



May
2015



Corbin Snow, Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

Corbin Snow's Painting Gets Congressman's Vote

Rembrandt painted portraits, the Karate Kid painted fences, and Litchfield High School Senior Corbin Snow paints beautiful Nebraska landscapes, appreciated by many, including Nebraska State Senator Adrian Smith. Corbin Snow participated in a Nebraska State Art Contest where each year, the state chooses the best artwork in their district and sends it to a Congressman who chooses his favorites. The top two artworks receive a free trip to Washington D.C. to watch their painting be hung in the U.S. Capitol building for the year. Although Corbin advanced very far in the competition, he missed out on a trip to D.C. by placing third in the contest. He was a little disappointed at first, but his spirits were quickly uplifted when he received a letter from the Senator asking if he could hang Corbin's painting in his Scottsbluff office. In early May, Adrian Smith will be making the trip to



Megan Wood, Photo by: Mrs. Moser

Megan Wood Makes State Speech

Speech competitors have one goal in mind at the beginning of the season, and that is to make it to state speech in Kearney. This year one Litchfield student accomplished that goal, Sophomore Megan Wood. This was Megan's second year in speech and first time qualifying for State Speech. Megan received 3rd place at Districts in her Informative Speech about False Confessions. She had worked hard all season long and practiced and practiced and her hard work paid off. When Megan heard her name called for 3rd place at Districts, she thought "Are you sure you counted right?" She couldn't believe it! After districts Megan continued to work hard and practice every day with the Mr. and Mrs. Moser, the speech coaches. She said that she didn't want to practice too much because she knew that she would over think it. When the day finally came for state she said she was nervous on the ride there and as soon as

May Important Dates:

May 6- Senior's Last Day

May 9- Graduation

May 12- Honors Night at 7 pm

May 20- Student's Last Day

Calendar of Events:

Full activity calendar and menu enclosed

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Corbin Snow (Continued)

Litchfield to present Corbin with an award, briefly address the student body, and pick up Corbin's painting. Corbin has been working on his painting skills for a few years now by taking independent study painting classes with Mrs. Varah and using his free time at home to master the art. Originally Corbin wanted to enter a stunning seascape painting, but wasn't sure that would represent the true spirit of Nebraska. However, when Corbin saw classmate LaShaun Scheuffele's detailed photo of corn, he knew that's what he wanted to paint for the contest. Mrs. Varah said, "Every farmer needs a print of that in their home." LaShaun has been taking a photography class with Mrs. Varah, where she's been practicing landscape pictures, and when she found out Corbin's painting of her picture was being honored she said, "I was very proud of Corbin" Mrs. Varah added, "Corbin is a great artist, I was hoping he would win the trip to D.C., but having a Senator come to the school and present him with an award isn't too bad either!" Corbin said, "I'm very excited that Adrian Smith is hanging my painting in his office and I'm glad it will give my artwork some exposure." Congratulations to both Corbin and LaShaun on their great achievements in the field of art, may their painting and photography skills continue to grow beyond high school.

By: Carlie Smith



LaShaun Scheuffele and Corbin Snow
Photo by: Riley Casper

Megan Wood (Continued)

she got there and got in her first round she calmed down and wasn't nervous anymore. When Megan thought about this speech season compared to last she felt that she was more confident this year and more relaxed. It paid off because at State Megan received a superior ranking in her rounds. Her advice to younger classmen who participate in speech is "Just don't overthink everything and do your thang! Don't let the first meet scare you off." She also says to never compare seasons because you never know what the next season will bring. Megan would like to thank everyone for their support, especially the Mr. and Mrs. Moser. She says that they helped her a lot and is very grateful for their support. Megan is looking forward to next speech season and is going to work hard to hopefully qualify for state again. By: McKenna Unick



Kelsie Rhode, Megan Wood, and Carlie Smith
Photo by: Mrs. Moser

Speech

Early mornings and long van rides are just a few things that speech competitors enjoy over speech season. This year the Litchfield Speech Team had 9 students out, the most competitors the Speech Team has had in several years. They competed at several Saturday tournaments over the months of January-March. The speech team participated at the MNAC Speech Conference in Sargent, where they had several people place. Seniors Nicole Wardyn and McKenna Unick received 4th place in Duet Acting, Sophomore Megan Wood got 6th place in Informative, and Sophomore Emilee Sweley received 5th place in Entertainment. After conference the team got ready for Districts where they hoped to qualify for state competition. Nicole Wardyn and McKenna Unick got 6th place in their duet at districts, Emilee Sweley received 4th place in her Entertainment, and Megan Wood got 3rd place in her Informative which qualified her for state. At state speech Megan received a superior rating, and gained more experience getting her ready for next season. The speech team made great improvements with each meet and received valuable feedback from judges getting them geared up for next season. Speech coach Mrs. Moser commented "We are very proud of the growth our team made over the season. The senior leadership was outstanding and Carlie, McKenna, Nicole, and Kelsie will be missed. But the underclassmen will do a wonderful job next year." Great job to the speech team on an outstanding season and we can't wait to see what next season brings! By: McKenna Unick



Back Row: Kelsie Rhode, Halston Smith, Megan Wood, Rachel Snow, Mr. Moser, Mrs. Moser and Addie. Front Row: Amanda McClain, Emilee Sweley, McKenna Unick, and Nicole Wardyn

Carlie Corner



Photo By: Justine Pickar

It's that time of year- Senioritis is kicking in for every single one of us who have registered for college classes and have been assigned a roommate. The anticipation of college is one that never dies, especially when graduation is so close for all of us seniors. After jotting down phrases for weeks, I've decided to lend a little piece of my column to every one of my classmates and feature some of our endlessly echoed famous last words as high schoolers.

Caleb Unick- "Why do it today when you can do it tomorrow?"

Riley Casper- "When's this due?"

Kelsie- "How much is this scholarship worth?"

McKenna- "Can't the scholarship committee just give me the money?"

Me- "Wait... There's a word limit on the essay question!?"

Mirissa- "Assignment?! What assignment!?"

Nicole- "Breaks down in tears"

Ben- "I really don't care"

Shawna- "I don't know what I'm doing with my life"

LaShaun- "I can't do this!"

Lindsay- "Guys, I can't focus!"

Kayla- "What do we have to do again?"

Corbin- "I don't know what all you guys are complaining about, I still have a 4.0"

Although these quotes all have a specific name by them, I think it's fair to say that every single one of us have used these phrases interchangeably throughout the year (okay, maybe not Corbin's, but you get the point). We're all so excited to be moving on to the next chapter of our lives towards independence, even if that chapter does happen to include a couple more essay questions and bouts of procrastination.

Senior Send off from Healing Hearts & Family

For the last few months two Healing Hearts & Family staff has come to Litchfield to get the seniors ready for College. They focused on Healthy Relationships. There are 5 steps for a Healthy Relationship which includes: Speaking up, respecting your partner, compromise, being supportive, and respecting each other's privacy. We also talked about different types of violence which include: Verbal, Emotional, Physical, Sexual, and Financial. The Litchfield Seniors would like to thank the Healing Hearts & Family for the Quilts that a church group made for them. Now that they have gave us the quilts we can remember what they talked about when we are in our dorms. We now know what is a healthy relationship is and how to get out of the unhealthy relationships.

By: Riley Casper

5th and 6th Graders Explore Quadrants

On April 1st, the Litchfield 6th grade math class made a coordinate graph using tape. The students learned how to pin-point coordinates using negative and positive numbers. They also learned where each quadrant was and that it goes counter-clockwise. At first, the Y-axis and X-axis was a bit of a problem for some of the students, but with hard work and practice they got the hang of it! The students had a great time learning how to measure tape and find coordinates. Someday they will use the knowledge they gained. By: Tessa Shafer and Lindsy Loos



5th & 6th Explore Quadrants. Photo By: Jackie Janssen



Back Row: Corbin Snow, Riley Casper, Lindsay Siegel, Shawna Paitz, Kelsie Rhode, Benjamin Schrock,

Front Row: Caleb Unick, Nicole Wardyn, Kayla Reynolds, McKenna Unick, LaShaun Scheuffele, Mirissa Chitty and Carlie Smith

SLC

The Future Business Leaders of America members work hard all year along to be able to attend State Leadership Conference in Omaha, and 13 members met their goal by being able to attend. While at SLC, members take tests that they have been studying for and compete against thousands of students from all over the state. While there, they have the opportunity to network, meet a lot of new people, and gain new experiences that prepare them for the future. This year we had several chapter awards and individual awards, but none were as honorable as Mrs. Karhy Dobesh, the FBLA adviser, who received an award for serving the Litchfield chapter of FBLA for 30 years. Mrs. Dobesh received recognition at the conference along with a beautiful plaque and standing ovation from her students. Mrs. Dobesh was the only adviser who was celebrating their 30th year with FBLA and her last. We would like to thank Mrs. Dobesh for her contribution and dedication to FBLA over the last 30 years and wish her the best of luck in her retirement this year.

By: McKenna Unick

Here is a list of awards that our Litchfield Chapter received

Mrs. Dobesh--30 year Adviser Recognition

Carlie--Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA

Insurance and Risk Management--4th place

Health Care Administration--Honorable Mention

Emilee Sweley--Database Design and Applications--7th

Rachel Snow--Computer Applications--Honorable Mention

Tyren Howard--Keyboarding Knowledge--Honorable Mention

Kelsie Rohde--Health Care Administration--Honorable Mention

Chapter Awards

Gold Seal Award of Merit Chapter--Trophy

Sweepstakes--Plaque

Go Green

Business Achievement Awards

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Mrs. Dobesh and her 30 years award



Carlie Smith receiving her award.



Kelsie Rhode, Justine Pickar, Emilee Sweley, Rachel Snow, Megan Wood, and Meghan Kratzer



Back Row: Joseph Ptacnick, Halston Smith, Shawna Paitz, Kelsie Rhode, Megan Wood, Mrs. Dobesh
Front Row: Tyren Howard, Meghan Kratzer, Emilee Sweley, McKenna Unick, Nicloe Wardyn, Rachel Snow, Justine Pickar, Carlie Smith.



Mrs. Dobesh receiving her 30 years award.

Litchfield Says Goodbye to Mrs. Dobesh, Retirement Says "Hello!"

From manual typewriters in 1984 all the way to 1-to-1 laptops in 2013, Mrs. Kathy Dobesh has been at Litchfield high school through it all. Litchfield is sad to announce the retirement of our beloved business teacher, LAN manager, and Future Business Leaders of America Adviser. When Mrs. Dobesh graduated from Kearney State and started her first job at Overton High School in the fall of 1973, she couldn't possibly envision what the future held for her at Litchfield. Kathy started teaching business classes at Litchfield in 1984, and she also taught some French classes throughout the year. The French word she gave for her experience at Litchfield was "fantastique!" When former superintendent Eldon Eppley offered her the role of Pep Club sponsor in 1985, she opted out for something geared more to her expertise by becoming the FBLA Adviser. In her 31 years of teaching and 30 years of FBLA advising, Mrs. Dobesh has been able to experience huge advancements in technology for her business classes as well as big changes in FBLA. When asked what she would miss the most, Mrs. Dobesh said, "I will miss seeing the kids and students every day and the fresh start of the school year", she jokingly followed up with "I won't miss when technology stops working and grading papers!" Her favorite memories include FBLA State Leadership Conferences, National Leadership Conferences, and Banana Split Parties because they allow her to get to know the students on a different level. Mrs. Dobesh has many big plans for her retirement including spending more time with family and an amazing trip to Alaska where she's taking an inland tour and cruise of the coastline. She said "I love my job, I've never had a boring day", and her advice to her replacement is "be flexible and willing to learn new things." Good luck to Mrs. Dobesh as she cruises into retirement, we appreciate all of the work you've done to help make Litchfield Public Schools the best it can be. By: Carlie Smith

Retirement Party

The community is invited to a retirement party for Kathy Dobesh, who is retiring after 31 years of teaching in Litchfield. She has taught for a total of 35 years. Through her years in Litchfield, Mrs. Dobesh has taught many business subjects including Keyboarding, Information Technology, Accounting, Business Math as well as French. She has been the FBLA Adviser and taken students to nine National FBLA Leadership Conferences. Please come and celebrate with Mrs. Dobesh on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 in the new gym. By: Carlie Smith

Summer School News

Summer school will be held at Litchfield School from June 15 to July 17, 2015 in the blue building. It will be five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Targeted areas we will be working on are reading and math. Students will have computer time each day, as well as math games, bowling, bean bag math, puppets, snack time and gardening. Erma Sadler and Susan Poland will be teaching classes. A registration form is included in this newsletter and forms will be available for pick-up at the school office. Please fill it out and send it back soon to allow time to provide materials for all students. On July 17 a parent meeting will be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to share our summer activities. Submitted by: Mrs. Sadler



Pre-K Enrollment

If your child turns four before October 31st, they are eligible for our Pre-Kindergarten program! Please call the school if you are interested in signing up!

State Capital

Litchfield would like to congratulate two Elementary students whose artwork has made it in to the Youth Art month show at the State Capitol. The two elementary students are Justice Zentz and Katherine Paitz. Katherine Paitz said "I was very excited. It was cool to think that a bunch of people get to see my artwork at the Capital." Justice Zentz said "that I was very very excited that my artwork made it to the State Capital." Mrs. Varah said "It was a big deal to have art work at this event." Senator Matt Hansen addressed students and spoke to their amazing talent. By Riley Casper



Justice Zentz Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele



Katherine Paitz Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

Sports Extra

Ansley-Litchfield Track

The Ansley-Litchfield Track Team has 13 boys and 16 girls on it track. The track team has participated in three track meets which were: UNK Indoor, Kearney Catholic Relays, and the Pleasanton Invite. They will have another one on Friday April 10th at South Loup. Then they will eventually have the Burwell Invite, the Conference (MNAC), the Custer County Invite, Districts, and State. During the Pleasanton Invite the Ansley-Litchfield Boys and girls both got 6th place. For the boys Landon Rohde placed 3rd in the Shot with 43'8.5" and 1st in the Disc with 153'2.5", James Mills got 4th in the Triple Jump with 38'5", Evan Brockmeier placed 3rd in the 100 with the time of 11.60 seconds and the 200 with a time of 24.4 seconds, and Austin

Johnson placed 5th in the 800 with a time of 02:09.9 and 5th in 1600 with a time of 05:15.3. Ansley-Litchfield also got 3rd in the 4x100 with a time of 47.3 and the 4x400 with a time of 03:50.4. For the girls Shawna Paitz got 1st in Triple Jump with 33'3.5 and 2nd in the 100 Hurdles with the time of 16.90, Sarah Lewis placed 6th in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 18.00, 4th in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 53.20 and placed 3rd in the 400 with a time of 01:04.9, Courtney Baily placed 6th in the Triple Jump with 31'1, Kayla Reynolds placed 6th in the 100 with a time of 13.7, and Nicole Wardyn places 5th in the 3200 with a time of 14.21.4, and the Girls placed 3rd in the 4x100 with a time of 55.00. Good Luck to the Ansley-Litchfield Track team as they continue their track season.

By Riley Casper



Kayla Reynolds running the 4x1



Nicole Wardyn running the 2 mile .



Tyren Howard throwing the shot put.



Joseph Ptacnik getting ready for his 300 hurdles.



Shawna Paitz landing the triple jump.



Nicole Wardyn handing the baton to Hanna Lane in the 4x8.



Meghan Krazer throwing Shot Put.