Lebanon, Indiana

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Brief History of Lebanon, Indiana

Lebanon was established on April 30, 1830. It was named by one of the first commissioners Adam French, because a cluster of hickory trees reminded him of the Cedars of Lebanon from the Bible (However our town is pronounced *Leb-a-nen*). The town was founded by two men, General James Drake, and Colonel George Kennard.

In 1839, a brick courthouse was built until it crumbled in 1856, which then a second courthouse was built and stood until 1909 when they tore it down to build the building that still stands today.

Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S Airports

From Indianapolis International Airport, take I-465 North, merge onto I-65 North and take exit 139 into Lebanon.

Who was president when this town was founded?

The president of the United States when Lebanon was founded in 1830 was Andrew Jackson.
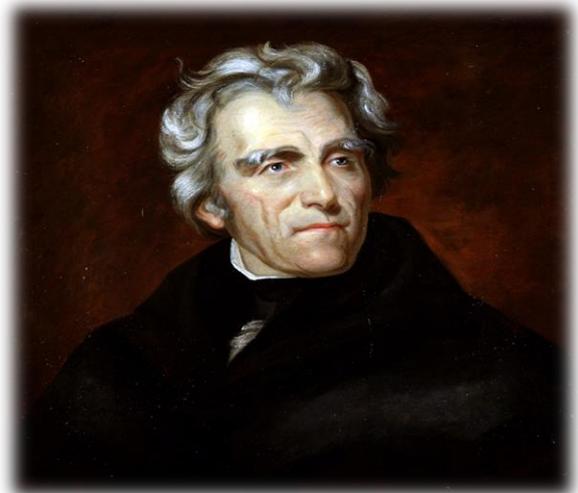
Oldest businesses/Largest businesses today.

It isn't the oldest, but it was old and quite popular in its day, I present to you the Burger Chef.
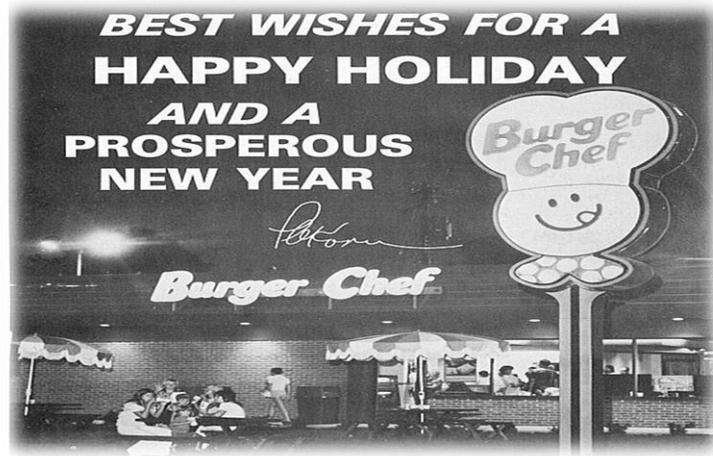
City Government

The Common Council is the legislative branch of city government. Its functions are to pass laws of the city and to approve the budgets and spending of money collected by the city. The council consists of seven members. Two are elected across the city at large, and five are elected specifically to districts of the city.

The city is run by a mayor that is voted into office.

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

The largest columns on the north and south entrances of Lebanon's courthouse are believed to be the largest limestone columns in the world. The limestone is from Bedford, Indiana, and was brought in via train. That's right; they built train tracks into the town center just to build the court house. The courthouse also has eight rare Hahl pneumatically calibrated clocks that still keep the time inside.

Every year Lebanon hosts a *Back To the Fifties Festival*.

Lebanon is also the home of the Boone county Fourth of July parade, which is always a big hit for everyone.

Lebanon has the honor of being the home of the Historic Cragun House. Built in 183, it was the home of Strange Nathaniel Cragun and his family. The family was known for their traveling of the world, and their house is a museum of the pieces they've collected from their travels as well as its original furnishings. It is in the National Register of Historic Places.

Where can we stay if we visit Lebanon?

Comfort Inn: 210 Sam Ralston Road

Holiday Inn Express: 335 North Mount Zion Road

Super 8: 405 Mt. Zion Road

Econo Lodge: 1245 W. State RD 32

Why would I want to visit this historic small town.

I'm glad you asked, just start at the top of this paper and read down again. We also have two parks, popular community restaurants, a library, a historical railroad trail that stretches from Lebanon to Thorntown, and a super Walmart.

Links you may wish to visit

http://www.cityoflebanon.org/

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