

Last Newsletter of the school year. See you again in August!

# Hallway Happenings



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## Spring Fine Arts Program and Honors Night

By Jordyn Ellison

On Thursday evening we had our Fine Arts Program and Honors Night. We had a fullhouse to hear and see the beautiful renditions of rain and sun songs that really and truly match the spring theme.

We started the night off with the Academic Honors, we celebrated kids from kindergarten to 8th grade on their state test scores. Mrs. Turley then began the concert with the preschoolers. They kicked off our program with their renditions of Spring-like songs, including "You Are My Sunshine." As we progressed through the evening we also heard from coaches of all activities commemorating our students on their achievements. After listening to the highschool band and choir, all students 5th through 12th came together to sing a medley pieced together by Mrs. Turley. The crowd sang along with them in the very welcome, sunny atmosphere!



## Elementary Spelling Bee

Here are our winners from April 25's competition. Thanks Mrs. Drew for running it, and congratulations to all spellers!



**1st Grade:** Champ Grace Thomas; 2nd Place Sawyer Kratzer; 3rd Place Bentley Stahl

**2nd Grade:** Champ Hattie Snow; 2nd Place Vernon Hernandez-Gadsby; 3rd Place Wyatt Fletcher

**3rd Grade:** Champ Kesslyn Kusek; 2nd Place Brooklyn Evans; 3rd Place Denley Vlieger; Hon. Mention Hudson Varah



**4th Grade:** Champ Kenna Feldman; 2nd Place Amelia Thomas; 3rd Place Ashlynn Spanel

**5th Grade:** Champ Evelyn Varah; 2nd Place Felicia Drumheller; 3rd Place Huntley Zulkoski; Hon. Mention Ryker Golter; Hon. Mention Odette Pierce

**Grades 6-8:** Champ Aiden Kearney; 2nd Place Taylin Kearney; 3rd Place Addie Boyles

# Clubs & Organizations

## **FFA Update**

*By the FFA Chapter and James Fletcher, FFA Vice President*

It was a Year of Firsts and Finishes for the Litchfield FFA Chapter.

This year has been a milestone-filled journey for the local FFA chapter, marked by accomplishments, new traditions, and leadership growth.

At the Nebraska State FFA Convention, members excelled in multiple competitive events. The Ag Mechanics and Vet Science teams each earned red ribbons, while the Agriscience team took home a white ribbon. In individual recognitions, James Fletcher placed 2nd in the Health and Human Services Proficiency area.

A major highlight was three members — Malynn Boyles, James Fletcher, and Lane Slocum — earning their prestigious State FFA Degrees. In the area of public speaking, Kinzlie, Knox, and James received Bronze awards, showcasing their communication skills and dedication to agricultural advocacy.

The chapter also celebrated a new tradition with its first-ever FFA Banquet. The event recognized members for their achievements throughout the year and honored the support of families, advisors, and the community. The evening concluded with the installation of the 2025–2026 officer team: Malynn Boyles as President, James Fletcher as Vice President, Macie Slocum as Vice President 3, Ida Gross as Vice President 2, and Alison Holm as Secretary.

It was truly an incredible year of hard work, growth, and success — setting the bar high for what's next.

## **FBLA Update**

*By Ava Paitz, FBLA Reporter*

Litchfield FBLA had an excellent April. They attended the State Leadership Conference in Kearney. Those recognized for attending were: Lane Slocum, James Fletcher, Ava Paitz, Malynn Boyles, Caydence Feldman, Macie Slocum, Taryn Cole, Kinzlie McAuliff, and Knox Feldman.

The Middle School chapter was very successful at State and received the Trailblazer Award, only given to 2 chapters. All three of the middle school members qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, in events such as exploring technology, exploring economics, and FBLA concepts.

The high school chapter received many awards for their ribbon projects, such as community service and food drives. James Fletcher qualified for Nationals at the high school level in his Help Desk competitive event. Another huge accomplishment for James was campaigning and winning the State Vice President position for Nebraska FBLA. Congratulations James! Stay on the lookout for ways to help send the national qualifiers to California!

# Senior Spotlight



**Jordyn Ellison**



**Ethan Evans**



**Tessa Henry**

<b>What is your favorite color?</b>	Navy blue	purple	Baby blue
<b>What is your favorite movie?</b>	<i>Tangled</i>	<i>Ghostbusters</i>	<i>Purple Hearts</i>
<b>What is your favorite singer/band?</b>	Luke Combs	Lynyrd Skynyrd	The Backstreet Boys
<b>What is your favorite hobby?</b>	Listening to music	Video games	Sleep
<b>What was your favorite field trip?</b>	The art trip to Omaha freshman year	The Luminarium	Zoo
<b>What's your favorite subject?</b>	Band/Choir	Math	English
<b>What is a favorite high school memory?</b>	FKC choir and band concerts	Hanging out at lunch with friends	Making my whole class become my servants when I got knee surgery
<b>What is the most rewarding thing about getting older?</b>	Gaming people you can trust	Freedom	Nothing
<b>What advice do you have for the younger kids still in school?</b>	Don't always rely on yourself because help is truly there when you ask for it. You don't have to be independent all the time. It's ok to ask for help.	Stay in school, don't do drugs	Don't grow up so fast

# May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 CHURRO CRISPITO	2 DONUTS SLOPPY JOE	3
4	5 MUFFINS SPAGHETTI	6 OATMEAL BAR TURKEY SANDWICH	7 OMELLETE PORK STEAK	8 PANCAKES CALZONES	9 DONUTS HOT DOGS	10
11	12 MUFFINS RAVOLI	13 CHURRO BAKED POTATO	14 COFFEE CAKE CHICKEN NUGGETS	15 BISCUIT/EGG RIBS	16 DONUTS NACHO	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	Notes				

# Senior Spotlight



**Rowden LeFever**



**Walker Skrdla**



**Lane Slocum**

<b>What is your favorite color?</b>	Red	Green	Teal
<b>What is your favorite movie?</b>	<i>The Wolf of Wall Street</i>	<i>Team America</i>	<i>Yellowstone</i>
<b>What is your favorite singer/band?</b>	Treaty Oak Revival	Hank Williams Jr.	Zack Top
<b>What is your favorite hobby?</b>	Working on diesel motors	Videogaming	Roping calves
<b>What was your favorite field trip?</b>	State FFA	Husker Harvest Days	Not going to the hospital with a broken femur/ Husker harvest days
<b>What's your favorite subject?</b>	Shop	Math	Math
<b>What is a favorite high school memory?</b>	Red-lining my pickup in the parking lot	Hanging out with my classmates at school events	Walking down to the store during Shop
<b>What is the most rewarding thing about getting older?</b>	Money	The more knowledge you get and being able to make my decisions.	Realizing how much you impact others lives and being a leader to making younger kids achieve their full potential.
<b>What advice do you have for the younger kids still in school?</b>	"Keep your nose on the grindstone and make a lot of money."	Don't get overwhelmed. Keep on pushing through. Nothing gets easier, you will only get better which will make it feel easier. You can only get better as long as you put the effort into it.	Take high school college classes. School is more fun if you make it fun. Wake up and tell yourself you are going to be the best person you can be. Life is short, don't take it for granted because you never know when your life may come to an end.

2025

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	01 Seniors Last Day	02 Preschool Graduation 9:00	03 Graduation 2:00
04	05	06 JH Track FKC @ Overton 2:00	07	08 TR @ Centura 2:00	09 Elementary Track Meet @ Litchfield	10
11	12 JH Track @ Overton 9:00	13	14 District Track	15	16 Last Day of School 1:00 Dismissal	17
18	19 Teacher Workday	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
01	02	<b>Notes:</b> The Elementary Track Meet was originally scheduled for May 2, but was moved to May 9 due to a High School Track meet.				

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 17, 2025

Vice President Cole Lewandowski called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Cole Lewandowski, April Gross, Alyssa Reynolds, Katie Slack, and Marie Sweley.

Visitors: Cody Franzen

Vice President Cole Lewandowski announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room and indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during public forum.

Marie Sweley moved and Katie Slack seconded to approve excused absent Board member Mitch Feldman. Motion carried 5-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved and April Gross seconded to approve board minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Mitch Feldman entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$583,179.19, general funds receipts \$433,492.82, and actual cash available in general fund \$786,275.03 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$235,595.42 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley moved and Alyssa Reynolds seconded the approval of payment of monthly claims. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Moser gave the principal's report; PowerSchool Breach, Attendance/Grades, Student Population, and many coming up Activities.

Matt Drew gave an AD Report, and action items; Litchfield Village Changes, Policy Review, Approve Teacher Contract Renewals, 25-26 School Calendar, and Building and Grounds items.

Cole Lewandowski moved and Alyssa Reynolds seconded to approve the changes to Policy 801.01. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross moved and Katie Slack seconded the approval of changes to Policy 801.06. Motion carried 6-0.

Katie Slack moved and Cole Lewandowski seconded the approval of no charging fees for transportation for Policy 801.08. Motion carried 6-0.

Marie Sweley moved and Alyssa Reynolds seconded the approval of Policies; 204.07, 504.11, 801.01, 801.02, 801.03, 801.04, 801.05, 801.06, 801.07, 801.08, 801.09, 801.10, 801.11, 801.12, and 801.14. Motion carried 6-0.

Marie Sweley moved and April Gross seconded to approve the 25-26 School Calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved and Cole Lewandowski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS		893.55
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		102.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		56.08
Ansley Public Schools		3,453.29
Axmann Heating & Air Conditioning		1,318.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		2,134.21
Computer Hardware		3,012.00
Custer Public Power		3,335.98
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		400.21
DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY		61.20
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
Educational Service Unit 10		8,173.22
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		98.69
Farmers Co-op Association		1,055.62
HAMILTON		133.37
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
Island Supply Welding Co.		109.90
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		260.29
JW Pepper & Son Inc		31.99
KORT TRANSFER LLC		50.00
LIL REDS CLEANING		1,200.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		500.52
Menards		47.74
Mid-American Research Chemical		770.02
ON TO COLLEGE		48.00
P & D MARKET		152.27
Pearson Education Inc.		250.35
PETTY CASH FUND		684.88
Sherman County Times		6.90
U.S. BANK		290.06
Village Of Litchfield		439.54
Fund Number 01		<hr/> 29,450.03
Checking Account ID 1		<hr/> <hr/> 29,450.03



LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2025

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Cole Lewandowski, Alyssa Reynolds, Katie Slack, and Marie Sweley entered late.

Visitors: Bevin Drew, and Litchfield JAG

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room and indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during public forum.

Alyssa Reynolds moved and Katie Slack seconded to approve excused absent Board members April Gross and Marie Sweley. Motion carried 4-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved and Alyssa Reynolds seconded to approve board minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$793,194.98, general funds receipts \$297,385.13, and actual cash available in general fund \$844,786.88 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$220,246.92 were presented for payment. Katie Slack moved and Cole Lewandowski seconded the approval of payment of monthly claims. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew gave the Co-op Treasurer's report and stated items of football helmets and jersey rotation.

Marie Sweley entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Litchfield JAG addressed the Board to use the football field for a movie night. The JAG committee will email back to the Board for dates and updates on details. Marie Sweley moved and Alyssa Reynolds seconded the approval of the use of the Football Field to the Litchfield JAG. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Moser gave the principal's report; In-service, 8th grade research museum, NSCAS and MAP testing, extracurricular achievements, rest of the year HS testing this week, field trips, Spartan Buddies, and District Music.

Matt Drew gave an AD Report, and action items; ESU ESSA Opt out, Policy Review, Instructional Coach, Budget update & C.D.'s, Classified Wages, & Building & Grounds.

Marie Sweley moved and Katie Slack seconded to approve the changes to Policy 801.1 .and reviewed Policies; 801.15, 802.01, 802.03, 802.04, 802.05, 802.06, 803.01, 803.02, 803.03, 803.04, 804.01, 804.02, 805.01 Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley moved and Cole Lewandowski seconded the motion to approve the instructional coach contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved and Marie Sweley seconded the approval of Matt Drew putting Depreciation Fund money into a Flex C.D. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley moved and Katie Slack seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

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