

Pride of the Bluegrass

The News of the Lafayette Band

From the Director's Desk



Charles M. Smith

Great Month – Beginning to End!

Take a deep breath -- October is almost here! The first of the month is quiet, but will be quickly followed by 8th Grade Band Night (Oct. 7), the Fire Prevention parade (Oct. 10), a mini-camp with W. Dale Warren during the fall break (Oct. 13-14) and finishing with two weekends of KMEA competition. It's hard to believe the season is going by so fast!

Our first two competitions are behind us and I'm pleased with the progress the Band has made so far. I know that some of you were a bit nervous about the time of the show at Danville High School, but we were anticipating that the show would be short that night and had prepared the students for the penalty. Congratulations to the percussion and color guard, both of which were both recognized for excellence in Danville. In case you didn't hear, there were some scoring anomalies in the

press box that night and Lafayette actually finished as the Reserve Grand Champion. I'd also like to congratulate the Boyle County High School Band for their great finish in Danville. I enjoyed seeing their level of excitement!

For those of you who are new to marching band this year, let me assure you that the type of scoring error we saw in Danville doesn't happen very often, and I'm sure you noted a few differences between the contest in Danville and the BOA contest in Richmond on Sept. 24, a result of different categorization according to school size and the difference in timing penalties. The fun of BOA competitions is seeing bands you don't often get to see, but there were also some very good Kentucky bands there on Saturday. Congratulations to the North Hardin and Adair County bands on their fine performances.

The advantage of participating in a high profile contest at a relatively early point in the season is that it gives us an excellent picture of the work that is needed as we point toward state competition at the end of the month. You've

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Dates to Remember

- Oct. 7 LHS vs. GRC, 8th Gr. Band Night
- Oct. 8 Bluegrass Festival of Bands, Bryan Station High School
- Oct. 10 Fire Prevention Parade
- Mid-Oct. Fruit and Wreath Kick-Off
- Oct. 13-14 Fall Break Mini-Camp
- Oct. 17 LBA Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 KMEA Quarter-final, Bryan Station
- Oct. 28 Depart for KMEA, Bowling Green
- Oct. 29 KMEA Semi-finals, finals, WKU

LBA Parent Meeting

Oct. 17

(Note change of date)

7 p.m., LHS Cafeteria

Hear details about travel to Bowling Green for KMEA semi-finals and finals competition.

Agenda will also include update on the fruit and wreath fundraiser and bingo.

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probably heard that the contest we had planned to attend at East Jessamine County High School has been cancelled and we will participate in the Bluegrass Pageant of Bands at Bryan Station High School On Oct. 8. There we will again have a chance to compete against North Hardin High School. I look forward to this as opportunity to measure our progress between the BOA competition in Richmond and the two weeks of work that will follow. It's not often that we get a chance like that and I hope we can take good advantage.

I was very pleased the performance of the Band in Richmond and was particularly happy with the marked improvement between the preliminary and final performances.

I'm very pleased with the heart with which our Band is performing at this time in the season. They're working hard, and I even saw a great deal of progress between the football game on Sept. 9 and the competition in Danville the next day. There were rough spots in the show on Friday night and again on Saturday, but after a good rehearsal I could see that Shadows of Eternity had a lot more heart, even as the mechanics still needed work. I had to salute the

effort involved with the effort to pull it together. We press on to polish movement three and prepare to perform movement four.

The beginning of the season always bring to the forefront the phenomenal support we get from the families of Band students. I heard that there were nearly 90 parents working in Danville and Richmond on the field, uniform and food crews and as chaperones. Even more of you lent amazing support from the stands, not just for our Band, but for all the bands that competed on those days. Thank you for everything

you do for all the bands at all of our competitions. Please know what a terrific contribution you make and accept my thanks for everything you do.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Band Room any day after 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Change of Venue

There has been a change in our original contest calendar for Oct. 8. Instead of traveling to East Jessamine High School, we will participate in the Bluegrass Festival of Bands at Bryan Station High School. In addition to North Hardin High School, the event will also include bands from Grant County High School and P.L Dunbar High School.

LBA hopes that the "hometown" contest will make it easier for many Band families to attend and lend support to our Band and all the bands who will participate.

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Today is a Birthday, I Wonder for Whom . . .



Michael Balko	Oct. 1	Miku Kono	Oct. 5	Dylan Matthews	Oct. 21
Ryan Ballard	Oct. 25	Ben Hagan	Oct. 25	Emily Miller	Oct. 16
Seth Bashore	Oct. 18	Ashley Hall	Oct. 20	Shanda Rackley	Oct. 25
Bruce Cotton	Oct. 28	Sierra Harr	Oct. 25	Chris Ward	Oct. 16
Laura Davis	Oct. 2	Andy Maggard	Oct. 3	Rachel Yonts	Oct. 29
Kelley Duncan	Oct. 24				

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FUNDRAISING NOTES

Cheese and Sausage: Ready for Distribution!

The cheese and sausage fundraiser was a great success with more orders taken from more students this year! Great job! We still are in need of volunteers to help with cheese and sausage distribution on Oct. 11. The truck is scheduled to arrive at Lafayette at 2:00 p.m., and there will be lots to unload!

Once unloaded, we will set up the boxes in the cafeteria for the students/parents to pick up after rehearsal that evening until 7:30 p.m. We have reserved the cafeteria for this, and we need to get ALL boxes distributed that evening. Please come get your order at that time.

Email Sharon Edwards(cmmominky@windstream.net) or Carole Howell (redskins@qx.net) if you are available to help us. Students can start collecting money as they deliver their orders and start turning it in on Monday Oct. 17. We will take money throughout that week. Please get your orders delivered promptly, and remember to refrigerate your cheeses.

If you decided not to sell cheese and sausage, the "in-lieu of" payment for this fundraiser is \$40, which can be given to Carole Howell or Sharon Edwards or can be added to your CHARMS account.

Thanks!

Do you ...

- Use GoodSearch as your search engine?
- Shop with your LBA Kroger gift card?
- Make on-line purchases with GoodShop?

These fundraisers are an easy way to benefit the Band.

For more information, see the Fundraising section of www.lafayetteband.org

LBA members will wrap gifts for Amazon

Come join us at Amazon to help wrap some holiday gifts. You don't have to be an expert, or even experienced! A great way to support the band without having to buy or sell!

Amazon provides pre-cut paper, electric tape dispensers, an organized table, and cushy mats to stand on. The shifts are only four hours long and the time goes by quickly. Training will be provided and must be completed before the shifts begin – there will be at least one training at Lafayette and others located around town. Last year the trainings were primarily in the last two weeks of October.

This is a festive and fun way to help the Lafayette Band stay strong. Amazon

will donate 60 cents to \$1 per package, depending on time of day (day shifts are more than evening ones) and how close it is to the end of the wrapping season (the amount is greater toward the end). The average wrapped per hour is 22, but it is possible to wrap 40 – 50 packages/hour, particularly if you have done this before or sign up for more than one shift this year. If you have wrapped in the past and would like to work as an Ambassador, there are a limited number of these spots open for each shift. Ambassadors are volunteers who assist the wrapping volunteers by answering questions and making sure the stations have supplies. Ambassadors

receive 100 wraps for each 4-hour shift.

Gather a group of friends or make it a family event. Anyone who is 18 or older is welcome to participate and wrap for Lafayette Band. The shifts are: 8 am – 12 noon, 9:30am – 1:30pm, 2 pm – 6 pm, 7pm – 11pm, 10pm – 2am, 7 days/week: November 25 – December 23.

We can work as many shifts as we get volunteers for, but shifts are first come, first served and the competition for spots increases every year as more groups sign up to do this great fundraiser. Please let Mary Kay Rayens (mkrayens@uky.edu, or 859-323-6172) know if you will be able to help. She will make sure you receive updates on scheduling and training if you send her your preferred email address and phone number. Time slots open soon!

Carol Lynn

Originals & Events



Well Done!!!

All of us, as members of LBA, have a duty to help the organization uphold its dual purposes of "providing support, both moral and financial, to the Lafayette Band" and "to cooperate with the Band Director to insure that the Band is brought to and kept at the highest level of musicianship and performance." Well, after two competition weekends and four football games, we've got but one thing to say: "WELL DONE!"

Kudos again to the kids and to the staff for their hard work! The discipline and passion are very evident in watching daily practices and, then, performances. It's so obvious that our kids want to be at the very highest level of performance. It's all coming together and the end product promises to be just tremendous!

Thank you to Mr. Smith, Dr. Magee, and all of the staff for giving the kids the tools they need to be "The Pride of The Bluegrass." WELL DONE!

We also need to give special kudos to all of our LBA crews and volunteers. At no time is the "Lafayette Nation" more obvious than when we take the show on the road. Chaperones, food crew, uniform crew, color guard crew, band store, and, yes, field crew volunteers are there to assure that our kids have everything they need, when they need it. We counted over 80 "day of" parent volunteers in both Danville and Richmond. Amazing and, again, WELL DONE!

October promises to be an exciting month of competition! As we enter this final portion of the marching season, let's all take a minute and thank our kids, the staff, and the crew volunteers for all their efforts.

Fundraising is off to a superb start! It looks like discount cards and cheese and sausage have both made financial goals. Add to that our record setting year in sponsorship and some great bingo numbers and again we say WELL DONE! Let's all rally behind our fruit and wreath sales this year and keep this trend going.

We do have one area where we must have some movement and that is family payments. We are just not where we need to be with this part of our budget and, with state competition just a couple of weeks away, it is imperative and critical that all families be on tract, be that through the standard agreement or an alternate plan. We must have these dollars in place to pay upcoming bills. Please, review where you are with your payments to make sure the Band can do everything that we, as parents and LBA members, have promised.

We entered this year with the expectation that all families would help with our bingo fundraising, selling bingo pull-tabs just three to six times during this fiscal year. Many have heeded the call and we thank you! Others have not yet made it to the bingo hall. Now would be the time to change that. Now would be the time for all families to work bingo into their personal commitment to LBA. We are having a GREAT year with bingo, but it does seem to be the same familiar faces working every week.

All of us have busy lives, lives outside of the Band, but, we really must have all families helping with this. We have just found out that there is now no bingo competition in Lexington on Tuesdays or Thursdays, meaning that there is a great chance that our dollars will rise that much more. Please respond to your bingo coordinator's email this month and schedule your times to volunteer.

One last thing... We are losing many key volunteers with this year's senior class and

we will need new volunteers to step into these positions. It would be best to have new volunteers shadow our current coordinators. We will need new volunteers to coordinate the football program, the newsletter, enews, and our band store. Reach out to us if you have an interest in helping with any of these roles.

As always, please call us with any concerns at 277-7893.

Thanks so much for being a part of LBA and helping this group live up to its purpose!

GO LAFAYETTE!!!

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Show Shirt
is here!

The new shirts can be purchased at the Band Store on Thursday afternoons and during student drop-off on contest days.

Short Sleeve Shirts are \$18.00 and Long Sleeve Shirts are \$20.00 (2XL & 3XL shirts are an additional \$2.00)

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LAFAYETTE BAND 2011

Bingo Needs You!

Have you committed to your bingo slots for the year? If not, call your section chairperson to reserve the times that you will work. We all rely on YOUR participation in fundraising through Bingo to keep your band payments in check!

Brass:

Jill Richeson

Woodwind:

Vivian Salley

Percussion and

Color Guard

Gayla Webb

Board and

Activity Chairs:

Sara Maggard

