

Knights In Shining Armor

By: Alisa Andrews and Allison File

Science Olympiad

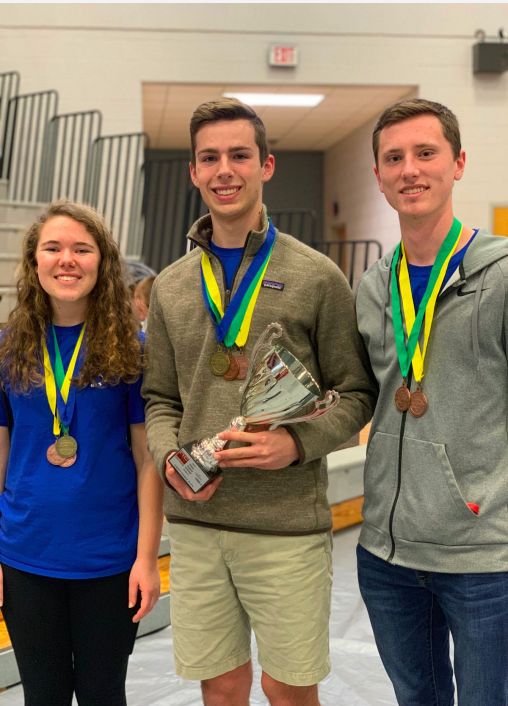
On March 16th, the NLHS Science Olympiad Team competed in the 2019 Regional Tournament, located at Catawba Valley Community College. Each student was involved in various events throughout the day, ranging from Codebusters to Mousetrap vehicle, with some requiring pre-built structures and others consisting of tests and labs completed during the events.



After all the events were completed and scored, they announced the winners, with the NLHS JV team placing 1st overall and the Varsity Team pacing 4th overall!



The North Lincoln teams are shown seated together in the gymnasium, eagerly waiting for their scores!



Many members placed in the top 6 in their individual events. Shown above and seniors Allison File, Andrew Berley, and Grady Bartro, who placed 5th in Protein Modeling, with

Creative Castle

By: Grace Holbrooks & Liz Woodby

The Creative Castle is here to showcase the artisans of North Lincoln High School. If you want to share your creativity with us, our emails are below for submissions: gracemack21601@gmail.com & llwoodby@gmail.com

Poetry

Procrastination

I have a poem due tomorrow
And I don't know what to write.
I have a poem due tomorrow
And I think I've lost the fight.

At the beginning of the year
Furg gave this project to the class.
And now I shed a single tear
Procrastination kicked my a**.

I wrote all my other poems,
Covering many different topics,
I've used up all my inspiration.
I wish I was in the tropics.

Should I call it procrastination?
Waiting for the mood to strike-
I was just trying to write a poem
Mr. Furguson would like.

- Hannah Caldwell, 12th Grade

Photography



Editor's Piece

By: Lizbeth Woodby

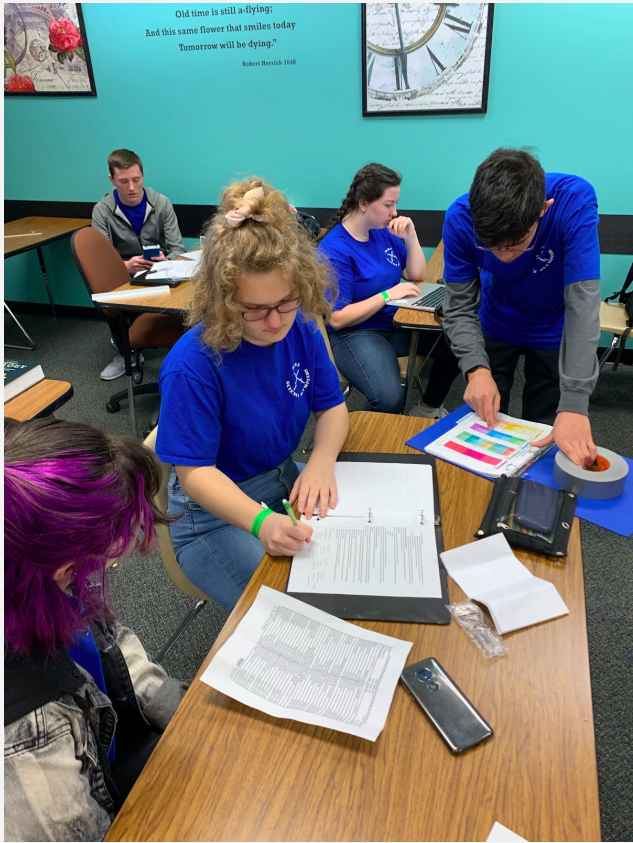
Beyond the pressure of high school English classes, college acceptances, and the looming job market past obtaining a degree, there's a more pressing matter that should shape hearts more directly than the attention it's being given by news and media outlets around the world. Beyond our self-centered worlds, there is the care and curation of Earth that severely lacks the attention needed. Our home is dying and it's increasingly obvious who pulled the trigger to end Earth's life.

The debate centered around this topic primarily focuses on legislature enacting policies to reduce trash consumption and littering along major highways. This is great, in that it allows citizens to see their government act to prevent further decay of the land we occupy. However, littering isn't the main issue when it comes to environmental health. The fact is that bigger corporations are constantly exploiting and cutting corners to ensure they gain the highest profit, even at the expense of future livelihood.

This is not to discourage everyday recycling or living that "green life", but it's a necessity that we turn our eyes from each other to the corporations running pollution into the world we live in. To really save the planet, it takes the combined effort of everyone, pooling together to make a stride against these huge operations and hold them to a strict accountability policy that allows the Earth a break to breathe, allows the Earth to stop choking on the pollution these companies spread for profit.

Reiterated, this is not to fully bash these corporations and take up extreme signs and storm their offices, demanding change. We must demand change, but that requires a calm atmosphere with a strong voice, not violence in any matter. Demanding change is a start to the chain that will bring about a healthier, cleaner future for everyone.

Andrew and Allison placing 1st in designer genes.



Teamwork is an important part of Science Olympiad. Shown above is the team working together to prepare for their various events in our homebase at Catawba. While some events had individual participants, almost all allow for 2-3 people to work together on them.



Senior Grady Bartro is preparing to test his design for Boomilever, with Andrew Berley, in which they aimed to hold up a large amount of weight using the least material possible. They placed 4th overall in the event! (As you can see, we're very serious about our events)



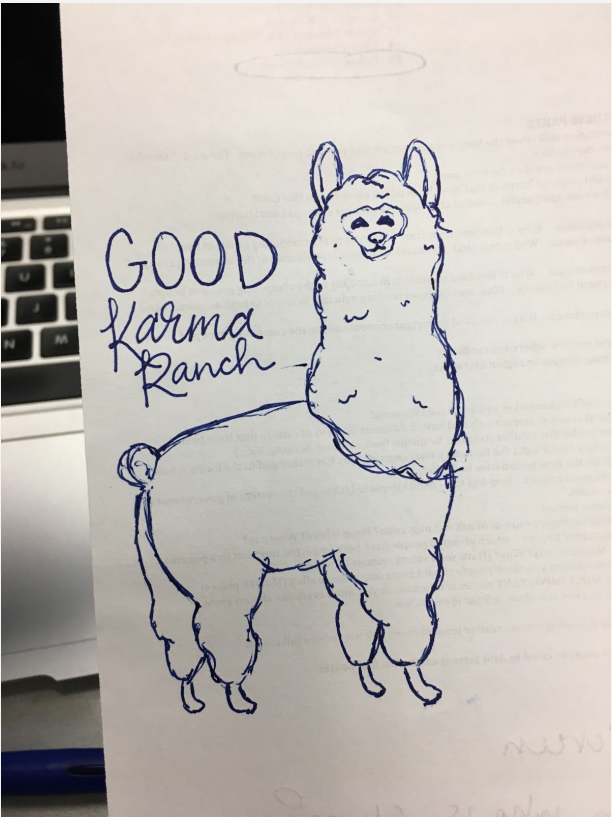
Due to their score, the Varsity Team qualified for the State Tournament! This will take place on April 27th at NC State University. Wishing the best luck to the team and congratulations!!



“This Saturday I was able to take a tour at Good Karma Ranch in support of the East Lincoln High School Habitat Chapter and loved getting to see the cute alpacas! They were so adorable and I got to learn about how they live and how their wool is used. They are extremely soft and super funny when they run, scratch themselves with their legs, and lay down.”

- **Tanner Buff, 12th grade** took these pictures and offered her thoughts..

Art



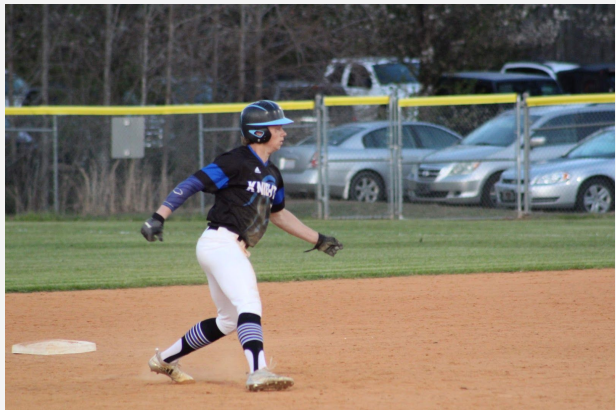
- **Liz Woodby, 12th Grade**

Sports

By: Bella Reid and Mattie Lancaster

The North Lincoln baseball team has had a pretty good season with an overall record of 7-4 and in conference 4-3. The players with the leading batting averages are Josh Brown (Jr.) with a 1.0, Sam Brady (Jr.) with a .5, Seth Whitley (so.) with a .478, and Jake Quilla (Sr.) with a .455. Joey Cobb leads in pitching with 22.1 innings pitched and averages 1.88 earned runs allowed. Cobb has committed to Lenoir Rhyne to continue his baseball career.


Last year the team went 25-4 and 13-1 in conference. They also made it to the 3rd round of state playoffs. When talking to senior Josh Allen about his thoughts for the rest of the season he was very optimistic. “I believe we can win the rest of our games and win conference,” said Allen.



Pictured - Jake Soorus



Pictured - Joey Cobb

<div data-bbox="193 139 592 195"><h2>Upcoming Events!</h2></div> <div data-bbox="201 195 584 226"><p>By: Bella Reid and Mattie Lancaster</p></div> <div data-bbox="94 257 441 348"><p>April 5th- NLHS Wind Assembly April 13th- Prom April 16th- Blood Drive</p></div>	<div data-bbox="812 111 1203 164"><h2>Knight’s Kingdom</h2></div> <div data-bbox="721 164 1294 195"><p>By: Grace Holbrooks, Faith Guia, & Rebecca Del Rossi</p></div> <div data-bbox="832 220 1181 257"><h3><u>Volunteer Opportunities</u></h3></div> <div data-bbox="723 289 1290 388"><p>All of these are great opportunities to help out the community and also help those who need volunteer hours for a club!</p></div> <div data-bbox="764 425 1292 904"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sally’s YMCA - Denver - (704) 716 - 7300• Denver Baptist Church - Denver - (704) 403 - 3030• Lakewood Care Center (Retirement Home) - Denver - (704) 483 - 7000• Habitat for Humanity Restore - Denver - (704) 466 - 4300• Mooresville Soup Kitchen - Mooresville - (704) 660 - 9010• The Corner Table - Newton - (828) 464 - 0355• Cornelius Animal Shelter - Cornelius - (704) 237 - 3602</div> <div data-bbox="876 938 1137 975"><h3><u>Job Opportunities</u></h3></div> <div data-bbox="723 1006 1290 1075"><p>Go and get an application at any one of these places if you are looking for a job!</p></div> <div data-bbox="764 1075 1282 1280"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burger King - Denver• Arbys - Denver & Lincolnton• Chick - Fil - A - Denver• Wendy's - Denver & Lincolnton• Pie 5 Pizza - Lincolnton• Homingstead (senior care)- Lincolnton</div>	<div data-bbox="1465 146 1768 195"><h2>Jesters Jokes</h2></div> <div data-bbox="1493 198 1739 239"><p>By: Holt Ludwig</p></div> <div data-bbox="1328 242 1913 944"></div>

The Bard’s Tale

by: Hannah McGuire

How often do students get the chance to just sit down and read a story? Now, all you have to do is look at each month’s issue of The Sword and Pen to get a few hundred words about a junior and his friend, who have a secret! Read to find out more!

He was running down the long dark corridor and something was chasing him. He felt the warm breath of the predator on the back of his neck and the cold hand grab his sweat-soaked shirt, causing him to stumble and fall. As he hit the ground, he scurried away from the creature, looking up into the yellow eyes as the thing bared its teeth and lunged at him.

Charlie awoke with a start just as the dream creature was reaching his throat. He had never made it that far into the dream before. Looking at his neon alarm clock, he was surprised to find that it was 5:00 AM. Usually his dream woke him in the middle of the night and he couldn’t go back to sleep. However, today Charlie had woken only 30 minutes before he actually had to be up and getting ready for school.

Charlie got up and went over to his desk where he had neatly arranged his homework, expecting to be up much earlier than he was. However, after about five minutes of trying to concentrate, Charlie gave up. Pulling open his laptop, he opened a new tab and Googled the phrase he had searched many times before: What is the significance of things chasing you in your dreams?

Within a few seconds, Charlie had the same answer as he had before. Subconsciously, he was avoiding something. However, after the previous day’s events with Joey and the principal, everything was starting to kind of make sense. But why had the dream started when he was so young? Charlie had barely any secrets. He decided to move on. He typed in a new question: What is symbolized by yellow eyes?

Charlie searched briefly through the pages before giving it up as a bad job. All he could find at a quick glance was why yellow was a happy color. Sighing, he closed his computer and started packing his school bag. It was 5:25, meaning that his alarm would go off soon. He stretched his arms above his head and got up, starting to tidy his room. By the time he had the bed made, his alarm was blaring and it was time to start getting ready for the day ahead of him.

Do you want to know what happens next? Stay tuned for next month’s segment of The Bard’s Tale!