

# Hallway Happenings



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## Homecoming Week

If anyone stopped by Litchfield as a visitor the week of September 23 -- and there were a few -- they needed to be quickly told that this wasn't a regular week. *It was homecoming.*

That was why students were walking around with their faces painted, or wearing bold tie-dyed colors, pairing strangely mismatched or baggy clothes, or in a couple cases, some very tall young men were dressed like women.

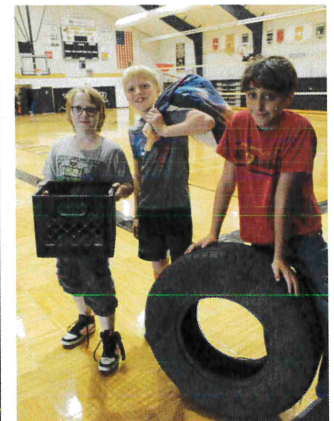
For Monday through Thursday, the point of Homecoming was to simply have fun and be creative. The themes were Zoom meeting (business on top, casual below), Anything but a Backpack, Adam Sandler day, and Throwback Thursday. Then on Friday, the point was to max out excitement for the volleyball team who had won the night before, and the football team that was aiming to do the same that evening.



Zoom Meeting with Madi Spanel, Kamden Barker, Macie Slocun, Alison Holm



Left: Anything But a Backpack with Jace Zwerk, Koy Kusek, Ira Ritchie.



Right: Adam Sandler day with Hudson Varah, Emmett Pierce, Kenna Feldman



Left: Throwback Thursday with Taryn Cole, Jenna Drahota



Center: Spartan Spirit with Emmy Moser and Kenna Feldman



Right: Spartan Spirit with Mr. Ellison and Ira Ritchie.

All Homecoming photos by Litchfield Photography Class

## Homecoming Royalty



*Queen: Tessa Henry, King: Lane Slocum, Crown Bearers: Heidi Huenergardt and Leo Rivas.*

### **“Hey Students, what are you going to be for Halloween this year?”**

*Interviews by Topanga Boyles*

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|------|--|
| PreK | Kinzie- pink princess<br>Quentin- Superman<br>Addie- Minnie Mouse<br>Ezra- triceratops |
| K    | Heidi- Bluey<br>Leo- Teenage Mutant Ninja turtle                                       |
| 1st  | Ryker- police officer<br>Bentley- mechanic   |
| 2nd  | Wyatt- football player<br>Hattie- something scary                                      |
| 3rd  | Kesslyn- Minnie Pearl<br>Denley- Darth Vader   |
| 4th  | Kenna- cheerleader zombie<br>Amelia- Avatar  |
| 5th  | Jayse- Grim Reaper<br>Riddick- Trump   |
| 6th  | Ira- Jedi<br>Noah- storm trooper   |

## New Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Rasmussen

*By Rowdy Lefever*



Litchfield's new Business-and-more teacher is Hillary Rasmussen. Mrs. Rasmussen will teach high school business classes in addition to coordinating data and interventions for the school!

Hillary Rasmussen grew up on a family farm north of Miller, graduated from Amherst Public school, received her undergraduate from UNL, and got her masters degree from Peru State College and Wayne State College. Her favorite hobbies are golfing, reading, photography, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

She is very blessed with teaching roles at each place that she has worked at. The teaching roles are instructional coach, administrator, teaching and learning coordinator and the opportunities that she has done in her career have continued to make her grow and learn as an educator. She says she is really enjoying getting to know the Litchfield staff and students. Litchfield is a nice school community and is happy to be a team member of the Litchfield staff.

Watch for our third and final New Staff Spotlight in next month's newsletter.

### **October band dates:**

Sat. October 5 - All Jr. High and HS band members will be marching at Harvest of Harmony in Grand Island. We will load at 7:15 am. We will be marching at about 9:45.

Fri. October 11 - All Jr. High and HS band members will be playing pep band for the football game at Ansley.

Sat. October 19 - All Jr. High and HS band members will be marching at Minden Bandfest. We don't have our arrival time yet, but the parade starts at 1:00 pm.



# Spartan Sports

## Volleyball Updates



*Reporting by Aliza Ellison and Gracie Reitz*

### September 17

***W. Central Valley 2-0***

***W. Arcadia-Loup City 2-1***

Ansley-Litchfield played Central Valley and Arcadia - Loup City. Against Central Valley we won 2-0. When playing Arcadia - Loup City we went 3 sets winning 2-1. During the triangular Kerry led the team with 31 kills for the night.

### September 19

***W. Heartland Lutheran 3-0***

Ansley-Litchfield played Heartland Lutheran and won 3-0. Underclassman Garittee Smith led the team with 20 digs and 6 aces. She provided a good jump in the score helping them win.

### September 24

***L. SEM 3-0***

Ansley-Litchfield played SEM, and we lost 3-0. Even though we lost we were very close in each set. Kerry Ryan led the team with 17 kills.

### September 26

***W. Ravenna 3-1***

On Thursday night, Homecoming for the Spartans, the Ansley-Litchfield girls

volleyball team won against Ravenna 3-1. Cadence Feldman said her favorite part of the game was winning and having fun. Malynn Boyles said she enjoyed playing with her teammates and winning the game. Both of them are looking forward to growing as a team. They improved to 13-4 after the win.

## Football Updates



*Reporting by Ethan Evans and Brooke Fecht*

### September 20

***W. ALS 63, Medicine Valley 33***

A 23-point second quarter, plus another 21 points in the second half, helped the Spartans pile up the points on the Raiders. Sophomore Daevon Magner said that we started slow, but "Our team is very good about learning from mistakes and knowing our role as a better team."

### September 27

***W. ALS 46, Shelton 40 (OT)***

The Spartans rose to the occasion for their Homecoming football game, beating Shelton 46-40. The game was back and forth and both teams had a chance to take the lead late in the 4th quarter before eventually heading to overtime. The Spartans had one nearly-winning score called back on a flag, but then punched it through a moment later for the win.

# Clubs & Organizations

## FFA Update

*James Fletcher, Litchfield FFA Reporter*

FFA is gearing up for an exciting year at Litchfield! This past month the FFA was happy to have the high school participate in Husker Harvest days and learn from a variety of vendors. We also took our freshman to Range Judging at Sargent where they were able to learn more about land and plants. Also in September our officers and two members were able to join the connecting chapter training from the Farm Bureau to educate the youth on Ag Literacy. One last conference for our chapter was the Ignite Conference which was for all of our freshmen to learn more about FFA and how they can get involved. Looking ahead we have our Bring Your Tractor to School day on October 1st.

Later this year our Fruit sales will begin October 14th and will have our wide variety of items you can buy. We will also have our labor auction later in the year to help fund the activities for the FFA chapter. This year the FFA chapter will be participating in the Leadership Development Events which include speaking events. Those will be in December at SEM this year. Then we will participate in Career Development Events which are in February and those will focus on hands-on competitions. Then we will wrap up our year at the State FFA Convention where we hope we can bring our whole chapter. FFA's goal this year is to take our whole chapter to the State FFA. We would also like to have more kids on stage this year at state.

This will be an exciting year for FFA and keep updated on our chapter activities through Litchfield FFA on Facebook!

## FBLA Update

*Ava Paitz, FBLA Reporter*

The Litchfield chapter of FBLA has had a busy September. Members have been hard at work fundraising by wrapping up their Scentsy product sales and continuing to sell yard lines for home football games. If you purchased any Scentsy products, be on the lookout for deliveries in the coming month.

Recently, the FBLA members attended the fall leadership conference at UNK, where they brought 11 members ranging from 8th to 12th grade. The conference featured an energetic keynote speaker, engaging workshops, and opportunities to meet many new FBLA members from across the state. Members learned valuable information specific to their officer roles, got to know the new state officer team, and discovered how to unlock their full potential in economics.





2024

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	01 Reserve/JV/VB v South Loup @ Ansley 5/6/7	02	03 FB @ Santee 7:00	04 FKC CC @ Overton 1:00	05 Band at Harvest of Harmony in Grand Island
06	07 JH/JV VB 3:00/5:00 @ Anselmo-Merna	08 VB Triangular v Wilcox-Hildreth, Bertrand @ Litchfield 5:00	09	10 VB Triangular v Overton, Loomis @ Overton 5:00	11 <b>Grandparent's Day</b> FB v Heartland Lutheran @	12 JH VB @ Ansley 9:00 JV VB Tri @ Litchfield 9:00
13 Spartan Youth VB Tournament	14	15	16	17 <b>2:30 Dismissal</b> FB v Hampton @ Ansley 7:00	18 <b>No School</b> Fall Break	19 <b>Band at Minden</b>
20	21 <b>No School</b> Teacher In- Service	22	23	24 FB @ Stuart 7:00	25 JV/VB @ Pleasanton 5:00/6:00	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>2:30 Dismissal</b>	01	02

Notes:

FKC Volleyball Tournament is the week of October 14th

Volleyball Subdistricts is the week of October 28th

State football is the week of October 28th

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2024

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Members Present: Alyssa Reynolds, , Cole Lewandowski, Mitch Feldman, and Marie Sweley.

Visitors: Hillary Rasmussen & Susan Poland

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 indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

Marie Sweley made a motion to excuse absent board members; Jim Holm & April Gross. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$788,527.48, general funds receipts \$49,470.40, and actual cash available in general fund of \$597,239.90 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$336,763.27 were presented for payment. Cole Lewandowski made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Moser gave the principal's report; PLC and P-T conferences today, Lunch Procedures, Interactive Displays, first month of school, misc. activities, reviewing the Spring 24 NSCAS data before it gets finalized.

Brian Moser due to Matt Drew's absence presented a brief AD Report and certain agenda items were tabled until next month's meeting for this reason.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to approve Litchfield School Budget for 2024-2025 as presented. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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 Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary

# October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Omelets Meatball subs	2 Churro Mexican rice bowls	3 Biscuits & Gravy Crispito	4 Donuts Quesadilla	5
6	7 Muffins Chicken Alfredo	8 Pancakes Rib sandwich	9 Egg & Biscuit Taco	10 Hash brown Fajita	11 Donuts Ham & Scalloped Potatoes	12
13	14 Churro Sloppy Joe	15 Omelet Hot Dog	16 Muffin Chicken Fried Steak	17 Breakfast pizza Nacho	18 No School	19
20	21 No School	22 Muffins Shepard's Pie	23 Pancakes Ravioli	24 French Toast Ham Sandwich	25 Donuts Chicken Nuggets	26
27	28 Muffins Tater Tot Casserole	29 Oatmeal Bar Pulled Pork	30 Omelet Popcorn Chicken	31 Churro Corn Dogs	1	2
3	4 Notes					

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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		103.91
Ansley Public Schools		18,597.29
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		162.41
CAREER SAFE		320.00
CEV MULTIMEDIA, LLC		1,500.00
Custer Public Power		3,723.01
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		292.87
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		942.24
Educational Service Unit 10		16,980.33
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		283.60
ESU Coordinating Council		860.00
HAMILTON		132.83
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHING COMPANY		1,575.00
LAKESHORE		201.18
LIL REDS CLEANING		2,065.75
Litchfield Hot Lunch		811.37
NASB ALICAP		77,662.00
National Wildlife Federation		19.95
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		40.00
Nebraska Life Magazine		30.00
Nebraska Safety Center		250.00
P & D MARKET		37.98
PETTY CASH FUND		813.00
Software Unlimited, Inc.		3,000.00
Taylor Heating & Cooling		1,331.00
TITAN MACHINERY		7,235.05
U.S. BANK		6,360.74
US FOODS		1,058.07
Varah, Allison		69.53
Village Of Litchfield		449.30
WEX BANK		996.25
Yanda's Music		43.90
Fund Number 01		<hr/> 148,390.07
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# October 2024 Counselor Corner

## Happy Fall!

### Worry time technique for anxious or worried kids.

Decide on a worry time.

Set aside your worries.

Use coping strategies and mindfulness activities to return to the present moment.

Use that designated worry time to discuss the worries.

## Red Ribbon Week

TADA will sponsor Red Ribbon Week activities from October 28 to October 31. Members from TADA will visit elementary classrooms educating students on the benefits of staying away from drugs and alcohol. Posters about the week will be shared at a later date.

## Testing

*Juniors took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Thursday, September 19, 2024.* ASVAB is the military placement test and measures student knowledge and ability in several areas. This has a career exploration section that allows students to learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potential goals, and develop a strategy to help get to those goals.

*Sophomores will be taking the PreACT on October 17th.* This test is very similar to the ACT but shorter in length. It tests on all four ACT subjects: English, math, reading, and science. The results predict future success on the ACT, and provide current achievement as well as projected ACT scores (1-36) on the ACT they take as juniors. Students may begin sharing their information with colleges and scholarship agencies. The interest inventory provides students with a personalized view of colleges and career alignments. Sophomores may study for the PreACT as they would for the ACT. Sophomores, you have an OnToCollege account where you can prepare for the PreACT test. Please see Mrs. Poland for more information.

## ACT Test Dates

Registered for the October 26th National ACT? Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation. The December 9th registration deadline is November 3rd. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. *Seniors*, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website and ACT Academy to review for your ACT. *Juniors*, keep up on your OnToCollege and review any material as we go. Utilize Khan Academy to help review material, too.

## College Tours

The EducationQuest-sponsored College Fair will be on October 9th in Broken Bow and will have the opportunity to meet with over 35 colleges, specialty colleges, and military representatives. Parents and students are invited to attend at Broken Bow High School from 1:30 to 3 pm.

Many colleges have left open the opportunity to visit them virtually. Visit the college's website for more information. *The College Tour* TV show is a great resource for colleges. Each episode tells the story of a college through the lens of a student.

Seniors, please continue to tour your respective potential colleges. Juniors, begin looking for the colleges you wish to tour. Getting yourself and your parents on campus is the best way to make a decision. See if you feel "at home" on the campus, visit with the instructors and students, and check out their classrooms and activities.

## 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 me 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**. 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.

### **Prepare for the FAFSA with free programs and resources (Get informed about the "Better FAFSA")**

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 *December 1 (possibly)* 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](#)!**

### **FAFSA Webinars**

EducationQuest will be conducting several FAFSA tutorial virtual events throughout October, November, and December. Please check out their [website to view the different events](#).

***Apply 2 College Event*** (sponsored by Education Quest) at our school will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 8-9 am. Students will complete college applications and begin working on/preparing for scholarship applications.

***Education Quest's Financial Aid Webinar (Senior parents)*** was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Education Quest specialists informed attendees about ways to receive financial aid. They also discussed the "Better FAFSA". On December 18th, we will participate in a "How to Complete the FAFSA" webinar via EducationQuest. This runs from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

### **EVENTS In October**

October 2nd: High School Career Exploration Day-National Guard Armory--Sophomores (morning)  
October 3rd: Diesel Career Day--CCC Hastings--Juniors/Seniors--Parents are welcome to attend.  
October 9th: EducationQuest College Fair--Broken Bow-- (1:30 to 3 pm.) Parents are welcome to attend.  
October 9th: UNMC BackStage Pass--Omaha  
October 16th: Criminal Justice in Action--CCC Grand Island  
October 17th: PreACT test--Sophomores (morning)  
October 23rd: Industry Exploration Day--CCC Hastings  
October 23-31st: Red Ribbon Week

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## 2024 Litchfield One Act Presents:

### *Any Body for Tea?*

By C.B. Gilford

*Article Provided by: Amanda Slocum*

Mrs. Slocum, Ms. Goff, and the whole highschool are at it again! We are excited for this year's hilarious production which will hopefully have the audience rolling. The story is about a group of old spinsters trying to catch the eye of the handsome homicide detective across the street. Will they stop at nothing to meet him - even murdering one of their own? You'll never know if you don't come to the show.

Students are busy before school and sometimes late into the evenings working to perfect acting parts, build the set, design and organize costumes, and learn how to run the stage lights and sound effects. It takes all the students working together to make a show successful! We have started practice and are anxious to perform!

We want everyone to know they can attend our competitions throughout the year. The competitions will usually start in the morning and continue all day. Audience reaction can actually be a deciding factor for many judges. Please come and support our teams and bring everyone you know! And please clap and laugh loudly! Ms. Goff and I are so proud of these kids and know that you will be too! If you are able to come and watch us perform at competitions we would love to see you!





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