

# The Leigh Legend



May 2025



## A Note from Mr. Fischer...

It is hard to believe that we are entering into the final few weeks of the school year. Students are enjoying the weather and looking forward to summer break. Our students are busy attending golf, track and field, and field trips. We finished our state tests and our Juniors and 3-8th grade performed exceptionally on their state tests. I'm excited for the NDE to release these numbers for all to see!

On May 9th, the Class of 2025 will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas and officially become alumni of Leigh Community Schools. This group of students has accomplished many things and overcome many challenges throughout their time at LCS. Thank you seniors and good luck in your future endeavors!

Again, some changes for your calendars...Pre-Kindergarten last day will be Tuesday, May 20th along with their Graduation for both 3 and 4 year olds at 12:00 p.m. in the NEW GYM. This change is due to summer ball scheduling conflicts and other events preventing families from being unable to attend. Lunch will be provided for the AM preschoolers and they will be dismissed after the program. If you are unable to attend, please communicate with the office and we will make route adjustments to accommodate. The 4 year old preschoolers will have a normal dismissal at the end of the school day following the program. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Fischer in the office at 402-487-3301.

The K-12 students' last day will be on Wednesday, May 21st. Also, on May 21st, the elementary students will have their annual Track and Field and Awards Day. We will have Track and Field Day at the football field following a sack lunch. Following Track and Field Day, the students can enjoy some water activities with the help from Leigh Volunteer Fire Department. LVFD is always willing to help and be involved with our students, and we thank them for helping us kick off summer. We will dismiss for summer at 2:00 p.m. I hope everyone has a safe summer!! Thanks for making another year at LCS a GREAT ONE!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer  
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Brabec D. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Higby, Wietfeld M, Folken

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; FFA, FBLA, FCCLA National Qualifiers; Testing; Spring Sports; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Graduation; Last Day of School; FCCLA, FFA, FBLA National Qualifiers Requests; Custodian Opening; Gym Floors; Legislative Updates; Good Luck to Spring/End of Year Activities.

Consent Agenda approved the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Item: Lease Agreement with Mitchell Equipment (revisit again after 'Discussion/Action Item 6D' – revisited/decided to 'table' until May meeting.

Motion Passed: Approved Adding Pre-Kindergarten 5 Days a Week in 2025-26

Discussion Items: 2025-26 Enrollment Numbers/Elementary Schedule; Summer Board Retreat Date

Moved by Brabec D, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec  
Board Secretary



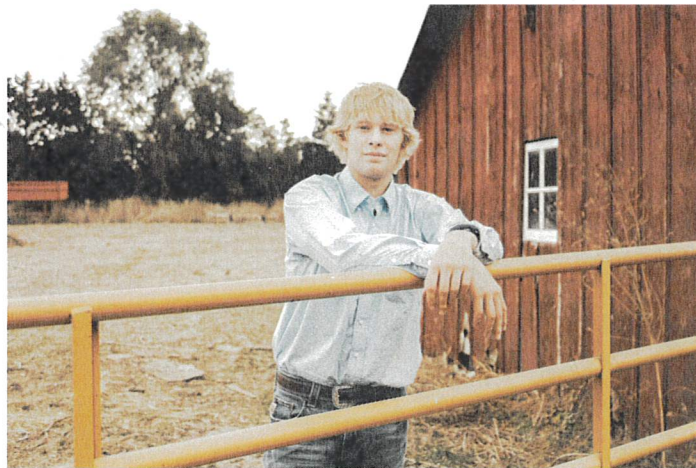
## *Class of 2025*

*Colors: Pastel Pink & Cream*

*Flower: Pink Dahlia*

*Song: "I'll Always Remember You"*

*Motto: "Life's too short to be serious all the time"*



*Carter Brabec*



*Keeley Campbell*



*Kammy Held*



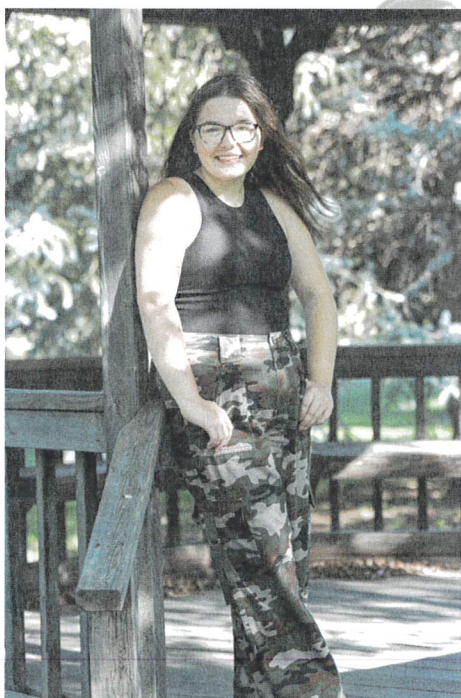
*Izabel Hollatz*



*Brianne Kuhr*



*Paige Kurpgeweiß*



*Alisyn Lich*



*Elijah Melchor-Smith*



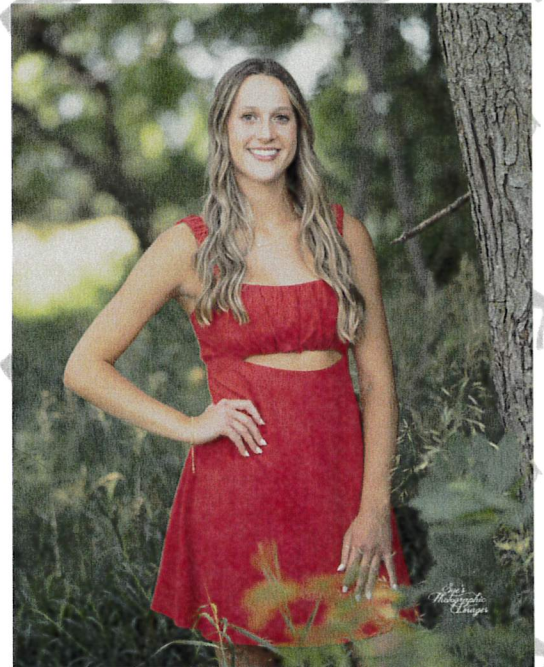


*Jared Olson*



*Amaiya Ross*

 **2025**  
*class of*



*Baylee Settje*



*Brynn Settje*



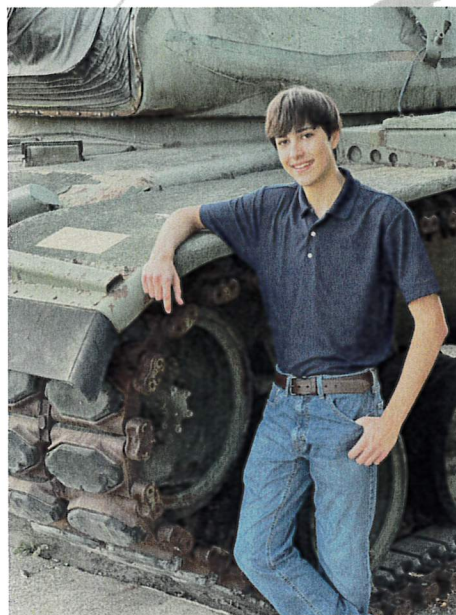
*Emily Stender*





*Ella Urban*

Class of  
**2025**



*Riley VanDyke*

Class of  
**2025**  
CONGRATULATIONS  
• GRADUATES •  
★★★★★★★★



## Industrial Tech Students Hard at Work This Year

Our Industrial Technology students have been putting in a lot of hard work and dedication this year, and it shows in their projects they have created. Whether it be working in the shop, classroom, or out in the field, their hard work does not go unnoticed.

One of our largest projects this year has been the construction of a play set for the community ball fields. We were given the opportunity to construct this play set that was purchased through a grant received by the YAC program here in Leigh. This project not only challenged students' design and fabrication skills, but also gave them a chance to contribute to the community. Another major hands-on task was the teardown of an old camper and also the deconstruction of an old piano to turn into a wine rack. These projects gave students experience in deconstruction and demolition and the opportunity to study structural components and reuse of materials.

In addition to those large-scale projects, students have also worked on constructing another, smaller, outdoor play set along with furniture restoration projects, and building an outdoor potting station. Students also had the opportunity to help Mrs. Fischer's fine arts department by building part of the set for our school's One Act production this last fall.

Our students have also been hard at work using the CNC plasma cutter and laser engraver. These advanced machines have allowed them to produce high-quality, personalized items including laser engraved cups, coasters, wine glasses, plaques, and a wide variety of custom signs. These projects have helped students develop both technical skills and a better understanding of design.

Meanwhile, in our welding courses, students have been learning and practicing various welding techniques and joint types. They are dedicated to mastering these skills to produce high quality welds, which continue to improve each day. They are excited to show their abilities on the farm or at home for their parents and guardians to see.

Another highlight to our year was winning the Ken Iverson Project this year, put on by Nucor Steel of Norfolk. The 2 main designers and fabricators were seniors Jared Olson and Carter Brabec. They created a replica of the Leigh Water Tower and with the help from the community votes, were able to come away with first place.

We have created tons of projects and the students have learned very valuable skills they can take with them after high school. We look forward to sharing more projects and creating many more projects in the years to come.

## FCCLA Update

The Leigh FCCLA chapter recently attended the Nebraska FCCLA State Leadership Conference. There are many successes to celebrate! As a chapter, we received the Gold Chapter Award for our community involvement and projects completed throughout the year. We also had two students recognized for completing the Power of One application, which required them to set and carry out five goals focused on improving their quality of life. Additionally, Baylee Settje received the \$1,000 Non-FCS Education Scholarship funded by Nebraska FCCLA. 16 members from the Leigh chapter competed in the state STAR competition. STAR stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition and they completed a variety of projects related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Check out competition results and the awesome project descriptions below!

Ella Hansen, Bergan Settje, Professional Presentation, Level 1  
Silver Medal

"Our concern is that our peers are eating an unbalanced diet. According to a study by the National Institutes of Health, more than half of the children studied consumed low-quality diets. When people eat an unbalanced diet it can affect their lifestyle and how they live their life. We feel like a wide range of people should know about having a balanced diet. Our goal is to educate our peers on the importance of eating a healthy/balanced diet."

Ella Higby, Vylet Hollatz and Emersyn Urban, National Programs in Action, Level 2  
Silver Medal

"The purpose of 'Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow' is to inform students and parents in our school about the importance of seat belts and booster seat safety, as well as how their parents can find the right car or booster seat that will keep students safe on their drive home no matter the length. We will measure the success of our goal by observing the students as they get into their cars and see if they are buckled or in the right booster seat. We will then send out a flyer letting the students and parents know their FCCLA chapter cares about their safety. We will collect and analyze data on how many students got into the proper seat/booster seat and if they are buckled."

Jocelyn Donnelly and Halle Korth, Promote and Publicize FCCLA, Level 3  
Silver Medal

"Our concern, based on this event, is that we feel our school and community are not fully educated about the topic of FCCLA. Not only do we want to educate our peers, we also want to educate underclassmen, specifically the 6th graders, so they can gain knowledge about FCCLA. By addressing our concern through our STAR project that our school and community are not educated enough about FCCLA, we will be making a difference by promoting and publicizing FCCLA. FCCLA creates great leaders within children and helps them become more confident in their own abilities."

Ava Kasik and Karly Wendt, Repurpose and Redesign, Level 3  
Gold Medal

"Our concern was the negative impacts caused by furniture and decor production. Deforestation and natural resource depletion can be reduced if more people choose to upcycle old materials into something brand new. Our goal was to transform old wood pallets, a window, and other used materials into a gardening station for our community garden."



Elizabeth Hoffman and Trevor Hoffman, Professional Presentation, Level 3  
Gold Medal, State Runner-Up, National Qualifier

"With recent firsthand experience with cancer, primarily Pancreatic cancer, in our family, we want to raise awareness on the subject in our community. We want to educate people on pancreatic cancer since it is not as often spoken of as the other more common types. We compiled research from different reliable sites and talked to our grandpa about his experiences to create an informative presentation that dealt with both the medical and personal issues that came with the disease. We decided to present the research to three different classes in school."

Izzy Hollatz and Baylee Settje, Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 3  
Gold Medal, State Champion, National Qualifier

"The concern that we have is that many students might not have access to essential items like clothes, toiletries, and snacks due to economic challenges. Our school does not offer personal items or snacks at no cost, so we decided a care closet would benefit our school tremendously."

Brianne Kuhr, Brynn Settje and Ella Urban, Chapter Service Project Display, Level 3  
Gold Medal, State Runner-Up, National Qualifier

“Our STAR event’s purpose is to make a positive impact on our community by raising awareness about Narcan. We feel that people in our school and community are not aware of Narcan, and that they are not comfortable administering Narcan in the case of an emergency. We chose this concern because, as seniors moving to bigger cities for college, we wanted everyone to be aware of how effective Narcan is and how it can save lives. Currently, our school has Narcan with our AEDs, but there is no description on how to use it; most people do not even know that we have Narcan in our school. By raising awareness of Narcan through our STAR project, we will be making a difference in our community.”

Congratulations to all the National Qualifiers, especially the five seniors who are continuing their journey with FCCLA this summer. We are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Orlando, Florida in July!



## First Lady Visits Leigh Elementary Third and Fourth Graders

The third and fourth graders had a special visit from Nebraska's First Lady, Mrs. Suzanne Pillen, in April. She spoke to our students about three important themes that are so important to our state and school: literacy, agriculture, and appreciation. Mrs. Pillen's encouragement reminded us that literacy is the foundation for life-long learning, agriculture is at the heart of our state's identity, and appreciation helps build stronger communities. We were so grateful for the opportunity to host the First Lady and appreciate her dedication to Nebraska's children and schools. Mrs. Pillen is visiting Nebraska schools through Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom from the Farm Bureau Foundation.



# Counselor's Notes

## **College Representatives Visit & Fall Dual Credit Registration Reminder**

Spring has brought exciting opportunities for our high school students to connect with college admission representatives. We've been fortunate to welcome visitors from Wayne State College, Northeast Community College, and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln this semester. These representatives provide valuable insight into their institutions and can answer student questions about programs, campus life, scholarships, application deadlines, and more. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions to gain firsthand information and begin building important college connections.

In addition, information about dual credit college courses for the fall semester has been distributed alongside student schedules. If any student is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to earn both high school and college credit, please talk with Mrs. Gall as soon as possible. These courses are a great way to prepare for college and reduce future tuition costs.

## **Senior Scholarship Applications & FAFSA Reminder**

Our senior class has demonstrated remarkable dedication in preparing for their postsecondary journeys. Collectively, they submitted over 170 local scholarship applications, showcasing their commitment to academic and career readiness. I am incredibly proud of their hard work throughout the scholarship process. Students are now eagerly awaiting the announcement of local scholarship recipients, which will be revealed during Graduation Commencement on May 9th. This ceremony will not only celebrate their achievements but also recognize the generous support of our local community organizations.

A reminder to parents and guardians: Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a Nebraska high school graduation requirement. If you have not yet submitted the FAFSA or if you have questions about the process, please reach out to Mrs. Gall for guidance and support.

If you have any questions about registering for college classes this fall or need guidance on next steps following graduation, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Gall. I am here to support you through this exciting transition!

## **Quiz Bowl Team Earns 2nd Place at EHC Tournament**

Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl team for an outstanding performance at the East Husker Conference (EHC) Quiz Bowl Tournament held in Clarkson on March 31st! The team demonstrated exceptional teamwork, critical thinking, and academic knowledge, earning a 2nd place finish among strong competition from across the conference.



# Leigh FFA Chapter

222 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Leigh, NE 68601

(402) 487-2228

## FFA Supporters:

The Leigh FFA Chapter will hold its annual banquet on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Leigh High School in the school gym. The banquet will include a meal, awards, student shop projects being auctioned, and the annual worker auction. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. We hope you can attend and support the FFA Chapter in this activity.

If you are not able to attend but wish to buy a worker, please call the chapter advisor, Alyssa Went to place a bid. She can be reached at her cell 308-550-1593. If there is no answer, please leave a message or send a text.

Terms of the sale include having FFA members perform 6 hours of labor at a time mutually agreed upon by both the buyer and the worker. The buyer is to provide the noon meal. Work is to be completed in a reasonable time period after the sale date.

With spring here and summer right around the corner, some work ideas might include: raking leaves, trimming trees, painting, washing windows, fixing fence, cleaning farm buildings, garden work, field work, vaccinating cows/calves for pasture, babysitting, house cleaning, farmstead clean-up, and machinery repair/clean-up.

We hope to see you on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Thank you for the support you have given to the Leigh FFA Chapter.

Sincerely,

*The Leigh FFA Chapter*

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## DETAILS

FOR: Next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders

WHO: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

WHEN: Wednesday, July 9th -Thursday, July 10th  
TIMES: 10:00am – 11:30am

WHO: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

WHEN: Wednesday, July 9th -Thursday, July 10th  
TIMES: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

WHERE: Clarkson High School (New Gym)

COST: \$25 (includes camp t-shirt)

PAYMENT: Checks payable to:

**Patriot Volleyball**

DEADLINE: Please submit forms and

payment by :

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**

WHAT TO BRING:

Volleyball shoes or gym shoes

**(PLEASE NO OUTSIDE SHOES)**

\*The gym floor will be freshly done  
so we need to take care of it! Thanks!

- Knee pads
- Water bottle
- Fun Attitude



## COACHES

HEAD COACH: Becky Schneider

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Becca Hiatt and Bri Bachman

Members of the Patriot Volleyball

Team



## REGISTRATION

Please detach and drop off at  
Clarkson High School or mail to  
Coach Schneider at 649 Cherry  
Street, Clarkson, NE 68629  
by **FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN FALL: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL S M L XL

PHONE # : \_\_\_\_\_

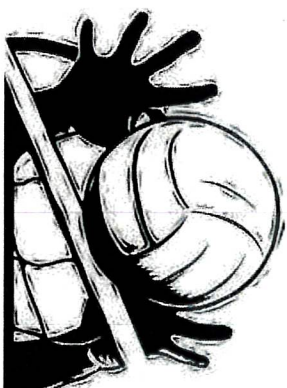
PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP-T-SHIRT IS NOT  
GUARANTEED IF PAST THE DUE  
DATE**



Questions?

Please contact Becky at 402-641-3002 or  
email at bschneider@clarkson.esu7.org

# Leigh Community Schools

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				FFA Officer Interviews Boys Golf @ Archangels Catholic Invite in Humphrey 10:00 a.m. Var TR - Norfolk Classic - 4:00 p.m.	FFA Banquet 4th-5th-6th Field Trip to Durham Museum in Omaha Seniors Last Day	Boys Golf @ Pierce Invite 9:00 a.m. Var TR - EHC Meet @ Stanton 9:00 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Boys Golf Tri vs Elkhorn Valley & Stanton @ Leigh 2:00 p.m. JH TR @ Wisner/Pilger 3:00 p.m.	Sports Awards Night 6:00 pm @ Leigh 8:15 a.m. - 5th Grade Broadcast on C/L Athletics youtube 8:05 a.m. Graduation Practice & Academic Awards	Var TR @ Humphrey 9:00 a.m.	PM PreK visit to Country Lane Gardens in Richland	Boys Golf @ Stanton Invite 9:00 a.m. JH TR - EHC Meet 10:00 @ Wisner/Pilger GRADUATION - 6:00 p.m. WSC Math Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Boys Golf - EHC Tourney @ Oakland 10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting Steps at Tiffanys Rehearsal PreK Classes - Visit to Public Library	Var TR - C5 Districts @ David City Aquinas Steps at Tiffanys Rehearsal	Steps at Tiffanys Recital in New Gym	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Steps at Tiffanys Recital in New Gym	Boys Golf Districts @ Leigh	Last Day of PRE K Classes PreK End of Year Program @ Noon	Last Day of Classes for K-11 2:00 p.m. Dismissal Elementary Awards & Track & Field Day	Teacher Work Day	Var TR - State Championships @ Omaha Burke	Var TR - State Championships @ Omaha Burke
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day Program 10:00am	Drivers Ed Classes	Boys Golf - State Championships @ Columbus Drivers Ed Classes	Boys Golf - State Championships @ Columbus Drivers Ed Classes	Drivers Ed Classes	

## MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk Is Included with all menus	All Breakfasts Include fruit or Juice		1 BR: PB&J L: SENIOR'S MENU: Tater Tot Casserole, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Peaches	2 BR: Muffin L: Pizza, Lettuce, California Blend, Fruit Cup	3
4	5 BR: Oatmeal Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Pork/Chicken/Beef, French Fries, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce	6 BR: Popart, Cereal L: Nachos, Breadstick, Refried Beans, Mand. Oranges	7 BR: Tornado L: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Pears	8 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Chicken Patty/Bun, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Pineapple	9 BR: Sausage/Pancake Sandwich L: French Toast, Sausage, Hash Brown, Juice, Cookie	10
11	12 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Hoagie, Chips, Carrots, Peaches	13 BR: Mini Donuts & Donut Balls L: Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Bun, Green Beans, Pineapple	14 BR: Muffin L: Meatball Sub or Hot Dog or Corn Dog, French Fries, Baked Beans, Mand. Oranges	15 BR: Churro L: Mexican Cuisine, Breadstick, Refried Beans, Tropical Fruit	16 BR: Frudel L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tri Tater, Carrots, Mixed Fruit	17
18	19 BR: Cooks Choice L: Patty Variety Day, Slider Buns, French Fries, Mixed Veggies, Pears	20 BR: Cooks Choice L: Breakfast Day, Hash Brown, Juice, Muffin	21 BR: Cooks Choice L: Lunchmeat Sandwich, Chips, Carrots, Applesauce Cup, Cookie	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## From the Principal's Desk:



The past two weeks have been crazy around Leigh Community Schools. Students have been in and out of the building with FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Quiz Bowl, JAG, and the list goes on and on. Brayden Loseke was crowned CHAMPION in Cybersecurity and earned 5th place in Management Information and qualified for nationals in Anaheim, CA. Izzy Hollatz, Baylee Settje, Brianne Kuhr, Brynn Settje, Ella Urban, Elizabeth Hoffman, and Trevor Hoffman all qualified for National FCCLA in Orlando, FL.

Congratulations to the seniors that earned their FFA State Degrees: Carter Brabec, Jared Olson, Kammy Held, Brianne Kuhr, and Paige Kurpgeweit.

Also, congratulations to Kammy Held on being State Champion in Goat Production Proficiency qualifying her for nationals in Indianapolis, IN.

We also had four individuals qualify for national JAG in Indianapolis, IN last week. Congrats to Reese Wietfeld, Carmen Malena, Kaylee Brabec, and Emersyn Urban. Let's end the school year on a high note.

Graduation is set for May 9th @ 6:00. Seniors, congratulations on your accomplishments the past 4 years. I am very happy that I was part of your journey. Best of luck in your futures. Like always, It's A Great Day To Be A Patriot!!

Students of the Month - Kammy Held (senior), Luke Eisenmann (junior), Brayden Loseke (junior)