



Hallway Happenings

VOLUME 18
ISSUE 8

April
2015



Back row: Landri Loos, Faith Heapy, Katherine Paitz, Gavin Cole, Kaylee Rohde, Seth Willenberg, Kaylee Rosentreader, Jacob Heapy, Lyndsie McAuliff
Middle row: Walker Skrdka, Malynn Boyles, Hunter Sweley, James Fletcher, Shamane Zentz, Lane Slocum, Tyra Sekutera, Gracie Ritchie, Caydence Feldman, Ava Paitz,
Front row: Brandi Slocum, Dylan Handley, Kayla Reynolds, Shawna Paitz, Nicole Wardyn, Mr. Blauvelt, and Adron Behmerwohld Photo by: Mrs. Varah

Elementary Students Save 27 Lives!

Although basketball season is long gone, the elementary kids are all but done shooting some hoops, and for a good cause nonetheless. The elementary students broke a school record, raising \$1,620.70 for the American Heart Association's Hoops for Heart Program. P.E. teacher Mr. Blauvelt and the kids had a goal of saving 25 lives by raising \$1,500, but their expectations were exceeded when they saved 27 lives. The elementary was inspired by freshman Meghan Kratzer's battle with the heart condition double outlet right ventricle with a transposition of the great arteries. In simpler terms, Meghan was born with two great arteries that were switched around. She also had small holes in her heart at birth that needed to be patched up when she was a newborn. After hearing this, the elementary students were motivated to raise as much money as possible to go

towards the American Heart Association. For the 1st and 2nd grade, Malynn Boyles raised the most money with \$185, in 3rd and 4th it was Landri Loos with \$130, and Seth Willenburg, who is a 6th grade student raised the most money throughout the entire school with \$271. Malynn was very excited because Mr. Blauvelt let her teach P.E. class as a reward for raising the most money in her class and when asked why she wanted to raise money for the cause she replied, "because I wanted to save people's lives and be kind." Meghan Kratzer said, "I am grateful that the elementary can raise money and see first-hand what kind of people the money is helping." The three kids all used different resources, which is probably what made them so successful. Seth traveled to Mason City and Kearney to ask for donations, Malynn went around Litchfield, and Landri Loos emailed her parent's friends and asked

Calendar of Events:

Full activity calendar and menu enclosed

All information and full color photos available at our website:
litchfieldpublicschools.org

Colophon:

The Hallway Happenings is a forum of student expressions. The content decisions are made by student journalists.

Graphic Design: Angel Halouska
Justine Pickar
LaShaun Scheuffele
Michaela Reynolds

Adviser: Allison Varah

Journalism: McKenna Unick
Riley Casper
Carlie Smith

Adviser: Bernice Yilk

Published monthly:
Litchfield Public Schools
PO Box 167
Litchfield, Ne 68852

Four hundred issues are published for all residents of Litchfield and the surrounding communities.

Carlie's Corner



Photo by: Justine Pickar

Dynamic. Unique. Fabulous. Friend.

Duff. For those of you who haven't seen the recent new movie commercials, the actual definition for the outlandish word is "designated ugly fat friend". Wait a minute... Calling someone ugly and fat doesn't really sound like a good definition of a friend to me? Here's how it goes, when high schooler Bianca finds out that her friends bring her to parties to make them look prettier, she is determined to reinvent herself and prove them all wrong. Next comes *Shallow Hal*, yet another Hollywood movie that hones in on the superficiality of our society. Jack Black plays Hal, a single guy who is obsessed with looks and money until his friend hypnotizes him, making someone's inner beauty reflect their outer beauty. While under the spell, Hal falls in love with a beautiful thin blonde named Rosemary, only to find out when the spell is gone, she is overweight. Despite her inner beauty of serving others, being extremely intelligent, and her kindness, Hal couldn't get past the fact that she wasn't his ideal "look". In the end, Hal does end up with Rosemary, and Bianca realizes she should stop trying to change herself, but why are these movies invented in the first place? Why can't there just be a movie where Hal loves Rosemary and Bianca has genuine friends from the start. My main problem with *Shallow Hal* and *DUFF* are their superficial messages. Unfortunately

if Hal wasn't hypnotized, he would have never gone for a girl like Rosemary. Even though he learns his lesson in the end, and Bianca ends up appreciating who she is as a person, not every shallow man or woman is going to be hypnotized into seeing what true beauty is and not every teenager has the confidence to climb out of these situations. We should stop looking at the outer shell of a person, but instead see the core of who they are. Instead of having a "Designated Ugly Fat Friend", we should all think about surrounding ourselves with dynamic, unique, fabulous friends. By: Carlie Smith

Blaine Gooder Explores Businesses



Photo by: Justine Pickar

With college becoming more and more expensive, many people are asking the question, "can I get a good job with a two year degree?" After attending the Central Nebraska Agriculture/Construction Career Day on February 12th, Blaine Goodner and Mrs. Poland can confidently answer yes to that question. Blaine and Mrs. Poland joined 92 students from 7 area schools in Broken Bow for a full day packed with viewing different projects in development and learning about new technology in agriculture production. Many Broken Bow agriculture and construction businesses participated, and the students had the choice of going to primarily agriculture businesses, primarily construction businesses, or both. Blaine Goodner wanted to see both and decided to spend the day visiting Thomas Livestock Co., Trotter Fertilizer, Myers Construction Co., and Central Nebraska

Electric/Holcomb Mechanical. These companies went over new agriculture technology and demonstrated different construction methods. Blaine Goodner said, "I learned a lot and I'm glad I got to go and see different projects going on around Broken Bow" and Mrs. Poland added, "It was a nice experience to see the different job opportunities that are available after going to a two year college." By: Carlie Smith

Kelsie Rohde Receives Scholarship



Photo by: Justine Pickar

Litchfield senior Kelsie Rohde shows her academic excellence once again. Kelsie received two scholarships from Chadron State College. The scholarships that were awarded to her were the Earl & Tillie Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship which is valued at \$2,000. The second scholarship that Kelsie earned was the Gold Presidential Scholarship valued at \$4,704. To be eligible for these scholarships Kelsie had to apply for the Incoming Freshmen Scholarship which made Kelsie eligible for all Chadron Scholarships. She also had to have a 25 or above on her ACT, at least a 3.0 GPA, and be graduating in the top half of her class. Kelsie is thrilled at receiving this scholarship and stated, "Having this scholarship money will make college less stressful and let me focus more on my studies and not on having to pay for school." Everyone at Litchfield is thrilled for Kelsie and wishes her and the rest of the senior class the best of luck in the future! By: McKenna Unick

World Famous Artist Visits Litchfield



Mary Zicafoose showing the art students her tapestry method. Photo by: Angel Halouska

On February 17th Mary Zicafoose visited the small town of Litchfield. Mary Zicafoose is an artist who lives in Omaha, Nebraska and owns her own art studio. Bill Ganzel is a filmmaker who worked for NET for years and was recently awarded a large grant to interview and document world famous artists living here in Nebraska. Mrs. Varah is the Co. President of the Nebraska Art Teacher's Association so she knew about this great opportunity to have one of these artists visit our school and meet our students. During her visit the students learned about Mary's life and her textile process. She currently has a private show up at the Metropolitan Community College in Elkhorn, she was the curator for the show at the Kaneko and was a spotlight article in the World Herald earlier this year. Students enjoyed her personality and advice on life. Justine Pickar says what she likes about Mary Zicafoose is that she is very outgoing and "I feel that she has a lot of spunk." Blaine said that she is smart and works hard on her work. The 9-12 graders who were in an art class with Mrs. Varah got to interview her about what it is like doing art for a living, what she likes to do in her free time, and what kind of art she likes to do. Justine said that her favorite part of Mary's day at Litchfield was when she showed us some of her weaving work from the past years. "I also liked it when she showed us some of her processes to start weaving and changing the color of



Marshall Kohls, Jacob Swearingen, Tyler Wood, Blaine Goodner, Tessa LeFever, LaShaun Scheuffele, Angel Halouska, Justine Pickar, Mrs. Varah, Ronnie Bay, RaNay Casper, Lori Bay, and Amanda McClain. Photo by: Kalla Sawyer

the yarn." Blaine Goodner said the best part of Mary in Litchfield was her life stories. After we ate pizza, she showed us how she would dye the yarn the way she wanted it to look like the project she is going to compete. By Riley Casper

Litchfield Students Make it to State Art

The Litchfield High School would like to congratulate five students, who made it into the State Art show. Justine Pickar, Ben Schrock, Ronnie Bay, Jacob Swearingen, and Michaela Reynolds had a total of nine pieces of artwork in the state show, which is up for the month of March at the district office building of Omaha Public schools. On Friday March 13, the art classes took a field trip to see the state visual art show. Justine said, "The trip went great. I had a lot of fun spending time with classmates, friends, my Art teacher and her friend Kalla Sawyer (who is also a certified art teacher), and our Bus Driver Dave Siegel." Jacob Swearingen

said, "The trip was good." After the visit to the State Art show the students visited "Kaneko" which is a new contemporary art gallery owned and operated by world famous artist Jun Kaneko. Upon arrival, at Kaneko the students were already being filmed by Bill Ganzel who was continuing his film project, highlighting 10 of Nebraska's world renowned artists. The artist that Litchfield students had the honor of working with was Mary Zicafoose (whose story is written on the left.) Mary Zicafoose met our group at the Kaneko giving the high school students a private tour of the show she had personally curated. The field trip had an amazing ending with a personal tour of Mary's artist studio. Mrs. Varah said "It was such an honor to work with Mary Zicafoose. I loved it when she spoke to us about first coming up with a really good idea, spending time on developing that idea, and always being about the highest level of quality. No matter what area our students go into Mary's advice is applicable to their lives and careers."

By: Riley Casper

Child Find



Ronnie Bay picture above got a Gold Key in Mixed Media and Silver Key in Sculpture.



Justine Pickar got Honorable Mention in Mixed Media. Justine said that she was very excited for her art work to qualify for the State Art show. I made this work on our field trip to Halsey 1st Semester. I called it "The Hopes and Dreams of a Butterfly."



Michaela Reynolds got Honorable Mention in Ceramics, Honorable Mention in Photography and a Silver Key in Photography. Michaela said "It was very exciting for her to have three of her artworks make it to State. I had two photography pictures and a piece of pottery. I hope more of my art work will make it next year.



Jacob Swearingen got Silver Key in Mixed Media and Honorable Mention in Sculpture. Jacob created a metal spider.



Ben Schrock got a Silver Key in Mixed Media.



Carlie Smith received a Silver Key and Honorable Mention in Writing.

Photos by: Justine Pickar and Mrs. Varah
Story by: Riley Casper

Rule 92 NAC 51-006.02A states that: "All children with disabilities, including with disabilities attending non-public schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located, and evaluated and a practical method is developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services. For infants and toddlers, districts shall demonstrate targeted efforts to meet the needs of children from historically underserved populations, particularly minority, low income, inner city, and rural population." The disability may be physical, visual, auditory, developmental, or mental. We are asking for help from the community. If you have or know of a child in the community who has a disability, please contact the school and let us know. Submitted by: Mrs. Eckhout

Thank You from the Boosters

The Litchfield Boosters wish to say "Thank You" to the following businesses & individuals for their generous contributions to the 2015 Post Prom Party. Whether it was monetary or the giving of your time, we want you to know it was very much appreciated. H & H Hay Moving, Tom Unick, Howard Transportation Inc, Reba Amm, VC Howard Hay Co Inc, Gene & Susan Wood, Litchfield Pack, Vernon & Marilyn Unick, Town & Country Bank, April Sekutera, Trotter Fertilizer, Dianne Wendt, P & D Market, Jim Eberle, Full Circle Irrigation, Tim Wood, Patz Farm Service Inc, Jones Insurance Agency, Nilsen Hay Inc, Nebraska State Bank, RAI of Nebraska, Custer County Chief, Farmers Coop-Ravenna, Grocery Kart, Sherman County Times, Becton Dickinson, Mlinar Insurance Agency Inc, Insurance of the Heartland Inc, Kuszak Photography, Loup City Commission Co, NCTC, and the Litchfield Board of Education-for use of the bus & van to transport the students. We apologize if we left anyone out. As the saying goes "It takes a village....." Submitted by: Teresa Pickar

AR Parties

Most of you know how much your kids love participating in the AR parties. If you don't know what AR stands for it is Accelerated Reading Program. Which is a program in which students are awarded points for reading books and answering multiple choice questions about the book they have read. Recently the elementary kids had an AR party and went to the Big Apple, but in order for them to attend they have to score above a 60% on the quizzes. They also went to Broken Bow to watch a movie in the theater and ate at Pizza Hut after the movie was over. Another party was when they watched a movie in the new gym on the big screen. While watching the movies at both places they ate popcorn and M & M's. Landri Loos said "it is the most exciting part of the school year when you get to go and celebrate after reading and getting points." Story by: Justine Pickar

Round Them Up and Call Them In... Sign Up For Kindergarten Round-Up!

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Monday, May 4.

Children who will be age 5 on or before July 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

If your child is planning to attend kindergarten at LPS next year, please call the school office at 446-2244 to RSVP for Kindergarten Round-Up. Invitations with more details will be mailed out at a later date.

Thank you,
Mrs. Sue Stubbs



Topanga Boyles and Brayden Ybarra enjoying the ball pit.



Elementary kids eating pizza after watching a movie at the Broken Bow theater. Photos by: Mrs. Sauer and Mr. Habe



Ryan Handley enjoying the ball shooter.

Sports Extra

Stories by: McKenna Unick

Litchfield Guys at District Finals

The Spartan boys basketball team ended their regular season with a record of 9-13. They played the Central Valley Cougars in the first round of sub-districts, and defeated the Cougars with a score of 53-40. The Spartans advanced to the sub-district finals to play the South Loup Bobcats. The Spartans fought hard and won in an over-time buzzer beater with a final score of 51-50. They advanced to the D1-8 District finals. In District finals they played the Clearwater Orchard Cyclones. The Spartans worked hard but were defeated 60-34. The boys had a great season and improved immensely throughout the year. Caleb Unick said, "My favorite moment was during sub-district finals, when we all worked together. Overall we had a lot of ups and downs but, it was a lot of fun." Marshall Kohls added, "The season was good, Coach Sonnenfeld was good at making us run, Coach Stokely is funny, and Coach Habe is a good coach. My favorite moment was also the sub-district final game because we all had to work really hard to stay in it." They ended their season with a record of 10-14. Caleb Unick also said, "My expectations are high for next years team and I look forward to Marshall dunking it in a game!" Mr. Habe stated, "We made big strides this year as a basketball team. We went from being 2-17 last year to reaching the district finals this year. The success of our team had a lot to do with the hard work the boys put in during practice. We were a lot more competitive in practice and that competitiveness carried over onto the court. We had some bumps along the road, but the boys never quit and kept working towards reaching their goals."



Varsity boys playing defense against Clearwater Orchard. Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

Girls Basketball

The Ansley-Litchfield girls finished their regular season with a record of 14-8. After their regular season was completed they prepared for sub-districts. The Spartans played Central Valley first round of sub-districts in Burwell. The Spartans played the Cougars twice before in regular season. The Spartans fought hard but in the end they came up short with a final score of 49-35. After a season full of injuries, ups and downs, the Spartan girls finished with a respectable 14-9 record.



Photo by: Michaela Reynolds

Wrestling

The Spartan wrestlers also had success also this season. They had 3 wrestlers make it to state wrestling in Omaha. Sophomore Austin Johnson at 152 lbs, junior Grady Stunkel at 182 lbs, and senior Bo Slingsby at 138 lbs. Austin went 0-2 at state, Grady won 1 match but lost 2 at state, and Bo finished with 5th place. All the wrestlers worked hard this season and improved throughout the year.



James Mills Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

Track

With the winter sports coming to an end the Spartan athletes are preparing for track season! They even got to enjoy the beautiful weather for the start of their season! Below is a schedule of the first five track meets:

- Saturday March 21-UNK Indoor @ UNK 4:00 p.m.
- Friday March 27-STARs Relays @ Kearney 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday April 2- Pleasanton Invite Kearney 8:45 a.m.
- Friday April 10- South Loup Invite @ Arnold 9:00 a.m.
- Friday April 17-Burwell Invite @ Burwell 9:00 a.m.