement in the Wounded Warrior Project at the Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Hull went with fellow WFW organizer, Mitch Morgan,

and made the decision to bring a similar experience closer to home.

"We decided to do it here and feed the public and then take the proceeds and use it for our veterans in need," Hull said. According to Hull, all the chuck wagons are authentic antiques and many of the cooks are award winning.



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Although separate from the Wounded Warrior Project, Wagons for Warriors has a similar goal of supporting and giving back to America's military personnel.

This year's event ran for three days, starting off with a wagon parade on Friday down Elm Street. Following the parade, Kent Rollins gave two chuck wagon cooking workshops at the fairgrounds.

Rollins, a native of Oklahoma, operates the official chuck wagon of Oklahoma, named by the governor of the state in 1996. Rollins has a YouTube channel with over a million and a half followers that subscribe to his outdoor cooking techniques. He has a column in Western Horseman magazine and has appeared on CBS Sunday Morning and NBC's Food Fighters.

Rollins, along with wagons from close to a dozen states including several from Laclede County, began serving food to the public at the fairgrounds at noon on Saturday.

Events on Saturday included a live auction of donated items, a pow wow of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe, and a visit from Fort Leonard Wood's USO therapy dog, Apache.

According to FLW's USO Center Director, Kelly Brownfield, Fort Leonard Wood is the first installation to have an on-site therapy dog program. The program officially started in 2015 as part of the USO's ongoing effort to strengthen America's military service members. Wagons for Warriors has supported the therapy/comfort dog program by paying for two therapy dogs, Maverik and more recently, Apache.

"We can't think them enough for believing in the USO Comfort Dog Program," Brownfield said.

At Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the large Great Danes work with amputees during therapy to provide stability and balance.



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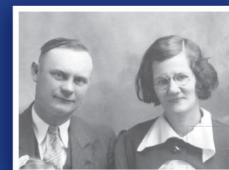
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They visit schools and will attend the funerals of fallen service members to provide comfort to the families, especially children. Therapy dog Maverik is currently in the top three in the nation in the American Humane Hero Dog Awards competition.

Another demonstration on Saturday was the pow wow of several native American tribes including the Nanticoke Indian Tribe of Delaware. Cricket Rice of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma described the Grass Dance as one of the oldest native American dances that is surviving today.

Rice mentioned the invaluable contributions that Native Americans made over several wars and how their language was utilized to help America not only in WWII but in Korea and into the Vietnam war. Numbers show that about 25 percent of all Native American males enlisted in the military in WWII. A higher percentage than any other group in the nation.

"We're not stagnant. We continue to evolve. We're all Americans and we all defend this country That's why we're here today. To celebrate this country," Rice said.



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Gospel music fans gather in Lebanon for annual concerts

Each year, Lebanon is home to nearly a week of gospel music with big name Christian music acts performing at the civic center.

In late July, two gospel music events take place at the Cowan Civic Center - the New Horizons Gospel Music Spectacular and the Lebanon Gospel Music Get-Together.

The week kicks off with the New Horizons Gospel Music Spectacular. The concert has been held in Lebanon for more than 30 years. The free concert always has several acts, but it is always headlined by local group, New Horizons. The gospel group was formed in 1967 and has performed all over the country. Along with the New Horizons, the 2021 concert featured many artists, including the Truelove Quartet, Brenda



Denney and Mark Mathes Family.

For more information about the free concert, visit www.newhorizonsgospel.org.

Later in the week is the Lebanon Gospel Music Get-Together. The four-day event is held Wednesday through Sunday each year the week of the concert. The 2021 concert featured such artists as The Isaacs, Booth

Brothers, Hoppers, Primitive Quartet and Greater Vision, among many others.

The event is emceed by Duane Garren and is filled with gospel artists from all over the country.

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FSCB donates \$18,000 to local charities

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First State Community Bank donated \$18,000 to local charities with money raised during its 22nd annual Charity Golf Classic.

"You can't imagine what a difference this money will make to them...and to those in our community that they

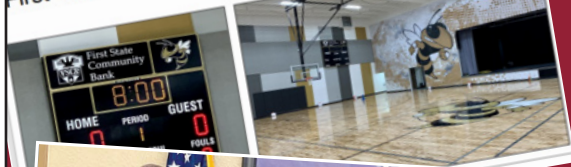
went to the following organizations: backpack food programs, including Shepherd's Pack and the Laclede County R-1 School District, received \$2,250 each; Lebanon Rotary Club's Koats for Kids program received \$2,000; Share Your Christmas, Shop with a Cop, Lebanon Kiwanis Club Christmas shopping, Lions Club



Bank employees pose for a picture, holding a \$18,000 check donated to local charities.



First State Community Bank - Thank you!



FSCB gets top spot on Forbes list

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First State Community Bank (FSCB) has been named Forbes 2021 Best-In-State Bank for the state of Missouri.

This award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. FSCB is one of only five banks in the state to make the awards list.

Steve Hite, Market President of First State Community Bank, said the bank is proud to receive this recognition. "It was certainly unexpected, but not a surprise to be ranked #1 Best Bank in the State of Missouri by Forbes. It is a tremendous complement to our customers for offering outstanding products and service. Of the 1,978 FDIC-insured banks in America, just 135 banks made the list. Then for FSCB to have



First State Community Bank, shown here on Commercial Street, was named Forbes 2021 Best-In-State Bank for Missouri.

earned the ranking of #1 as Best-In-Bank for the state of Missouri that's something incredibly prestigious and something we are very proud of."

Between one and five banks

and up to 10 credit unions were awarded the best-in-state designation by Forbes. Nationwide, 135 banks, or only 2.7 percent of all banks in America, made the list.



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First State Community Bank aims to help every customer reach their specific financial goals. Whether you're starting your child's first savings account or are expanding your business, we're here to help with all the products and services you need. Plus, we are local people who care about our community and its future. That's why we have a genuine passion for Laclede County.

Welcome to Lebanon! Remember, that when it comes to your finances, success starts here.

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