



# The Lehi Ag Journal

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# The first breath of spring



"The Tulip Festival is by far one of my favorite times of year because winter has been here, everyone has had it with no color, and snow, and staying in doors. When tulips come out they come out with this splash of vibrant color so the landscape just changes over night" –Tracey Erdman

The fragrance, the color, the first breath of spring, all describes the beautiful, well known plant: tulip. As these amazing plants welcome in the spring, they give us a new hope for the coming days. To enjoy the beauty of tulips we have to take a look outside and find them. Where do we go though? To us, the Thanksgiving Point Gardens Tulip Festival was the place to look. To learn more about the tulip festival we interviewed Tracey Erdman, the director of the gardens. We would like to thank him for his time and great information about the upcoming activities.

Preparation for the tulip festival begins in June: preparing beds and developing a display. After the display is created, an order of tulip bulbs is sent to bulb manufacturer in Holland. The bulbs arrive in the latter part of September and are planted. By the end of October all the tulips are planted for the coming spring. The program side of the tulip festival then starts. Then they plan when the tulip festival is going to be held. This is tricky due to the fact that they are guessing the weather at least six months in advance based on seasonal norms. A sound piece of advice the gardens offer us is, "if the tulips are not blooming in your yard they won't be blooming here either." They continue by planning the activities and events, as the festival grows closer. The Tulip Festival holds 95 varieties on display at anytime during the festival. The tulips change as the year progresses due to



the different types and different seasons. Tracy Erdman expects the Tulip Festival attendance this year to reach over 40,000. He states "I think what the gardens do for the community is create a sense of community. It's something that when they have guests come, they can be excited to bring them out and show them the gardens and enjoy the quality of the landscape that is created." The Tulip Festival is the largest attended event the gardens' ever hold.

The festival began in 2005. It was created due to the fact that the gardens had tulips and no one was coming to see them. The gardens created the Tulip Festival to tell people that the tulips had arrived. "Just by telling people the tulips were here, they just started coming," says Tracey Erdman. As the Tulip Festival was accepted extremely well with the surrounding community the gardens extended the festival to accommodate the mass numbers. To this day the Tulip Festival is an annual tradition of Thanksgiving Point Gardens. The Tulip Festival is scheduled for April 13th –28th.

Thanksgiving Point Gardens have an outreach program that is called Tulip Journey North. The gardens send representatives into schools across the state. They plant tulips in their schoolyards so they can see when their tulips are blooming. .

Tracey Erdman stated the philosophy of Thanksgiving Point well when he said, "We exist to give people experiences that they don't normally get, to have a hands on learning experience in a safe and family environment that really creates a sense of community." A visit to Thanksgiving Point Gardens is well worth your time whenever you decide to go.

*Tommy Smith and Becca Ferguson*

## Green, greener, greenest

*Brett Robertson*

"Turfgrass adds beauty to most landscapes, helps cool the environment, and gives people a place to play, sit, and walk barefoot," states Utah State University (USU) Extension. To maintain a beautiful lawn for years to come, it takes a few simple practices. Kelly Kopp, a turfgrass specialist for USU states, "The basic practices of lawn care include mowing, fertilization, and irrigation."

Mowing is an easy principle that can be accomplished, however, there are a few things to consider. Different turfgrass requires different mowing heights. Just remember, '1/3" Rule.' One should never mow more than a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total length of the grass. Setting the lawn mower to cut the grass taller promotes a stronger, deeper root system, which encourages thicker growth as well as, eliminate weeds and pest problems.

How much fertilizer should be



applied to the lawn? What type of fertilizer should be applied on the lawn? Before fertilizing, first consider the maintenance and use of the lawn. Turfgrass requires nitrogen. If highly used areas, apply 4-5lbs of nitrogen per 1000 sq ft. Areas of moderate use, apply 2-3 lbs of nitrogen per 1000 sq ft. Timing is an important factor. During springtime and fall, apply a high nitrogen fertilizer and during the summer months, apply a low nitrogen fertilizer.

In Utah, proper irrigation is an important factor for the health and quality of the grass, as well as for our state. The amount of water turfgrass needs depends on the variety of grass, temperature, wind, and humidity. Water long enough for water to penetrate six to eight

inches deep. Lawns during the spring and fall require less water, but during the summer, lawns require more. Some basic guidelines to follow will ensure a quality lawn. Irrigate early in the morning when temperatures are cool. Aerate to improve water infiltration. Adjust irrigation to meet seasonal needs. USU Extension recommends, "May-June 15 - water one inch per week. June 16-July 15 - water one and a half inches per week. July 16-Aug 15 - water two inches per week. Aug 16-Sept 30 - water one and a half inches per week."



Following these basic principles, turfgrass will develop a deep root system, grow thicker turf, eliminate weed and pest control, and provide the landscape with a green and healthy lawn all summer long. More information can be found at <http://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/html/lawns>

# Master Gardeners

What is Master Gardeners? This is for people who love planting or getting in soil, and for those who like to weed. If you want to learn how to make green things grow are people who are masters of the garden that will help give you tips to become a master yourself. It was created to increase the availability of Horticulture information throughout Utah. If you want to do the master gardener you will have to take a college class along with a community service.

We surveyed LeeAnn Martin (a member in the Master Gardeners). We asked her a variety of questions about Master Gardener's program. We have learned a lot about this program. "You don't need any experience, that's why it is a class, you just need to love getting in the dirt and planting."

This is some of the information that we found out. This class is a three month class and each class is a two hour period. The class costs a small fee to take, there are required labs and 40 hours of community service required to pass. Classes are available in the fall. You do not need any planting experience. LeeAnn told us there is no prior knowledge required for this class. This class is not a hard class either. ANYONE can become a Master Gardener.

While talking with LeeAnn we got reasons why Master Gardeners is a great program. It was set up to help teach people how to use the right plants in the right place, how to improve your soil, how to be wise with your water, how to use weed and

pest control, how to fertilize properly, and many other beneficial gardening and landscaping techniques. It's a great way to meet new people and to share gardening tips and techniques. It's also a great networking system and can help you find future jobs in gardening or landscaping.

We asked her how it can help one personally and open opportunities. LeeAnn responded "It can help you in life with more success, communication skills, and it will teach you how to appreciate things you do." There are opportunities in this if you like it. There is a chance that you can even land a job in agriculture!

If you decide to do Master Gardeners or have already done the program, and enjoy it, there is an advanced Master Gardeners class for those who love it, those who are

more advanced in landscaping, and for those who want to take it to the next level.



*Jaci Edwards and Jake Green*



## Get a life!

With all the technological advances, the nature have work has changed. Jobs today require high-tech knowledge, and technical skills. Work and learning should be an integral part of your life as you pursue your pathway to success. It is never too early to start planning for life after high school! Career Technical Education (CTE) classes can help in with preparing for the future. Why CTE? CTE classes are life learning classes that teach you life skills that will help you with future careers in a number of different work fields."

The classes are taught at colleges and high schools all over the United States. There are over 211,000 students across the state of Utah that participate in these courses They were arranged to help students learn about the type of working fields that are all out there in the world outside of school. Brian Kane, a CTE teacher at Lehi High School says, "He enjoys preparing students for the real world and helping them develop skills in the business field." Taking the types of CTE classes that will help you in the line of work you want to go into will benefit you greatly in knowing what the job is about and what you will accomplish.

They offer a combination of class instruction, hands-on work, and on-the job training, that will give what you need to succeed. Mike Taylor says, "He likes teaching students real world skills that will help them leave high school with skills that can help them get a job." Each of those careers that CTE classes teach shows you the basic skills that will teach you what you will need to learn and what you will be doing in that career. If you know enough about that career

you will make it in the industry making good money and will be doing what you went to class to do.

Some of the benefitting CTE classes are; Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science, Information Technology, Marketing, Skilled and Technical Sciences, and Technology and Engineering. Kadee Lewis, a senior at Lehi High enjoys CTE classes. She said, "I have enjoyed taking CTE classes through my high school. These classes relate to real life and are hands-on, which I like. I have learned marketable skills that are useful in the real world. CTE classes have opened doors for me, through scholarship and being a sterling scholar. The information and knowledge I have learned has prepared me with the necessary skills to be successful."



Some of the benefits that go along with CTE are student leadership, career preparation, and scholarship and tuition awards. For example, in the Agricultural Cluster, "FFA is an integral and necessary component of the overall program...it is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success." Business, a major part of CTE provides you with opportunities for leadership, community involvement, and business partnership. In all, CTE classes offer leadership and employable skills, time management, effective communication, teamwork, and problem solving skills. Come get a life!

*Talon Tippets and Jesse Ririe* 2

# Lehi FFA Does it again

Addison Beck and Rachelle Johnson

Lehi FFA recently attended the 84th annual Utah State Convention in early March and did a wonderful job. Placing in the top three in eighteen of the twenty three competitions that they competed in at the convention, Lehi FFA showed the state of Utah that they had something to prove. This was that state convention isn't just a competition; it is a place to meet new people and have a great time, possibly winning a few things along the way.

There are many different opportunities available at state convention where Utah FFA members can meet new people, apply for scholarships, win cash prizes, and build lifelong relationships. State convention offers many competitions such as Agri-Science Fair, Parliamentary Procedure, Extemporaneous Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Star State Greenhand, Star State Farmer, Star State Agribusiness, Chapter Display, and much, much more!

Brett Robertson, Lehi FFA advisor stated, "Over fifty members went to convention all competing in different things. Each member was impacted in a positive way by attending. With the leadership workshops and the state officers retiring addresses, each member learned how to become a better leader. State Convention is a place that FFA members can feel like they are cared about by the state officers.

This helps them to enjoy convention even more and will also help them become a better person. State Convention makes you want to come back next year and do more." With each member wanting to increase each member's chance to attend State Con-

vention next year and even National Convention. This shows our communities that the FFA is a strong organization that can help many students all around the state.

Going to State Convention is beneficial to all who attend. "The members are taught to never let people define them and also how to look at the big picture," said Dakota Spencer, a Lehi FFA member. State convention teaches you how to come out of your shell and be yourself. State Convention is a fun, loud place, where you can learn to have a great time and even win cash prizes. State Convention one of the best activities available for Lehi FFA members, and each student strives to make it a great competition.

With many different competitions, there are endless possibilities that an FFA member can compete in. We encourage all students who are currently enrolled in an Agricultural Education class to join FFA.

By becoming a member of the FFA you too can have a chance to win a competition at State Convention and continue on to National Convention.



## Ag Issues at the Capital

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, known as child labor laws, was put into place to protect young people in agricultural jobs so that their health, educational opportunities, and well-being are not jeopardized.

The age standards for youth employment in agriculture differ from those in non-agricultural jobs. Youth 16 years and older may work in any farm job at any time. But youth between the ages of 10 and 15 have many restrictions as to when they can work, what they can do.

The laws that are in place are as follows: Youth under the age of 16 may not operate a tractor over 20 PTO horse power, a corn picker, grain combine, feed grinder, forage harvester, fork lift, or any other heavy machinery of that nature.

These youth may not be in a pen occupied by a bull, boar, stud horse, or a sow or cow with a newborn. Working on a scaffold at a height of over 20 feet is not permitted. Handling, transferring, or applying toxic chemicals or explosives are prohibited.

Though these laws do not apply to children working on their family farms, many fear that these laws will soon apply. If parents cannot have their own children work on their family farm then the farm would lose value. The expense of hiring hourly help is expensive and unnecessary. Howard Bangerter, a local farmer commented on the issue, "Our farm would lose even more value because we would then have to hire adult help which would get very expensive."

Just as kids that live in urban areas have chores like

cleaning the kitchen or mowing the lawn, children that work on the farm have similar jobs such as plowing the fields or cleaning the stalls. Not allowing children to work on their own farm would take away the values that hard work teaches and the rights of parents.

Last year at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana there were 53,358 members, leaders, and supporters of the FFA. Of those that attended 70% live or work on a farm.

To be in the FFA you must have an SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience). Many of these members raise animals, grow crops, and have their own businesses such as landscaping. In all of these areas tools and chemicals deemed hazardous are used. But because they are properly trained in using these things students can safely grow and expand in their SAE.

If these laws are amended and passed FFA members will no longer be able to have many of the most common SAE projects. This will limit their opportunities to become experienced farmers, learn new things, and gain the work ethics that the FFA tries to instill.

As the government becomes more and more involved in the lives of the American people, their freedom to make their own choices is taken away. We are asking Washington to take a step back and to re-evaluate their position as a governing body. We need laws to protect young people in agricultural jobs so that their health, educational opportunities, and well-being are not jeopardized, but we do not need laws that totally limit their working opportunities.

Kadee Lewis and Dakota Spencer



# All about fishing

**F**ishing in Utah has always been around. We have many lakes and reservoirs that we put to good use. We use them for recreation such as boating, swimming and fishing. You can also catch several different species of fish such as trout, bass, catfish, etc. But the most important thing is how to catch those fish, so we went out to see what the public had to say. We put out a survey to find out just that. Most people said, their favorite places to go were the lakes and streams up American Fork Canyon. American Fork Canyon is a great place to either fish, or for recreation. How someone fishes in Utah County differs for each season of the year. Just like how the lakes freeze during the winter, we start ice fishing. What differs from ice fishing from something like regular lake fishing is first, obviously your fishing on ice, but just the different techniques and bait. Ice fishing is much different than any other type of fishing; you first have to drill a hole through the ice. The ice can be as thin as 4 to 6 inches for it to be safe for someone to ice fish on foot. How you fish through a small hole is a technique all on its own. You usually use bait that glows somehow so the fish can see it. It also helps to add a little movement to your bait to make it more noticeable and lively.



When you fish from stream usually you use a normal rod and reel but the bait is different, you use lures and worms but when you fly fish you don't use worms and lures you use flies. The fishing techniques you most commonly use with rod and reel you cast out and reel in slowly. However with fly fishing, just the way you cast is different from anything else. You actually use the weight of the line to cast your fly out as far as you want your than let it sit for a minute and yank it back to simulate what a fly does when it lands and takes off from water. The neat thing with fly fishing is that with the flies you use you can either tie them yourselves or you can buy them from outfitters such as Cabela's and Sportsman's Warehouse. Both of these stores have a very wide variety of different flies to use.

They also have tips and different techniques you may have never even thought to try. For those avid fishermen, Cabela's has a board of what you can use to help you be more successful fishermen.

*Dallon Mckinney and Shawn Goodwin*

## The Best Square Donuts Around

The Lehi Bakery has been around Lehi for 44 years. They are located on Main Street in down town Lehi. They are opened Tues.-Fri. 7:00am-6:30pm and Sat. 7:00am-5:00pm

The Lehi Bakery is a fun place that everyone loves to visit. The family owned business started because Arden wanted to take his boys to church on Sunday. He worked as Albertsons head baker and had to work all day every day. Therefore, by starting his own business he could take days off when he needed to. He wanted to stay in the food business because that is what he liked to do. In the army, he served as the cooks' helper and progressed over time to the head cook at his base. So wanting to stay in the food industry, he built the Lehi Bakery.

The family would love to keep it in the family, so they will pass it down to their kids. There are many grandkids so even they could take the bakery and keep it going. The

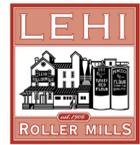


bakery is known for their square donuts. The square donuts are easier, faster, and unique then circle donuts. The only other places that we know of in the United States that has square donuts are small business in the Eastern States.

The Lehi Bakery is a traditional place. Traditional meaning that people from all around wants to visit it when they are in town. "The owners told us a story about a chap that lived out of the state and sends money for the bakery to send donuts back to him". There are multiple stories like this that people remember going early before school or right after school with the whole family and buying squares donuts. The kids will grow up and make it traditions of their own. Like taking their own kids and getting donuts.

*Jake Harper & Tyler Goodman*

# LEHI ROLLER MILLS



**W**hat is that big red building with the turkey on it? That is the Lehi Roller Mills. First opened in 1906. Early share holders invested \$20,000 to build the early Roller Mills. Back in 1906, Lehi was a small rural town. Four years after the mill had been open; George G. Sherman bought the mill. As the demand for flour increased, George modernized the mill to meet the ever increasing demand for flour. By 1925 the mill was delivering flour by the truckload to bakeries and other dealers in Salt Lake and California.

When George died in 1936, his son, Sherman D. Robinson, took charge of the mill until 1980. Today, the mill is under the direction of his son R. Sherman Robinson. Since Sherman has been in charge of the mill, production capabilities have expanded. New product line has been created, new warehouse built, and a state-

of-the-art mix plant has been installed. Even today the mill is still evolving. However the philosophy is still the same, "Only the best wheat makes the best flour," stated Sherman Robinson.

The mill doesn't just supply local businesses; they ship their products all over the continental United States. In 1952 Colonel Sanders selected the Lehi Roller Mills as their first supplier. Even today The Roller Mills continue to supply KFC and their 300+ restaurants. Many of you may know that the Lehi Roller Mills was used in the Paramount Pictures film, Footloose, starring Kevin Bacon, Sarah Jessica Parker, and John Lithgow.



*Chandler Wilder & Hayden Haws*

## HOME TOWN

Lehi Roller Mills is a local company that receives wheat from local farms. R. Sherman Robinson, the CEO of Lehi Roller Mills states, "We receive our wheat from local farms like Stan Smith, Holbrook Farms, and Jim Smith." For many years now and he says, "We don't want to lose the local farmers support." They also receive produce from Northern and Southern Utah, Nebraska, and sometimes Kansas. He told us, "We like to help out the local farmers by, buying their products first then going out to other farms around the state and country." He also said, "By buying the products from local farmers helps them, and us, out."

They only purchase wheat because all the equipment they have is made for grinding and milling winter wheat. They sell their products to local businesses like KFC and the local bakery's such as Lehi Bakery and Kneaders Bakery. They also send their products from Oregon to Florida and all over the country. Mr. Sherman is happy that he is able to keep the Lehi Roller Mills in the local businesses and local farms but he is glad that they are able to send products nationwide too. It brings in good money to keep the Lehi Roller Mills in business for years to come.

*Cody Franson & Kolton Winn*



# Broadbent's



**B**roadbent and Son General Store, established in 1882, is a local legacy treat that many residents shop at to unlock memories and treasure for the future. They are located on 128 North 100 East in Lehi, Utah. Broadbent's are open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday and closed Sundays. To commemorate their legacy, they are celebrating 130 years of bringing back great memories.

Kellie Jo Jones, a decedent of the Broadbent's, and longtime customer of the store, gave an insight to how Broadbent's has progressed and kept up with the times. "During the depression they had sugars and spices, which were hard to find, so people would bring in their food stamps to use as trade. They also have kept up with their merchandise that appeals to the times, and continues to keep customers interested."

On April 11, 1859, Joseph Broadbent and his wife Sarah emigrated from England to America. They started a journey across the plains in June and arrived in Salt Lake Valley in September. They came to Lehi and purchased land and built a house. The land that the store is on now, is the same land that they purchased. They purchased a sewing machine in order to provide for themselves. They owned one of the first sewing machines in Lehi. They also purchased bolts of blue denim fabric. With the sewing machine and the bolts of blue denim fabric, Sarah made work overalls and jumpers. Joseph put copper rivets to reinforce the seams and make them more durable. Joseph also traveled the territory every summer and picked up watches and clocks to repair.

Sarah suggested in 1882 that they build a small shop onto their home. That same year, Broadbent and Son were issued their first business license. The business is a family owned operation. The employees consisted of Joseph, Sarah, their son Joseph S.,

and their daughter Geneva. Their store had proved to be very successful. Additional buildings were constructed to accommodate growth and Broadbent and Son became the main merchandise institution of the area.

Various products are offered such as beautiful hardwood furniture, a wide selection of the finest glassware, crystal and china, linens, kitchenware, bulk seed and garden supplies, quilting fabric and clothing, jewelry, baby wear, books, illustrious dolls, and hundreds of beautiful gift items.

Broadbent's is different from other stores. Jeanette Haws has been a Broadbent's customer for 35 years. She said, "They are different in how they display their products... they have a lot of old furniture that they display stuff on. You can tell they've added on as the years have gone by, even though people say it is a little hokey, I think it adds to the charm of the small town country store. Not country as in western but as in a small town feeling. For a lot

of the elderly they will just go in there and talk to the employees or just other customers. It's kind of like their social life. Their merchandise is for all stages of life. You can buy baby things, books, toys and it goes clear on up to things for older people."

"This business has survived through wars and depressions. It has seen over the century of change and growth. Yet, one thing remains constant: the tradition of hard work, service, and dedication to our customers...this business is 'the people' business and we love and appreciate our customers, they become our dear friends, said the Broadbent's. You can find out more at [www.broadbentquiltshop.blogspot.com](http://www.broadbentquiltshop.blogspot.com) or email them at [broadbents-quiltshop@gmail.com](mailto:broadbents-quiltshop@gmail.com)

*Taylor Hutchings and Sabreana Rassmussen*



## LEHI HIGH GREENHOUSE

Springtime is over and let us welcome in the summer! The Lehi High School greenhouse class is ready to do that. They have worked hard over the winter months to prepare beautiful flowers, bedding plants, vegetables, and hanging baskets. They are excited to sell all the quality plants that last all summer long.

There is a lot to offer, annuals, vegetables, potted plants, and 10 and 12 inch hanging baskets. The flowers to choose from are sweet alyssum, profusion zinnias, wave petunias, madness petunias, marigolds, impatiens, dusty miller, and lobelia. All come in a variety of

colors. Vegetables of choice are better boy, sunsugar, cherry, celebrity, and beef master tomatoes, peppers that are sweet and hot, as well as zucchini, squash, and cucumbers.

The hanging baskets are vibrant and love to sulk in the sun. However, that is not all, we have regal, zonal, and ivy geraniums of many colors.

Plants will be ready to purchase on May 10, 2012. The greenhouse will be open Monday –Friday, including some Saturdays, from 8:00 - 4:00 pm. The sale will run until plants are sold out.



# Calendar of Events

## School Events

April 23-27th: Phippen Musical @ 7 pm  
April 28th: Lehi Prom @ 8 pm  
May 14th: Orchestra Concert @ 6 pm  
May 15th: Choir Concert @ 7 pm  
May 19th: Ballroom Concert @ 1 pm and 7 pm  
May 21st: Jazz night @ 7 pm  
May 22nd: Percussion Concert @ 7 pm  
May 23rd: Evening of Excellence @ 7 pm  
May 26th: Sports Marketing Banquet @ 6 pm  
May 30th: Graduation @ 4 pm, UVU  
May 31st: Last day of school

## Community Events

April 23rd-28th: Beautify Lehi Week  
April 26th: Lehi Expo from 4 pm to 7 pm @ Legacy Center Park  
June 23rd-30th: Lehi Round-Up

\* All registration information found at <http://www.lehi-ut.gov/>



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