

# Hallway Happenings



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## 2024 Veterans Day Program

On November 22, 2024, it was an honor to host our annual Veterans Day program. We thank all of the veterans and community members who attended, and we especially appreciate all of the service and sacrifice our veterans have made for us.

*Below: Preschoolers recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Right: 5th and 6th grade perform a flag-folding ceremony.*



## Voting on Our Favorite Thanksgiving Foods

Turkey -- 9 votes

(Joy, Ezra, Grace, Ryker J., Hope, Emmy, Riddick, Alex, and Daevon)

Stuffing -- 5 votes

(Ryker H., Kayleigh, Noah, Chance, and Jace)

Mashed Potatoes -- 4 votes

(Odette, Caydence, Aaron, and Jozzie [grandma Ronda's!])

Pie -- 2 votes

(Walker, and Jordyn [specifically sweet potato pie])

Very Honorable Mention, 1 vote ea.:

Green beans (Heidi), Blueberries (Bella), Smokies (Aubri), Sweet Potato Casserole (Koy Z.), and Mom's homemade bread (Kamden).

## Here comes Santa Claus!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

1:00 - 4:00 PM

LITCHFIELD WINTERS BUILDING

HOT CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, & COOKIES

• GET A PICTURE WITH SANTA!  
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

• CAROLING AROUND TOWN  
4:00 - 5:00 PM

• JOIN US AND TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF THE LITCHFIELD JAG CHAPTER  
TOY DRIVE SHOPPING DAY!

*See you there!*



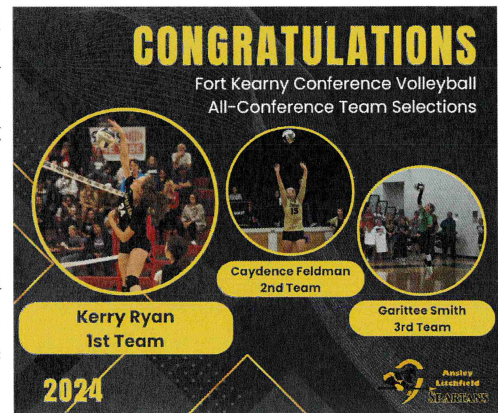
# Spartan Sports

## Volleyball and Football

Volleyball and Football seasons have both ended with a lot to be proud of. The football team's run ended with a first-round 47-26 loss to Silver Lake on November 1. The next day, Spartan Volleyball fell 3 sets to 1 against Cambridge in the district finals.

## Volleyball Honor

Following the volleyball season, Caydence Feldman earned a Second Team all-Conference selection in the FK. Additionally, Ansley students Kerry Ryan and Garittee Smith made First and Third Team respectively. Well done, Spartans!



## Basketball Preview

*By Brooke Fecht*

The Ansley-Litchfield Spartan boys and girls basketball team have their first games on Tuesday December 6th. They will both be playing against the Hi-Line Bulls in Litchfield. Coach Matt Drew said, "Our goal every year is to make the state tournament and we've done that the past two years. It'll be more difficult with so many new people playing. But we have two good seniors, Lane and Luke, to help lead us." We asked a few players on the team what they are most excited about this basketball season. Lane Slocum replied, "I am most excited to see how our young team copes with losing all of our 2023 starters and where we go this season." We have also asked Caydence Feldman what she was most excited about this basketball season, and she said "I'm excited to see how much we have improved since last year."

Other Litchfield basketball players this year will include junior Ava Paitz, sophomore Daevon Magner, and freshmen Micheal Corliss, Kamden Barker, Ali Holm, and Macie Slocum.

## Wrestling Preview

*By Ethan Evans*

Ansley-Litchfield wrestling goes to Axtell High School on December 5th for their first match of the year. When asked about what he's looking forward to in wrestling this year, Lance Ellison, the wrestling coach, said "I'm excited to see all of the talent and young people grow. We were regrowing from the beginning and had a lot of potential from both sides, boys and girls. Wrestling tournament." Junior wrestler Gracie Reitz said she was "excited to hopefully make it past district." Jimmy Fletcher, another junior, had said he was looking forward to "having a winning record."

Other Litchfield wrestlers include junior Malynn Boyles, sophomore Aliza Ellison, and freshmen Kegan Ritchie and Cooper Fletcher.





# Organizations and Music

## FBLA Updates

*Article provided by Ava Paitz, FBLA reporter*

Wrapping up the end of October, the Litchfield FBLA chapter had a very exciting Halloween party. After painting pumpkins, they hand-delivered them to the elderly in town.

The FBLA chapter officers headed to Kearney to kick off November for a leadership work day. First, they booked a meeting room in the Kearney Public Library and got to work on committees, ribbon projects, and community service projects. After their work session, they toured the facility of ESU 10, which focuses on the educational services of our school district. Next, they attended a business tour of the Farm Bureau Financial Services of Kearney. They learned about the different positions in insurance, and the different types of insurance available also.

## FFA Updates

*Article provided by James Fletcher, FFA reporter*

Happy November! The Litchfield FFA has had an exciting November, and is excited for the rest of the year. This month we were able to send FFA members Karson Moore, Ida Gross, James Fletcher, and Malynn Boyles to the annual FFA Pathways To Careers. Here members were able to break out with different industry professionals in the areas of agriculture. James Fletcher's and Malynn Boyles' favorite part was in the Agribusiness section, where students from the UNL Agriculture Economics Department presented a workshop. Ida Gross' favorite part was speaking with the keynote speaker in her workshop session about her experience as a veterinarian. Karson Moore had great learning experiences from the Power and Structural Technology learning about new coming of age technology for agriculture.

Also this month FFA members were able to attend the District 8 Livestock judging competition where they judged animals from breeding heifers, to market swine. From the competition we had many ribbons from across the Junior High and Junior division. There were 400 total competitors! For Litchfield, in the Junior Division, Alison Holm and Cooper Fletcher received Red ribbons and Kegan Ritchie received a white ribbon. In the Junior High Division, Knox Feldman received a blue ribbon, Kinzie McAuliff received a red ribbon and Jenna Drahota, Braxton Fletcher and Aaron Reitz all received white ribbons. Congratulations Members! Member Taryn Cole said this experience helped her realize more areas to agriculture, and open up her horizons on the opportunities for her future.

Looking forward to the FFA schedule, we will be sending members to the Leadership Development Event Competition at Sumner, where students will be giving speeches and practicing in mock interviews. Keep a look out for all FFA activities on Instagram and Facebook!

## FKC Choral Clinic



This month, Litchfield also hosted the FKC Choral Clinic. On November 19, all of the FKC Schools sent their choirs to work all day with a music specialist brought in to arrange and practice a concert of songs. The day finished with a public performance of these songs, which included a beautiful, a cappella arrangement of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

You can view the concert by scanning this QR Code or visiting [bit.ly/FKC2024CC](https://bit.ly/FKC2024CC)



THE LITCHFIELD JAG CHAPTER PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



FOR QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT  
308-503-4747

PLEASE DONATE USED OR NEW TOYS

YOU CAN DONATE TOYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15TH TO  
DECEMBER 6TH AT TOWN & COUNTRY BANK IN  
LITCHFIELD



Litchfield Public Schools  
proudly invites you to our

## Winter Fine Arts Program

December 10, 2024  
6:00



# The Spartan Dinner Theater

Litchfield One Act Presents: Monday, December 2nd - Ansley School Gym



*Any Body  
for Tea?*  
by C.B. Gifford

**Schedule:**

- 5:30 pm Doors Open
- 6:00 pm Dinner Served
- 7:00 pm The Price of Freedom
- 7:30 pm Intermission Tea & Raffle
- 8:00 pm Any Body for Tea?

**Tickets on SALE now:**  
Muddy Creek Ag-Ansley  
308-935-1155 (Brandi)  
Town & Country Bank-Litchfield  
308-446-2522 (Heather)

**TICKETS:**  
\$25 per person  
\$175 per table of 8  
\*\*Each ticket purchase receives a raffle entry.\*\*

**\$5 show only general admission  
at the door**

All proceeds go to the One Act Programs

**Menu**

- Sliced Beef
- Baked Potato
- Green Beans with Bacon
- Cole Slaw & Potato Salad
- Dinner Roll
- Bottlenose Bakery Cheesecake

**Raffle Tickets:**  
\$2 each or 3 for \$5  
Spartan Quilt, A-L Hitch,  
2025 VIP Table, & more

**Ansley One Act Presents:**







# Opinion

Watch this section for future feature articles from Litchfield Newsletter students!  
This month, we debut with a movie review from Rowdy.

## Spartan Movie Reviews: *Ford v. Ferrari*

By Rowden Jackson

A month and half ago I watched *Ford v. Ferrari* and was very impressed with the details and time it took to make this movie.

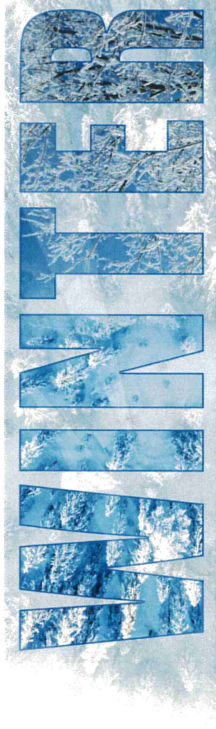
This wonderful movie is about how two popular car companies compete against each other to win a 24 hour race at Le Mans Endurance Race. The movie focuses on the racecar driver of the GT40 and mechanic, Ken Miles (Christian Bale), and car designer of Ford, Carrol Shelby (Matt Damon). Carrol offered Ken Miles a pile of money to race and work on the GT40 race car from Ford. Although Ken Miles let McLaren win the race in 1966 during the Le Mans endurance race he still put up a fight against Ferrari. This movie is pretty close to being accurate on real life events because Ford did have competition against ferrari during this movie.

In the movie, Henry Ford Jr. is very mad and disappointed about how their sales have been and how Ferrari's have been rising. This was a very interesting movie because it had real life events and they went into detail about what the 1960s was like and what the characters wore. Memorably, Carrol Shelby says "there's a point at 7,000 rpm where the machine feels weightless. Just disappears. And that's all left is a body moving through space and time. 7000 is where you meet it. It asks you a question. The only question that matters. Who are you?"

The only downside of this movie is that there should be a little more action and verbal fighting and not so much drama in it. Where the heck are the Ferrari engineers in this movie, they're in a couple shots, then that's it! This movie is for anyone who likes old classic cars, racing, and the history of these things. I would give this movie a 10/10. It is worth the time to watch.



# December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Omelette scalloped potatoes	3 Churro Chili/Chicken noodle	4 Muffins Italian Dunckers	5 French Toast Ham Sandwich	6 Donuts Quesadillas	7
8	9 Biscuits & Egg Meatball Subs	10 Omelette Mexican Rice Bowls	11 Pop Tarts Popcorn chicken	12 Pancakes Sloppy Joe	13 Donuts Nachos	14
15	16 Omelette Pulled Pork	17 Ciniman Rolls Goulash	18 Bisuits&Gravy Taco	19 Muffins Christmas Dinner	20 Donuts Calzones	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				

2024

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
				JH/V WR @ Axtell 5:00	BB JV/V G/B v Hi-Line @ Litchfield 3:30/4:30/6:00/7:30 WR @ Ravenna 11:00 GWR @ Southwest 11:00	BB JV/V G/B @ Ravenna 1:30/3:00/4:30
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
		Litchfield Winter Fine Arts Program 6:00 No ASP	FFA LDE District		BB JV/V G/B @ Fullerton 4:30/6:00/7:30 WR @ Sargent 11:00	BB JV/V G/B v @ Elm Creek 1:30/3:00/4:30 GWR @ Stapleton 10:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		WR @ Axtell 10:00		BB JV/V G/B v @ Axtell 4:30/6:00/7:30 WR @ Ansley	BB JV/V G/B v @ Loomis 4:30/6:00/7:30	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Start of Winter Break				BB Holiday Tourney @ Stuart	BB Holiday Tourney @ Stuart GWR @ SEM 10:00
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
		BB JV/V G/B v Sandhills/Theodor d @ Ansley 12:00/1:30				

Notes:

Winter Break is December 23rd-January 4th

NSAA Moratorium is December 22-26

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 18, 2024

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Visitors: Barb Kratzer, Katie Slack, & Rebecca Vega

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

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$928,063.22, general funds receipts \$195,967.72, and actual cash available in general fund \$847,390.67 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$238,769.07 were presented for payment. Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Moser gave the Principal's report; PLC today, Mental Health Grant, Zelle is being trial-run; paying lunch bills online, New Eligibility Rules, winter update, Previous activities; feedback from Veteran's Day Program, JAG leadership conference in Omaha, FBLA Officers touring businesses in Kearney, FFA Livestock Judging, and One Act had first competition, FKC Choral Clinic, JAG toy drive, FFA District LDEs, and Vaping .

Matt Drew gave an AD Report, Audit Information, Policy review, Transportation, and Building and Grounds.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve revised and adopted policies; 607.05, 611.05, 607.07, 607.08, 608.01, 608.02, 609.01, 610.01, 610.02, 611.01, 611.02, 611.03, 611.04, 611.05, 611.06, 611.07, 611.08, and 611.09. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</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



11/13/2024 02:58 PM

Posted - All; Fund Number 01; Processing Month 11/2024

User ID: TDF

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,387.46
Activity FBLA		165.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		37.16
Ansley Public Schools		3,453.29
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		302.48
BUFFALO OUTDOOR POWER LLC		29.81
COPYCAT PRINTING		646.78
CORNHUSKER MARRIOTT, THE		224.00
Culligan Water Conditioning		49.00
Custer Public Power		3,186.04
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		400.21
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
Educational Service Unit 10		11,576.14
Farmers Co-op Association		1,231.56
HAMILTON		133.17
HOMETOWN LEASING		346.51
Island Supply Welding Co.		329.08
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		204.56
JW Pepper & Son Inc		144.49
KEEP NEBRASKA BEAUTIFUL		993.99
LIL REDS CLEANING		2,250.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		840.10
MOSER, BRIAN		95.00
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		1,300.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		1,099.93
P & D MARKET		23.99
PARCO SCIENTIFIC COMPANY		2.80
PETTY CASH FUND		414.84
SHAPE NEBRASKA		175.00
Sherman County Times		7.33
SOCIAL THINKING		298.84
U.S. BANK		11,292.84
Village Of Litchfield		469.57
WEX BANK		1,417.65
Yanda's Music		139.98
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