

SMALLTOWN NEWS

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December 2021 issue

Veterans Day Program



Presenting of Flags and Litchfield band at Veterans Day Program



Calvin Finley giving his Voice of Democracy Speech titled: "America, Where Do We Go From Here?"



Presentation of folding of the flags by the 5th & 6th grade

DECEMBER 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 | <p>6 Breakfast Breakfast Casserole</p> <p>Lunch Poreupine Meatballs</p> | <p>7 Breakfast Sausage & egg</p> <p>Lunch Taco Soup /Cheesy Vegetable Soup</p> | <p>1 Breakfast Banana Muffins</p> <p>Lunch Spaghetti</p> | <p>2 Breakfast Raspberry Churro</p> <p>Lunch Pork Roast</p> | <p>3 Breakfast Donut</p> <p>Lunch Ham sandwich</p> | 4 |
| 12 | <p>13 Breakfast Choc Chip Oat Bars</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Sandwich</p> | <p>14 Breakfast Omelet</p> <p>Lunch Corn Dogs</p> | <p>8 Breakfast Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch Popcorn Chicken Bowls</p> | <p>9 Breakfast Blueberry Muffins</p> <p>Lunch Meatloaf</p> | <p>10 Breakfast Donut</p> <p>Lunch <i>Tornado's</i></p> | 11 |
| 19 | <p>20 Breakfast French Toast Sticks</p> <p>Lunch Tater Tot Casserole</p> | <p>21 Breakfast Hashbrown's</p> <p>Lunch Baked Potato Bar</p> | <p>15 Breakfast Muffin Ass't</p> <p>Lunch Taco's</p> | <p>16 Breakfast Apple Bosco Sticks</p> <p>Lunch Turkey Dinner</p> | <p>17 Breakfast Donut</p> <p>Lunch <i>Fajita's</i></p> | 18 |
| 25 | <p>27 No school</p> | <p>28 No school</p> | <p>22 No school</p> | <p>23 No school</p> | <p>24 No school</p> | 25 |
| | <p>29 No school</p> | <p>30 No school</p> | <p>29 No school</p> | <p>30 No school</p> | <p>31 No school</p> | 1 |

December 2021 Spartan Activity Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 District One Act @ Elba JH/Varisty Wrestling 5:00 @ Pleasanton | 3 V Wrestling @ Ravenna 11:00 am G/B JV/V Bball @ Eustis Farman 3:30/4:30/6/7:30 | 4 G/B JV/V Bball @ Litchfield vs. Ravenna 12:00/1:30/3/4:30 |
| 5 | 6 JH Wrestling @ Anselmo Merna 11:00 FFA LDE @ Amherst | 7 Winter Fine Arts & Music Program 6:00 pm | 8 | 9 JH FKC Tourney- Wrestling @ Pleasanton / 10:00 | 10 V Wrestling @ Sargent 1:00 B/G JV/V Bball @ Ansley Vs. Fullerton 4:30/6/7:30 | 11 V Wrestling @ Battle Creek 9:00 G/B JV/V Bball @ Ansley vs Elm Creek 1:30/3:00/4:30 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 V Wrestling @ Axtell / 11:00 | 15 | 16 G/B JV/V Bball Vs Axtell @ Ansley 4:30/6/7:30 | 17 G/B JV/V Bball @ Litchfield vs Loomis 3:30/4:30/6/7:45 V Wrestling @ Ansley 5:00 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 FFA meeting 6:15 | 21 G/B JV/V Bball @ Dunning Sandhills 3:30/4:30/6/7:30 1:00 school dismissal | 22 Teacher Workday No School K-12 NSAA Moratorium Winter break until Jan. 3rd | 23 NSAA Moratorium | 24 NSAA Moratorium | 25 NSAA Moratorium |
| 26 | 27 G/B V Holiday Bball tourney @ Heartland Lutheran TBD | 28 G/B V Holiday Bball tourney @ Heartland Lutheran TBD | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

Spartan Volleyball comes to an end in Sub-district Finals

Congratulations to Kaylee Rohde for being selected 3rd Team All-Conference FKC Volleyball! Rohde ended the 2021 season with 191 kills, 222 digs, 23 service aces, and 26 blocks. Kaylee is a Junior at Litchfield.



The Spartan volleyball season came to an end on Tuesday, October 6 at a subdistrict final loss to Anselmo-Merna, who went on to compete at the State tournament after a win at sub-state. The Spartans finished the year with a 15-15 record and 15th overall in class D2, the team's best record since 2017.

The Spartans played a very difficult schedule this year. Four teams on the schedule were State Tournament qualifiers, and many others were in the top of classes D1 and D2.

One highlight of the season was playing in the Championship game of the Seven Valleys Tournament in Callaway in September, losing in a close 3-set match to South Loup, 23-25, 29-27, 20-25. Another highlight was an exciting 3-set win in Litchfield over Bertrand, who was 13-5 at the time.

Ansley senior Carli Bailey was selected for 1st team FKC All-Conference, and Litchfield junior Kaylee Rohde was selected 3rd team All-Conference.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Gavin Cole



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| Birthday: | June 20th |
| Nickname: | Gav, GavHawk |
| Favorite TV show: | Outer Banks |
| Favorite Subject: | Ag Class |
| Favorite Color: | Green |
| Favorite Song: | “Somethin Country” by Morgan Wallen |
| Favorite Hangout: | Anywhere with the boys |
| Most Prized Possession: | My pickup or dirtbike |
| Favorite HS memory: | coon hunting with Nathan and Zyrus Football practice with the boys and wrestling practice with Austin |
| Extra-Curricular Activities: | Football, Wrestling, Track, FFA, FBLA, Rifle Club, One Act, Speech |

Chloe Ellison



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| Birthday: | September 14, 2004 |
| Nickname: | Clover |
| Favorite TV Show | Star Trek (original series) |
| Favorite Subject | Band and English |
| Favorite Color | Indigo |
| Favorite Song | “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road” by Elton John |
| Favorite Hangout | Library |
| Most Prized Possession | Tigress the Tiger |
| Favorite HS memory | Getting a math problem correct on the first try |
| Extra Curricular Act | FBLA, Band, One Act, Choir, Quiz Bow, Speech, Track |

Fill the Backpacks



Join the Litchfield FFA and FBLA community food drive to feed the hungry and fill the pantry for the backpack program

November 29th-December 3rd

Community Drop off points

Litchfield: P&D Market, Town and Country Bank

Mason City: Mason City Village Office & Baptist Church

Hazard: The Den Bar & Grill & Catholic Church

December 2021 Counselor Corner

Finish the semester strong!!

Keep using positive self-talk as we enter the final few weeks of the semester and year of 2021. It has been quite a challenge and everyone has taken the challenge in stride. Keep finding the good in our situation, others, as well as yourself. Take a moment each day in December to express gratitude to yourself and others.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at Litchfield Public School October 25 to October 29th. Students participated in dress up activities as well as classroom activities led by TADA members. It was very fun and exciting to see so many students and staff participate in the activities. These days are designed to remind us that we don't need drugs or alcohol to have a good time.

Activities

October was full of career related activities. Our Sophomores attended the High School Career Exploration Day at the National Guard Armory, the 8th graders attended an INVENTURE Day in Loup City sponsored by UNL Extension, and the Freshman class attended the Connect The Dots career exploration day in Ord again sponsored by UNL Extension. It was exciting to see our students learning about so many different opportunities.

Testing

ASVAB and PreACT testing were completed in October. All results have been discussed with the Juniors and Sophomores that took the tests.

ACT Test Dates

January 8, 2022, is the deadline for the February 12, 2022, National ACT test. Go to www.act.org to register. Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. If your student receives free/reduced lunches, your student may qualify for up to 4 fee waivers. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. Juniors and Seniors, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website to review for your ACT test.

College Acceptance letters

It is very exciting to know so many of our students have been accepted to their various colleges of their choice.

- **Congratulations to Emily Mostek on her acceptance into Kirkwood Community College, Central Community College, and Northeast Community College.**
- **Congratulations to Calvin Finley on his acceptance into University of Nebraska-Lincoln.**
- **Congratulations to Chloe Ellison on her acceptance into Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and University of Nebraska-Kearney.**
- **Congratulations to Zyrus Fauss on his acceptance into Central Community College and Northeast Community College.**
- **Congratulations to Kaylee Rosentreader on her acceptance into Southeast Community College, Northeast Community College, and Central Community College.**

- **Congratulations, Nathan Wardyn on being accepted to Central Community College and Southeast Community College.**
- **Congratulations, Gavin Cole on being accepted to Southeast Community College and Northeast Community College.**

Our Seniors have challenged themselves on selecting colleges that fit them.

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 or 402.471.0032.

Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship opened November 1, 2021 and closes February 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. (CST)

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

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 *October 1* 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!**

Hands on learning is best for me

College is not for everyone but all juniors and seniors are encouraged to continue to work as if they will attend college. Visit with Mrs. Poland as you continue to juggle the thoughts of "should I go to college (2-year, 4-year, or trade school) or should I work for a year then make the decision". Most 2-year colleges have programs that cater to hands-on learners. Be sure to check out NE Works, a Nebraska Department of Labor official website. Labor Market Analysis Nebraska Department of Labor All of these sites include current job information. We continue to encourage students to take steps to achieve their goals.

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All School food drive

Sponsored by FBLA and FFA

Nov. 29th-Dec. 3rd

Class Competitions, winners decided by weight and total number

All food collected will go to the backpack program

Monday: Breakfast items: cereal, dry milk, breakfast bars, pop tarts, oatmeal, juice boxes

Tuesday: canned goods: need vegetables, soup, and sauces to make soup

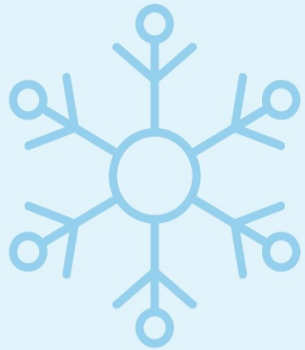
Wednesday: snacks: crackers, granola bars, fruit bars, fruit snacks, fruit cups, canned or box drinks

Thursday: quick meals, hamburger helper, canned meat/tuna, macaroni and cheese,

Friday: toiletries: toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, deodorant,

WINTER BREAK

SEL CHALLENGE



Welcome to the Winter Break SEL Challenge! This is a fun way to practice your social and emotional skills.

There are many ways to complete the challenge! You can complete activities straight across, diagonally, or complete every task for a “blackout.” Complete as many activities as you can, and get help from your teacher or family members as needed.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Explore World Holiday Traditions</p> <p>Learning about different winter or holiday traditions can be a great way to build cultural and social awareness.</p> <p>Try:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading a book about how different cultures celebrate diverse holidays and traditions (Try seeking out one of these books at the library). • Asking a family friend, a neighbor, or a teacher to share how they celebrate winter holidays, and then write about it. | <p style="text-align: center;">Do Community Service</p> <p>Helping the community is a terrific way to develop social awareness and empathy for others.</p> <p>You could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a card for folks living in a retirement community. • Bake a treat or make a card for a neighbor. • Pick up trash around a local park. • Donate food or time to a food bank or homeless shelter. <p><i>*Be safe during community service activities. Always complete these with the help of an adult.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Growth Mindset Visualization</p> <p>Having a growth mindset means you believe people can improve themselves through hard work.</p> <p>For this activity, sit quietly for 5-10 minutes and repeat one or more of the phrases below to yourself or out loud.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I won't give up, even if the work is difficult." • "I will learn from my mistakes." • "I can do anything if I work hard and believe in myself." • "If it's too easy, I am not learning." • "The more I use my brain, the smarter I will get." • "I will try my best." |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Practice Deep Breathing</p> <p>Deeping breathing exercises can help you achieve mindful awareness and can have a tremendous impact on your ability to de-stress.</p> <p>Sit quietly for 10-15 minutes. Focus on your breathing and try to clear your mind. See how many times a week you can do these. You can even set a challenge for yourself to increase the amount of time you meditate or how many days a week you do the activity.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Seasons Greetings</p> <p>Buone Feste! This is how you say "Happy Holidays!" in Italian.</p> <p>Learn how to say season's greetings in Italian and 15 other languages to increase your cultural awareness and spread good tidings to all.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Take a Break From Social Media</p> <p>Research shows that spending too much time on social media can increase feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.</p> <p>Take a social media break during winter break! Start with an hour each day and build up to a full day or more.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Explore Family Traditions</p> <p>Different families have different traditions. A great way to increase self-awareness is to examine your family's traditions and what they mean.</p> <p>Pick a special object, a book, a family photo, a song, or a religious object that symbolizes how your family celebrates a holiday. Write about your item and your family's traditions.</p> <p><i>"If you don't celebrate holidays during the winter months you can write about any holiday or special event your family celebrates throughout the year.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Set a Goal for Winter Break</p> <p>The most successful people — including musicians, actors, and athletes — rely on goal-setting to get what they want.</p> <p>Practice goal-setting by setting a small, achievable goal for yourself that you can complete over winter break, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will exercise 3 times a week for 30 minutes. • I will spend at least 15 minutes reading every day. • I will write down what job I want to do after high school and how I am going to get there. <p>After you choose your goal, create a plan for achieving it. Ask friends or family members to help you stay on task.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Practice Kindness</p> <p>The Golden Rule is to treat others how you want to be treated. Going out of your way to be kind to someone can go a long way in brightening their day.</p> <p>For this activity, do something nice for a sibling, parent, caregiver, neighbor, or friend.</p> <p>You could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write them a nice note or draw them a picture. • Give them a special compliment. • Help them complete a chore. • Tell them why they matter to you. |

| Vendor Name | Vendor Description | Amount |
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| Checking Account ID 1 | Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND | |
| A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING | | 1,156.22 |
| ACTIVITY ALL CLASS | | 21.00 |
| Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C. | | 273.50 |
| ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY | | 53.93 |
| Ansley Public Schools | | 3,508.02 |
| BAKKO TRANSFER, INC. | | 4,669.40 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | | 127.21 |
| Blick Art Materials | | 110.93 |
| COLE ELECTRIC | | 149.99 |
| CONWAY, DAN | | 155.68 |
| Custer Public Power | | 2,307.34 |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE | | 238.97 |
| Eakes Office Plus | | 246.62 |
| Educational Service Unit 10 | | 12,391.82 |
| Egan Supply Co. | | 132.82 |
| ERICSON FORD, INC | | 1,289.50 |
| ESSENTIAL SCREENS | | 85.00 |
| Farmers Co-op Association | | 1,193.54 |
| Flinn Scientific | | 1,018.00 |
| GovConnection, Inc | | 608.76 |
| HATCH | | 472.50 |
| HUDSON, CAMERON | | 520.46 |
| ILLUMINATE EDUCATION, INC | | 225.00 |
| JW Pepper & Son Inc | | 265.49 |
| KAYTON, CLAIRE | | 143.40 |
| KIDS & DREAMS FOUNDATION | | 75.00 |
| LAMMERS ABEL & KAPS, CPA'S P.C. | | 7,700.00 |
| Litchfield Hot Lunch | | 108.00 |
| Menards | | 179.85 |
| NE Assoc. Of School Boards | | 1,660.00 |
| Ne Council School Administrat | | 670.00 |
| Nebraska Central Telephone | | 200.45 |
| NEBRASKA FFA ASSOCIATION | | 30.00 |
| OfficeNet | | 758.90 |
| PETTY CASH FUND | | 1,207.51 |
| Quill Corporation | | 514.17 |
| Sherman County Times | | 7.36 |
| SPECIAL BUILDING FUND | | 72,709.00 |
| THEATREFOLK LTD. | | 321.50 |
| UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA | | 210.00 |
| US FOODS | | 557.64 |
| Varah, Allison | | 85.00 |
| VERIZON | | 40.01 |
| Village Of Litchfield | | 482.30 |
| WEX BANK | | 1,646.51 |
| Yanda's Music | | 5,965.00 |
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Goodluck to all winter athletes and coaches for a healthy and successful season. Go Spartans

