

# SMALLTOWN NEWS

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## FBLA Wins Middle Level Division at UNK Business Competition Day



FBLA Middle Level attended the UNK Business Competition Day on February 2, 2022 and came home with 6 individual awards and the Middle Level Championship. A total of 7 middle level divisions and 96 students participated in the day, 3 of the schools being Class C & B schools. Students are currently preparing for the State Leadership Convention which will involve some of the state competitions.

Pictured with awards from left to right:  
*Ava Paitz; 5th in Digital Design*  
*Cayden Feldman; 4th in Financial Literacy*  
*Malynn Boyles; 2nd in both Financial Literacy and Digital Design*  
*James Fletcher; 1st in both Financial Literacy and Digital Design*

# March 2022 Spartan Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 Boys/Girls State Basketball 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	8	9	10 No school	11 No school Midterm	12
13	14 No school Teacher in-service	15 FFA Meeting 6:15PM	16	17 V Track TBD @UNK Loup Basin Smiles Program PK-6 10:00AM	18	19
20	21 ESU Quizbowl	22 State ACT testing JR Class	23 FKC Music Contest @ SEM	24 V Track 11:00 AM @ Loup city	25 No Preschool CCC Career Diesel Discovery Day 8AM	26
27	28 FKC Academic Bowl @ Loomis	29	30	31		
		1 JH quiz bowl ESU 10 am	2	3 No School moved to next week	4 No School moved to next week District Speech @ Loup City	5

# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll  <b>Lunch</b> Sloppy Joe	<b>2 Breakfast</b> Choc Chip Bar  <b>Lunch</b> Cheese pizza	<b>3 Breakfast</b> Apple Bosco Stick  <b>Lunch</b> Mexican Rice Bowl	<b>4 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Fish Sticks	5
6	<b>7 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Casserole  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Sandwich	<b>8 Breakfast</b> Omelet  <b>Lunch</b> Lasagna	<b>9 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Fajita	<b>10</b> No School	<b>11</b> No School	12
13	<b>14</b> No school	<b>15 Breakfast</b> Banana Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Taco	<b>16 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Burrito  <b>Lunch</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken	<b>17 Breakfast</b> Raspberry Churro  <b>Lunch</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich	<b>18 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Quesadilla	19
20	<b>21 Breakfast</b> Pancake  <b>Lunch</b> Nacho's	<b>22 Breakfast</b> Sausage & Egg  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tetrizzini	<b>23 Breakfast</b> Apple Churro  <b>Lunch</b> Runza Casserole	<b>24 Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl	<b>25 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Cheesy Vegetable / Tomato Soup	26
27	<b>28 Breakfast</b> Hashbrown  <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti	<b>29 Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks  <b>Lunch</b> Corn Dogs	<b>30 Breakfast</b> Choc Chip Muffin  <b>Lunch</b> Porcupine Balls	<b>31 Breakfast</b> Sausage Gravy & Biscuits  <b>Lunch</b> Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich	<b>1 Breakfast</b> Donut  <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza	2



Ashton Behmerwohld Silver Key, sculpture

Shamane Zentz, 2 Silver Keys and one Honorable Mention in Photography  
Tyra Sekutera, Gold Key, sculpture

Hunter Sweley, Honorable Mention, sculpture

Pacen Trent, Honorable Mention, sculpture

Calvin Finley, Honorable Mention, sculpture

These works received the highest honor in the state of Nebraska. They will be on display in Omaha for the month of March. Each work is evaluated by a team of 5 judges. The pieces are judged on creativity, quality and uniqueness. Congratulations to these students for placing at state and good luck to Tyra at nationals with her "gold key" sculpture "Sparkling in the Sun".

## Litchfield Band Participates in FKC Band Clinic in Ansley



Rick Mitchell from Kearney High was the guest clinician. The schools participating were Amherst, Ansley, Elm Creek, Litchfield, Pleasanton, and SEM. Litchfield sent 12 High School students.

Litchfield students from front row left to right in the picture is: Jordyn Ellison, Walker Skrdla, Brandi Slocum, Lyndsie McAuliff, Chloe Ellison, Katherine Paitz

Back row: Rowdy Jackson, Carter Wood, Caden Holm, Jacob Heapy, Lane Slocum, Faith Heapy

# 2022-2023

# Litchfield Preschool

**Now  
Accepting  
Enrollment for the  
2022-2023 School  
Year!**

If your child turns three or four on or before July 31st of this year, they are eligible to attend Preschool at Litchfield Public Schools this school year.

We will use thematic units throughout the school year that will focus on the following foundational skill areas to help your child learn and grow:

- Learning through curiosity, exploration, interest, and experimentation
- Physical development and health
- Social and emotional development
- Communication, language, and literacy
- Cognition and knowledge of the world
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- Technology

**Please  
Sign-up by  
May 1st**

If you would like to enroll your child, or would like more information, please contact the school at (308) 446-2244. Thanks!

\*Also, if you have had a baby recently (Congratulations!) please let us know so we can add them to our list of future preschoolers!

## March 2022 Counselor Corner

### Let Spring Begin!!

#### ACT Test Dates

May 6th is the regular registration deadline for June 11th, 2022, National ACT Test date. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. Remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website to review for your ACT test as well as utilizing your MyACT account for review.

NSCAS ACT test date is quickly approaching. March 22nd will be here before we know it.

#### Keep applying for those scholarships!!

There is a scholarship opportunity for students taking dual-enrollment college courses. Students participating in dual-enrollment college courses or early admit programs, are encouraged to apply for the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship if they show financial need. This state and federally-funded scholarship will pay tuition and mandatory fees at participating Nebraska colleges. Applications will be reviewed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). If you have questions, contact myself or Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, [ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov](mailto:ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov) or 402.471.0032.

For local and state scholarships, visit *Scholarship Quest* at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org). It is never too early to begin searching for scholarships as well as making your list of strengths, volunteer activities, and other notable characteristics about yourself. Litchfield Scholarship list Local scholarships are due in April. Below are a few of the local scholarships.

- 2022 Rebecca Adams Green Foundation Senior Scholarship: Due March 1, 2022
- Spartan Foundation Scholarship: Due April 9th
- Litchfield Alumni Community Scholarship: Due April 17--envelope in counselor office
- Town and Country Bank Scholarship: Due April 17--envelope in counselor office
- Litchfield Booster Scholarship: Due April 17--envelope in counselor office
- **Virginia and Haven Smith Scholarship:** Due April 15--envelope in counselor office

**Prepare for the FAFSA with *free* programs and resources**

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll complete the form after *October 1* and typically, before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid.

The following Education link will help you learn more about the financial aid process and the FAFSA <http://www.educationquest.org> **Kearney office 308-234-6310. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter!**

**Elementary Update**

Second Step is being utilized in PreK-5 classrooms for Social/Emotional Learning. Parents, please be sure you talk with your child about what topic was covered in their weekly lesson. Some lessons have homework and others do not. I love to see our students handing in their "homework" and giving stickers for their accomplishments.

6th graders are learning all about Mindfulness. We continue to learn the different ways we pay attention. We focus on breath-work, listening, and feeling in our bodies. Remember, if you sense your emotions are beginning to take over, pause, name the feeling, and calm down using breathing techniques, positive self-talk, or counting.

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Litchfield Public Schools  
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**Board Report - Newspaper**  
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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACROMAT LLC		530.94
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		25.46
Ansley Public Schools		7,016.04
BAKKO TRANSFER, INC.		207.26
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		2,818.91
Culligan Water Conditioning		92.25
Custer Public Power		5,231.36
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		397.64
Eakes Office Plus		999.50
Educational Service Unit 10		5,582.22
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		130.40
Farmers Co-op Association		706.62
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC		1,098.29
HAMILTON		198.18
Island Supply Welding Co.		952.77
JW Pepper & Son Inc		419.74
Litchfield Hot Lunch		108.00
Misko Sport, Inc.		180.00
MOSA MACK SCIENCE, INC		275.00
National Wildlife Federation		19.95
NCS PEARSON, INC		180.00
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		3,197.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc		575.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC		480.48
PETTY CASH FUND		1,165.93
READING WITH TLC		192.94
TITAN MACHINERY		701.16
Trane U.S. Inc		371.95
US FOODS		712.25
Varah, Allison		260.85
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		402.35
WALMART COMMUNITY CARD		54.92
WEX BANK		1,592.49
Fund Number 01		<hr/> 37,017.86
Checking Account ID 1		<hr/> 37,017.86

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 14, 2022

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

Members Present: Bill Howard, Marie Sweley, Cole Lewandowski, April Gross, Mitch Feldman, and Jim Holm.

Visitors: Bevin Drew

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

The minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting on teacher salaries were read. April Gross made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 6-0.

The treasurer reported a General fund statement beginning balance of \$56,712.47, general fund receipts \$480,644.18, actual general fund bank balance \$225,111.40 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$227,175.49 were presented for payment. Wade Finley also went through bills of interest. Cole Lewandowski made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

Matt Drew reported on Parent/Student Lunches, Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, Teacher in-services on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February and the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, Five new students since the semester, and for AD our 2022 football schedule is set and all games will be on Fridays at 7 pm, we will host Sub-district Boys on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and Hosting FKC Speech on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February with no school.

Wade Finley reported on ESU 10 contract approval, NASB policy changes, ESSER III funds; allocation of funds discussion, and Personnel update.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend approval of the ESU 10 contracts for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross made a motion to approve the NASB Policy Updates for 204.10,204.11,204.13,702.02,702.03,702.03R1,702.03R2, and 702.03R3. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill Howard made a motion to accept with regrets Judy Kucera's letter of resignation after the end of this school year. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss superintendent contract and personnel. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

President Mitch Feldman reinstated the purpose of entering into executive session was to discuss superintendent contract and personnel.

Board entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Marie Sweley made a motion to exit executive session. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

Board exited executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve the 2 year Superintendent contract with a salary of \$115,000.00 for Matt Drew starting school year 2022-2023. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 14, 2022. 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 Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

Good luck to all track athletes in the upcoming season

