

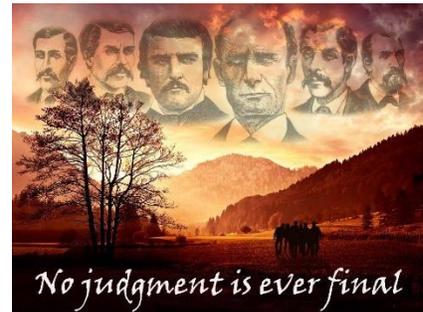
Films with ties to Lebanon County Pa By Jo Ellen Litz, with a little help from some Facebook Friends. Who knew that Lebanon County was a Movie Mecca in southcentral PA?

1) **The Resolution of Mossy Wax (1973)** Mossie Wax struggles with the infirmities of old age, the loneliness of widowhood and the desperation of poverty.

2) **Peege (1973)** American short student film, written and directed by Randal Kleiser, a Lebanon native, about a family's visit to an elderly relative in a nursing home. "Your laugh would always make me happy," the young man whispers to his aged grandmother, Peege, who, now blind and helpless, seems almost to be ... An ailing elderly woman is paid a perfunctory visit by her family while she sits despondently in a nursing home. Nobody can get through to her except for her ...

3) **Portrait of Grandpa Doc (1977)** was produced by Diane Baker and written and directed by Randal Kleiser, who wrote and directed an intergenerational classic. Featuring Melvyn Douglas. A young artist struggles to complete a painting that he especially wants to have ready for his first show - a portrait of his maternal grandfather, who died several ...ran on ABC & Amazon

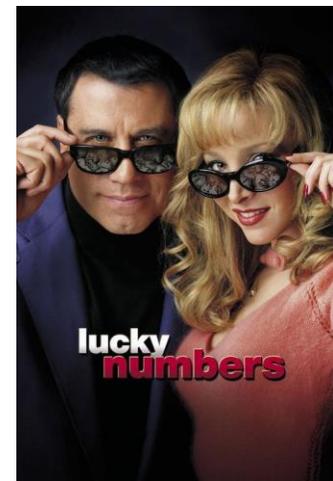
4) **Blue Eyed Six (1979)** is recounted in a stage play, which plays locally in Pennsylvania, and in a documentary film of the same name filmed at Tulpehocken Manor, by Bruce and Brian Kreider. Author/novelist Gary Ludwig speaks to groups about the infamous Lebanon County 19th century murder. Ludwig's four-part magazine series about the murder was published in 1979.



5) **Playing for Time (1980)** with Vanessa Red Grave at area 17 in Fort Indiantown Gap. Female prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp (Auschwitz) are spared from death in return for performing music for their captors;

6) **Lucky Numbers in Palmyra (2000)** | Roger Ebert, starring John Travolta as a TV weatherman who tries to rig the lottery.

7) **Diamond Man (2000)** filmed in the HACC parking lot. Directed by Dan Cohen. With Robert Forster, Donnie Wahlberg, Bess Armstrong, Jasmine Guy. A thirty-years traveling diamond salesman must mentor a brash young replacement when his company downsizes him.



8) **Lebanon, Pa. (2010)** directed by Ben Hickernell. With Josh Hopkins, Rachel Kitson, Ian Merrill Peakes, Samantha Mathis. Will (Josh Hopkins), a charming 35-year-old Philadelphia ad man, heads to Lebanon, Pa. to bury his recently deceased father. He forms an unexpected friendship with CJ (Rachel Kitson), his bright, newly pregnant 17-year-old cousin. As Will becomes interested in CJ's married teacher ...



9) **Amish Mafia (2012)** with Levi Stoltzfus, aka Lebanon Levi on the Discovery Channel, filmed a segment in Richland, and another at the Matthews Library in Fredericksburg PA. On the show, Lebanon Levi is the leader of a group that allegedly keeps peace in the Amish community, without calling in police or outside authority. According to his biography on the show's website, he "is the protector, the judge, and the jury in the Amish community. He calls the shots for his crew of Amish and Mennonite soldiers." Neptune Fire Co. member Levi Stoltzfus got permission to set a mobile home on fire at the Richland carnival

grounds under the condition that prior proof of liability insurance is provided to the borough office. "Stoltzfus said a crew will film him combating a fire in the trailer for the purpose of a creating a segment for a Discovery Channel program," Lebanon Levi's trailer went up in flames, a blaze supposedly set by his rival on the

show, Merlin. Richland Mayor Ronald Steiner recalled that the trailer got cleaned up right away after the flames were extinguished. "It got straightened out real quick," Steiner said Friday. (In Fredericksburg, Levi raised money for the Matthews Library. I told him he was doing a good thing, and my line was worked into the show because the elders told Levi he had to some good in the community to regain their confidence.) Article by Brad Rhen at the LDN

10) **The Nest (2015)** Lancaster filmmaker Stew Bradley filmed this horror movie about three kids who find an abandoned tunnel, and they go exploring. Filmed in the basement of Jandi Goshert's ReCreate Arts Initiative at 39 S. 8th Street in Lebanon.

11) **Right Before Your Eyes (2019)** written by David Vincent Bob with stars from Lebanon PA --Brian O'Halloran, Brian Anthony Wilson, Tony Devon, Brian Gallagher. A newly recovering alcoholic, (Ethan Rengepis) embarks on a train ride home to visit his young Autistic son he has not seen since birth, sharing his story with a stranger (Ambrose); and



12) **Life After You (2020)** in Lebanon is a narrative feature film centered around a suburban New Jersey family's struggle with the death of their 19 year-old son, following an overdose of heroin that was laced with fentanyl. Scenes were filmed around Lebanon County.

Pictures below were from filming in Courtroom 1 at the City County Building, 400 S 8th Street, Lebanon PA. Contributions of missed films and pictures from extras welcome. You will be credited for the picture.

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