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SPARTAN BAND BY KOY ZULKOSKI AND MRS. TURLEY

This year, the band participated in the Harvest of Harmony and Minden Band Fest. The first one we did was Harvest of Harmony, which was on October 4th, and sadly, we did not place, but we all thought we did really well. Also, we marched at Minden, on October 18th for Band Fest, and we got a Superior placing. The Litchfield Band has put in a lot of effort with our practices and our performances. We have one more performance, which is the Halloween Parade in downtown Litchfield. Also, our pep band has played at every home game at both Ansley and Litchfield.



FBLA

BY KINZLIE MCAULIFF



Our FBLA chapter has been busy supporting different organizations in our community. We went to Kearney to take part in an Alzheimer's Walk on Sunday, October 12th. We had 7 officers join the walk. All officers received a yard flower with different colors that they got to put a name on to recognize loved ones. The different colors they got were: Purple means you lost someone who had Alzheimer's, Yellow means you are a caretaker of someone with Alzheimer's, and Orange means you support the cause and want a world without Alzheimer's. The walk was at Yanney Park with its beautiful views and trails. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Halloween Cookie Gram sales during October! We are also selling cornhole board tickets. The boards will have an American Flag design on them. If you are interested in buying tickets, feel free to reach out to an FBLA member to buy some.

FFA

BY ALISON HOLM

Our Junior High and High School FFA members attended the District Livestock Judging Contest. Overall we had a great time and learned a lot. Below were the members who placed at the competition:

Junior Division:

Blue - Addie Boyles

Red - Kinzlie McAuliff, Kegan Ritchie

White - Taryn Cole

Junior High:

Purple - Aubri Corbin

Blue - Koy Kusek

Red - Braxton Fletcher, Collyn Cole



October 14th, our officer team went to Connecting Chapters in Kearney. They got to participate in leadership training. Our team planned a lesson they will teach to the Litchfield Kindergarten students in early November. The officers then taught a lesson to the other chapters. The team had a great experience and had a lot of fun. This month the FFA members have been busy with their fruit and other food items sales.

CROSS COUNTRY

BY COOPER FLETCHER

As the cross country season comes to a close, we took some time to reflect on the experiences and memories made along the way. When asked how the season went, the response was simple but positive: "I think it went well." said Collyn Cole. The sense of accomplishment was evident, even as athletes shared their mixed feelings about the sport. "Yes and no," one runner replied when asked if they enjoyed cross country. "Running itself isn't the best, but it's a great way to stay in shape for other sports."

Despite the physical challenges, the team found moments to celebrate. When asked about her favorite memory, the answer was clear: "Crossing the finish line." That sense of achievement captured the spirit of the season and the perseverance each runner displayed. As we look back, the finish line marks not just the end of the race, but the growth, resilience, and determination that define our Spartan Cross Country Team.

ONE-ACT

BY KAMDEN BARKER & MRS. SLOCUM

Practices are going really well! We are excited to be working on a drama called Pearl (by Mandy Conner) this year for the first time in a long time. Kids are having to dig deep to bring out the emotion of this play. I am proud of all of the kids doing one act- giving early mornings and late evenings to practice :) I am also very grateful for Mrs. Drew and Ms. Goff for helping coach this year! Says Amanda Slocum, our One Act head coach.

We have a busy November to look forward to, and our first competition is Monday Nov. 10 at Wilcox. Thursday Nov. 13th is our Spartan Dinner Theatre! Friday we will have a workshop in Ansley. Monday Nov. 24th is our conference competition in Holdrege.

RED RIBBON WEEK

BY TOPANGA BOYLES & MRS. POLAND

Red Ribbon Week is an annual alcohol, tobacco, drug, and violence prevention campaign in the United States, observed in October, to raise awareness. The kids get to participate with coloring pages and to learn more about Red Ribbon Week.

The dress-up days were:

Monday Oct. 27th is Wake Up Drug Free, Pajama Day

Tuesday Oct. 28th is Drugs Can't Find Me, Camo Day

Wednesday Oct. 29th is Lei Off Drugs, Hawaiian Day

Thursday Oct. 30th is Say Boo To Drugs, Halloween Costumes Day



JAG

BY TARYN COLE & KINZLIE MCAULIFF

Our JAG Chapter recently held its election for our local chapter officers. For President and Vice President, we held primary elections because there were more than two students running for these positions initially. After the votes were tallied - Michael Corlis became our new JAG President. Cooper Fletcher is the Vice-President and Kegan Ritchie is our new Secretary, Kamden Barker retained his title of Tech Coordinator. Gracie Reitz is our new Communication Director with Topanga Boyles being the Co-Director because of the magnitude of this position. Jenna Holm became our new Volunteer Coordinator. Our Jr High also held elections and will hold junior offices to ensure they learn the process and some leadership skills before being eligible to run for office in high school. Our Junior Officers are Blake Slocum for Jr. President, Mason Behmerwohld for Jr. Vice President, Jozzie Slocum for Jr. Secretary, Braxton Fletcher for Jr. Tech Coordinator, Aubri Corbin for Jr. Communication Director.

Our JAG chapter went to the National Guard Armory in Kearney for a Career Expo put on by the National Guard and the Kearney Chamber of Commerce. There, they got to talk to representatives from a variety of colleges, businesses, and career opportunities. They got to find more information on some of the jobs that they are interested in or got more information on ones they have looked into. There were 123 different employers, with 12 of them being outside. It was a great day with beautiful weather, with only a little bit of rain in the afternoon.

Some of our Officer team went to Omaha to the JAG Nebraska Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - our new JAG Chapter President, Micheal Coriliss, says "On the Omaha trip, Kegan, Cooper, and I went through stations about team building and how to productively use AI. We also were able to communicate with leaders from other schools and connect with other people our age. We then voted for JAG leaders for the next coming year of JAG. We had a great formal meal, and we also stopped by to support UNO Maverick basketball."

On October 20th, the JAG chapter hosted Cole Scalf, owner/operator of CS Aviation as a speaker. Students got to hear about how he obtained his pilot's license and how he started his own flight school business at only 23 years old. His business is a flight school around Sargent, Nebraska. He talked about progress and obstacles he had to overcome. He also talked about how he was a part of the Air National Guard and how that helped him create his business. Some students thought he was really cool and fun to listen to. Some other students realized that if you work really hard, you can accomplish your goals and your own business when you're young.





VOLLEYBALL

BY ALISON HOLM

Fort Kearny Conference Volleyball has concluded and it was a tough one. The Lady Spartans were seeded 4th in an extremely competitive conference. We began the week by Defeating #5 Pleasanton and advanced to the semifinals against #1 Amherst. Amherst defeated us 3-0 in a tough match. Thursday the Spartans competed against SEM in an extremely exciting and back and forth match. Unfortunately, we fell to the Mustang 3-2. The girls played extremely hard and fought until the end.

The Fort Kearny Conference Volleyball Tournament has wrapped up, and it was a challenging but exciting week for the Lady Spartans. Entering as the No. 4 seed in an extremely competitive field, the Spartans opened strong with a victory over No. 5 Pleasanton, advancing to the semifinals against top-seeded Amherst.

Despite a hard-fought effort, Amherst claimed the win 3-0 in a tough match. On Thursday, the Spartans faced SEM in a thrilling battle that kept fans on the edge of their seats. Unfortunately, the Mustangs edged out the Spartans 3-2 in a close finish. The Lady Spartans showed tremendous determination and heart throughout the tournament, competing fiercely until the very last point.

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

We invite the families of all veterans and active military in our community for a gathering in honor of their brave service.

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LITCHFIELD PUBLIC
SCHOOL GYM

TUE

11:00

A.M.

Spartan PAVILION

Building on a proud tradition, it's time for the next major upgrade at the Litchfield Ball Field. The Litchfield School and Community thank those who have invested in past projects, and are now asking our current generation to invest with the construction of a new **Spartan Pavilion**.



Spartan Pavilion:

This project would include a new concession area with updated plumbing and electric, as well as four new bathrooms and a porch area for tables.



Concept for visual only

Spartan PAVILION
INVESTMENT LEVELS

\$10,000
\$5,000
\$1,000
\$500

Whether you're a proud alum, a local business, or a community member who loves our Spartan teams, your contribution will make a lasting impact.

If you are interested investing in this project in any way, please contact Mitch Feldman at 308-390-4656.



2025 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Daylight Savings Time	3	4 Election day NCTA Rep 7:30 A.M. FFA meeting 4 P.M. One Act Dress Rehearsal	5	6	7 No Preschool	8
9 2 P.M. One Act Dress Rehearsal	10 One Act @ Wilcox	11 Veterans Day 11 A.M Veterans Day Program	12 8 A.M. JAG MPCC Visit @ North Platte	13 6 P.M. Spartan Dinner Theatre @ Litchfield UNL Math Day	14 Ansley One Act Invite No School - Teacher In- Service	15
16	17	18 Choral Clinic @ Loomis	19	20	21 No Preschool 4:30 P.M. HS Boys Wrestling Kearney Sunrise Invite @ Sportsplex	22 TADA Fun Day at 9 A.M.
23	24 FKC One Act @ Holdredge	25 JH Boys Wrestling @ Kenesaw	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 No School Thanksgiving Day	28 No School Black Friday	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2025

Vice President Cole Lewandowski called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Cole Lewandowski, April Gross, Marie Sweley, Katie Slack, and Alyssa Reynolds.

Visitors: Hillary Rasmussen

Vice President Cole Lewandowski 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 moved, and Katie Slack seconded to approve excused absent board member Mitch Feldman. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross moved and Marie Sweley seconded to approve board minutes from the Budget Workshop, Tax Asking, and Regular Board meetings from last month. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$830,928.86, general funds receipts \$436,158.45, and actual cash available in general fund \$862,472.51 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$250,283.70 were presented for payment. Alyssa Reynolds moved, and Katie Slack seconded the approval of payment of monthly claims. Motion carried 5-0.

Matt Drew gave an AD Report, and action items; Update School Board Picture when all members are present, NASB State Conference coming up, Policy review, and Buildings and Grounds no updates at this time.

Alyssa Reynolds moved, and Katie Slack seconded to approve the review of Policies; 1005.09 to delete and approve 1005.10, 1005.11, 1005.5, 1006.01, 1006.02, and 1007.. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross moved, and Alyssa Reynolds seconded to accept the resignation of Brian Moser effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters seconded by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice President Cole Lewandowski reinstated the purpose of entering into executive session was to discuss personnel matters.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:57 p.m.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to motion to exit executive session and seconded by Katie Slack. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:23 p.m.

Marie Sweley moved, and April Gross seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on November 17th, 2025 or immediately following the Coop Board meeting starting at 6:30. 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

10/24/2025 11:17 AM

Posted - All; Fund Number 01; Processing Month 10/2025

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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		13.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		47.21
Ansley Public Schools		3,741.02
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		363.23
COUGHLIN COMPANIES LLC DBA CAPSTONE		400.00
Culligan Water Conditioning		89.25
Custer Public Power		3,857.36
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		1,104.22
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		168.93
Educational Service Unit 10		13,890.45
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		330.25
Farmers Co-op Association		1,339.52
Fletcher, Tasha		46.76
HAMILTON		114.95
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		240.00
Island Supply Welding Co.		1,104.68
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		307.44
JW Pepper & Son Inc		164.49
KORT TRANSFER LLC		94.11
KUSZAK PHOTOGRAPHY		100.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		655.30
McGraw-Hill		406.92
Menards		629.60
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		422.00
Overhead Door Company		256.00
P & D MARKET		61.27
PETTY CASH FUND		682.00
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC		4,954.53
Ravenna News		46.00
Renaissance Learning		518.65
U.S. BANK		2,447.23
Village Of Litchfield		545.61
WEX BANK		1,462.48
Fund Number 01		41,045.97
Checking Account ID 1		41,045.97

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Muffins Enchilada	4 Waffles Sloppy Joes	5 Biscuit/Gravy Chicken Burrito	6 French Toast Crispitos	7 Donuts Corn Dogs	8
9	10 Churro Spaghetti	11 Waffles Pulled Pork	12 Oatmeal Bars Chili/Chicken Noodle	13 Pancake Dogs Walking Taco	14 No School	15
16	17 Muffins Chicken Patty	18 Apple Strudel Meatball Subs	19 French Toast Quesadilla	20 Omelette Turkey Dinner	21 Donuts Nacho	22
23	24 Churro Chicken Nuggets	25 Waffles Chili Dogs	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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