The Leigh Legend



November 2025



A Note from Mr. Fischer...

Welcome to the second quarter! We are already 9 plus weeks into the semester and winter is right around the corner. Time flies in the fall and it is great to see many successes around the school this time of year.

As we approach the winter season, I want to pass along a few notes in regards to weather related announcements. Like in the past, we will use our Infinite Campus system to send messages. The message will also be on our Facebook page, KTIC-107.9 The BULL, and KQKX 106.7 KIX Country. Any weather decisions should be made by 6:30 a.m. and if needed, a follow-up will be announced by 8:30 a.m. As always, decisions will be made with the safety of our students in mind. Parents can also elect to keep students home if they wish.

With the colder season approaching, I want to remind everyone of our sick student policy. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without medicine before returning to school and if a student gets ill in school, we ask you to keep them home the next day. We will do our best to mitigate sickness by regulating disinfecting and encouraging students to wash their hands.

A wonderful tradition in the Leigh community is the Leigh Cares program that is organized by our local churches that provides gifts and food to families in need of an extra blessing this Christmas. If your family, or someone you know needs help, please fill out this anonymous sheet attached by November 14th. All names and information will be kept confidential. I encourage all community members to donate to this organization and help make the Christmas season one for all to remember.

Lastly, another reminder that LCS will be the host site for NSAA District Play Production on Wednesday, December 3rd, and we will also host District FFA on December 8th. There will be **NO SCHOOL on December 3rd and December 8th.** Staff will report as normal and help run these events. I will send another reminder as the date draws near.

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School Board of Education Regular Meeting October 15, 2025

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

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on October 8th, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on October 9th, 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, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – Open Discussion Concerning Cooperative Agreement with Clarkson Public Schools for '26-'27 & '27-'28

Principal's Report – 3 HS teachers presented Leigh School's MTSS process in Kearney; Students of the Month; District Softball; District Golf; Homecoming Week; Hosting District One-Act; Parent Teacher Conferences; Hosted FFA Livestock Judging; District FFA Land Judging – 4 Qualified for State; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities & Transportation; Negotiations; Budget Approved; No School – Dec. 3rd & Dec 8th; Safety Audit; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the September 16th, 2025 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Discussion Item: Fall Enrollment Numbers

Motions Passed: Approved the purchase of a pickup for the school; Approved Kamin Held as Delegate Assemble Representative.

Discussion Item: Cooperative Agreement with Clarkson Public School for '26-'27 & '27-'28 school year.

Motions Passed: Approved to 'table' taking action on the cooperative agreement with Clarkson Schools until more discussion has been had/a public meeting has been held.

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Higby to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the High School Gymnasium for further cooperative agreement discussion/action to be made. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec Board Secretary Leigh Community School Board of Education Special Meeting October 30, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on October 22nd, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on October 22nd, 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 Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys and Secretary Brabec.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation – how Leigh Schools got to this point of cooperative agreement discussion

Public Comment - opinions of cooperative agreement with Clarkson Public School

Executive Session – to protect confidentiality of staff and student information, discuss coop agreement negotiations, and to receive legal advice, all of which is necessary to comply with state and federal law, prevent needless injury to individuals' reputations, protect attorney-client privilege, and is clearly in the public's interest.

Discussion After Executive Session – Board - not about playing time – it's about relationships, being part of a team, a positive experience; conversations had been made with students; admin conversation – different ideas on both sides; no agreement; football equipment.

Motions Passed: Approved to end the cooperative agreement with Clarkson Public School and authorized Superintendent Fischer to take all necessary steps to do so.

Moved by Urban J, seconded by Brabec D to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec Board Secretary



Friday Fix: Brewing Life Skills and Smiles Every Friday Morning!



This year, our resource team launched a brand-new program called "Friday Fix," and it's quickly become a favorite weekly tradition for both staff and students! Each Friday morning, three of our special education students—supported by Mrs. Brabec, Mrs. Koch, and Mrs. Schroeder—transform the school's concession stand into a cheerful café experience for teachers and staff.

Through the Friday Fix program, students prepare homemade snacks and breakfast treats, paired with a selection of coffee, tea, and other beverages. Orders are collected throughout the week using a Google Form, and on Friday mornings, students get to work organizing and preparing every order with care. Teachers can pick up their Friday Fix from the concession stand or enjoy personal delivery service from the students themselves!

While it may look like just a fun way to start the day, the Friday Fix experience is built around powerful life and employability skills. Students are gaining hands-on practice in:

- Customer service and communication, by greeting staff, taking orders, and making friendly conversation.
- Social skills, through teamwork, turn-taking, and positive peer interaction.
- Money management and functional math, as they keep track of payments, calculate totals, and record transactions.
- Responsibility and organization, by managing supplies, following recipes, and ensuring each order is accurate.

This collaborative project gives our students a meaningful opportunity to shine in a real-world setting—building confidence, independence, and a sense of pride.

The Friday Fix has become more than just coffee and pastries; it's a weekly reminder of how powerful hands-on learning can be. The smiles on both the students' and teachers' faces prove that a little caffeine—and a lot of heart—can go a long way in building community at our school.







FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Keeping the livestock judging going as an annual event, the Leigh FFA hosted their second ever judging event. With a grand total of around 407 total kids came to participate. FFA Advisor Mrs. Went stated, "Wow! What a day for our chapter! We hosted over 450 kids from all over Nebraska. Our students did an exceptional job and came away with several banners! I am so proud of them for hosting such a great event. A big thank you to Mr. Fischer and Mr. Faltys for grilling over 500 pork burgers!!!".

Welcoming back a few of the same schools and joining in a few more the schools in attendance included Leigh, Lakeview, Shelby-Rising City, Boone Central, West Point, Bloomfield, Beatrice, Aquinas, Scribner-Snyder, Winside, Clarkson, Malcom, Logan View, Wood River, Newman Grove, Bishop Newman, McCool Junction, Arlington, Connestoga, and Humphrey.

It is safe to say that the members from all chapters worked hard and a lot of talent was shown. This event is always good to have as practice before districts and for new members to try something new. Sophomore Easton Brabec commented, "It was a great day for our chapter and it was very fun".

Results:

Senior Team: Leigh 1st Overall Senior Team

2nd, Briggs Klug, Freshman

4th, Carmen Malena, Junior

12th, Daphne Jedlicka, Junior

18th, Luke Eisenmann, Senior

29th, Hannah Martensen, Junior

45th, Blake Loseke, Junior

48th, Cash Fehringer, Sophomore

67th, Quentin Mullenhoff, Senior

Junior Team: Leigh 3rd Overall Junior Team

1st, Easton Brabec, Sophomore

7th, Trenton Olson, Freshman

21st, Layton Held, Freshman

60th, Madisyn Lich, Sophomore

62nd, Wyatt Eisenmann, Freshman

64th, Avery Kuster, Freshman

102nd, Jurnee Mullenhoff, Freshman

197, Emily Waterman, Sophomore

Junior High Team: Leigh 1st Overall Junior High Team

1st, Cruz Malena

3rd, Bergan Settje

15th, Samantha Acosta

17th, Ella Hansen

18th, Blair Wietfeld

20th, Cooper Fehringer

21st, Grant Zabka

22nd, Ryan McMullin

31st, Olivia Hake

32nd, Jamison Paredez

42nd, Grayson Loseke

49th, Korbin Hake

52nd, Kyler Hoesly

60th, Daisy VanDyke

66th, Harper Wendt

70th, Wil Monterroso

80th, Logan Sayers

FFA - District Land Judging

From many hours of preparation, 23 members of the Leigh FFA chapter traveled to Wisner, Nebraska to compete in district land judging on October 8, 2025. The chapter found great success qualifying for state!

Each participant judged four holes individually receiving an individual score. At each hole, contestants judged physical features of soil, determined land capability, and evaluated management practices needed for proper stewardship.

On the state qualifying team, the high score was received by Luke Eisenmann receiving 13th out of 500 contestants. The team of Luke Eisenmann, Cade Hoesly, Caleb Settje, and Briggs Klug placed 4th out of 15 teams.

In two weeks on October 22, the team will represent Leigh competing at the state level!

Caleb Settjie said, "District land judging went great, and I had a lot of faith in my other team mates. As we prepare for state, I'm hopeful for good results and to place well."

"We had a beautiful day for land judging. We have a huge district with over 500 kids and to qualify for state is a big accomplishment. I am very proud of how everyone did," said FFA advisor Alyssa Went.

District Land Judging Results:

Luke Eisenmann - 13th

Cade Hoesly - 76th

Briggs Klug - 97th

Caleb Settjie - 107th

Cody Jedlicka - 133rd

Tyce Larson - 144th

James Moore - 161st

Blake Loseke - 167th

Brayden Loseke - 172nd

Wyatt Eisenmann - 176th

Kyle McMullin - 207th

Easton Brabec - 230th

Rebecca Hastreiter - 261st

Madisyn Lich - 264th

Avery Kuester - 280th

Cash Fehringer - 293rd

Sadie Brabec - 303rd

Trenton Olsen - 321st

Jurnee Mullenhoff - 324th

Layton Held - 325th

Emily Waterman - 347th

Counselor's Notes:

Seniors and Senior Parents:

The FAFSA officially opened on October 1st! Remember, completing the FAFSA is a graduation requirement for the State of Nebraska. As an added incentive, EducationQuest is offering a \$1,000 "Do the FAFSA" Scholarship simply for completing your application. You can learn more here: Do the FAFSA Nebraska Scholarship.

Now is also the perfect time to check whether your senior's college or university has opened their freshman scholarship application. Encourage students to start early—many applications require letters of recommendation and essay responses, which take time and thoughtful preparation.

If your student would like to schedule a college visit, please have them stop by my office so we can arrange that together.

College Representative Visits:

Wayne State College and Southeast Community College representatives visited Leigh Community Schools to share valuable information about their programs and campus opportunities. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend these sessions to learn more about potential postsecondary options. We look forward to welcoming the University of Nebraska Lincoln representative in November.

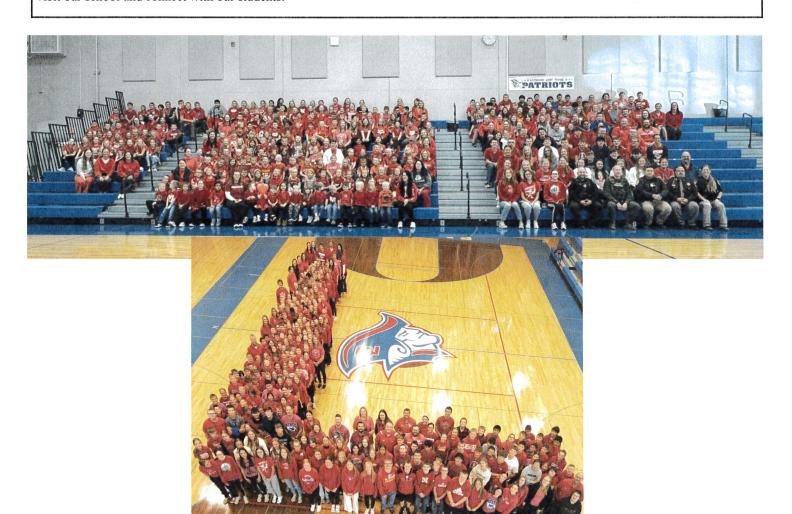
U.S. Marines Visit:

On October 27th, we welcomed Sergeant Damron with the U.S. Marines to Leigh Community Schools. He shared valuable information about opportunities within the Marines and engaged both students and staff in a friendly pull-up competition—a highlight that brought out everyone's competitive spirit!

Red Ribbon Week:

Leigh Community Schools celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a variety of engaging activities that promoted healthy choices and drugfree lifestyles. Students participated in guidance lessons, a coloring contest, candy giveaways, and a Fun Friday event with Mrs. Linda Bachman.

We concluded the week with a Red Ribbon Week Assembly featuring the Colfax County Sheriff's Department—Deputy Palensky (who also leads our 6th Grade D.A.R.E. program), Deputy Acosta and his K9 partner Mars, Sheriff Messerlie—as well as the Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Buck and his K9 partner Loki. Their demonstration and presentation were not only exciting but also meaningful, reinforcing the importance of making safe, healthy choices. We sincerely thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to visit our school and connect with our students.





Student Injuries Can Happen

Medical Expenses Can Be a Financial Hardship When the Unexpected Occurs Approved By Your School/School District - Available for All Students PK-12

What is Student Accident Insurance?

Coverage that provides financial assistance with your out-of-pocket medical expenses when your student sustains an accidental bodily injury.

Why Consider Student Accident Insurance For Your Student?

- High Deductible/Copayments to your Family's Primary Health Insurance
- No Health Insurance for your Student
- Your Student participates in a interscholastic sport where an unexpected injury is more likely to occur.
- Your Student is prone to injuries

Coverage Options Available Through Your School

- School Time Coverage \$16.00
- **Interscholastic Sports Coverage** (w/School Time-\$91.00 or 24 Hour Coverage-\$174.00)
- 24-Hour/Full-Time Coverage \$99.00
- Football Coverage \$250.00 (Grades 9-12 for the football season)
- **Extended Dental Coverage \$9.00** Premium Paid Once a School Year

To Enroll Your Student & Review Medical Benefits

Go to: www.sas-mn.com

or scan this QR code with your smart phone to be directed to our website



Please locate "K-12 Students & Parents" on our homepage. Within this division, you will be able to search for your student's school district. Once located, you will have access to the following information:

Purchase Coverage

(Managed Online or by Printing/Mailing Enrollment Form and premium)

Brochure (English & Spanish) (Explains medical benefits, exclusions and coverage options) Claim Form

(fillable form when enrolled student sustains injury)

For Questions. Call Student Assurance Services at (800) 328-2739









Specializing in Student Accident Insurance Since 1971.

The above information is just a brief description of Student Assurance Service's student accident insurance. For more information including costs, benefits, effective dates, exclusions, limitations, please refer to www.sas-mn.com Students are able to purchase coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company

Leigh Community Schools

		N	ovember > 2025	v		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 VB District Finals - 11:00 a.m. Clarkson/ Leigh vs Lincoln Lutheran @ Lincoln Lutheran
Daylight Savings Time Ends	FFA Meeting EHC Honor Choir @ West Point/Beemer 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice (some gone to Honor Choir) 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice 5th & 6th Gr to UNL Sportsmanship Pep	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	5 10:00 a.m. LATE START - NO AM Pre- K State VB Championships in Lincoln 7:00 a.m. One Act Practice (unless State VB)	6 FFA - LDE Practice 5:30 p.m. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Staff Flu Shot Clinic State VB Championships in Lincoln 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice (unless State VB)	Total and the state of the stat	State VB Championships In Lincoln 10:00 a.m. JH WR @ Wayne Invite
9	Rally in Lincoln 10 6:15 p.m. FCCLA Meeting LEAP - after school (2nd grade) 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice 10:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Program	FFA - District Livestock Judging @ Wahoo 7:00 a.m. One Act Practice 6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting	13 FFA - LDE Practice 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice UNL Representative Visit at 10:40 a.m.	2;15 p.m. One Act Matinee Performance FB Playoffs - Semi Finals - TBD 4:00 p.m. JH WR @ David City Invite	15
One Act Practice in evening - if needed due to missed practices	Start of Winter Practices 4:00 p.m. JH GBB vs Shelby/RC @ Clarkson 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice & load set 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	EHC One Act in Humphrey 6:30 p.m. JH GBB @ Columbus Scotus	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice 7:00 p.m. Parli Pro Practice	FFA - LDE Practice 6:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. JH WR @ Newman Grove invite 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice - coordinate with LDE practice PreK Classes - Visit to Public Library	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice - if needed County Government Day Ag Literacy Night 5:30 p.m7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. JH GBB @ Humphrey Tourney 9:00 a.m. JH WR @ Howells Dodge Tournament
30 Drama & Desserts One Act Performance	FB State Championships in Lincoln (D1, D2, B) 7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 6:30 p.m. FFA - LDE Practice & Parli Pro Practice	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice FB State Championships in Lincoln (C1, C2, A)	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	29

NOVEMBER 2025

3	BR: Bagel Bites L: Burgers & French Fries	BR: Rice Krispie Bar L: Thanksgiving Dinner	BR: Tornado L: Fajita, Rice & Refried Beans	BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Meatball Sub, Potato Wedges	BR: Pretzel Bites L: Ham & Mac Casserole, Baked Beans	č
15	14 BR: Poptart L: Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown	13 BR: Pancakes & Meat L: Chicken Patty, Bun, French Fries	12 BR: Apple Turnover L: Taco, Refried Beans	11 BR: Omelet, Hash Brown, Toast L: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Chips	10 BR: Filled Mini Donuts L: Potato Bowl	Q
∞	7 BR: Cereal, Toast L: Chili Dog, French Fries	6 BR: Breakfast Pizza L: Soup, Sandwich	5 LATE START-NO BRKFST L: Sausage, Scalloped Potatoes. Green Beans	4 BR: Apple Fritter L: Nachos, Refried Beans	3 BR: Breakfast Burrito L: Chicken Noodle Bake, Garlic Bread	N
1		, management	WEGNESON	Hesoay	Monday	Sunday

THE LEGEND
222 W 4TH STREET
P O BOX 98
LEIGH NE 68643

From the Principal's Desk:



As our fall activities come to a close, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our coaches, players, parents, and supporters for making this season such a great success.

Our Softball team wrapped up their season in Hastings, where they faced the eventual champions, Hastings St. Cecilia. Congratulations to our five seniors—Lexis Gleason, Jocelyn Donnelly, Hannah Cech, Emma Burnhardt, and Nevaeh Zulkoski—for their dedication and leadership throughout their careers.

The Football team made the long six-hour trip to Bridgeport last week, where their season came to an end with a hard-fought game against the Bulldogs, falling 48–26. We appreciate the commitment of our senior leaders—Corey Steffensmeier, Luke Eisenmann, Levi Gall, Wyatt

Crosley, Jacob Kroeger, Kyle McMullin, and Brett Wemhoff—for all they've given to the program. Our Girls Golf team also competed at Districts this past month at Quail Run in Columbus. A big thank you goes out to seniors Emily Hajek, Shaleigh McAllister, Sophia Morfeld, Liz Hoffman, Sofia Hake, Mia Glissman -Mayner, and Sydney Messerlie for representing the Patriots so well on and off the course.

The Patriot Volleyball team continues their postseason journey this weekend as they travel to Lincoln Lutheran for their sub-state matchup. Best of luck to them as they fight for a trip to the state tournament! As we move into the second quarter, excitement is building with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. Mr. Bazata and the Industrial Tech students are busy designing and laser-engraving custom products that make great holiday gifts! You can visit the Leigh Community Schools website for a link to the Leigh High Industrial Tech page or reach out to Mr. Bazata directly for ordering deadlines.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving—enjoy time with family and friends, and stay warm!

Students of the Month:

* Brett Wemhoff, * Jurnee Mullenhoff, * Blair Wietfeld