

# Small Town News

Litchfield Public Schools

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# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Start of spring sports	2 Virtual college fair	3 1st round girls state Bball	4 Girls state semi-finals	5 Girls State BBALL consolation	6 Girls state BBALL Championship
7	8	9	10 Boys state Bball first round	11 ACT Boys state BBALL Semi-Finals No School	12 No School registration deadline for April	13 Boys state BBALL Championship
14	15 No School Teacher workday	16 FFA Meeting 6:30 Pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 FKC Academic Bowl @ Litchfield	23	24 ACT Juniors	25 11:00 AM Track V @ Loup city	26 No Preschool	27
28	29 NSCAS Testing Through the 31st	30	31			

# March 2021 menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sub sandwich French fries Green beans Peaches Milk	2 Runza casserole Dinner roll Broccoli Fresh pears Milk	3 Chicken noodle Or Chili soup   Cinna- mon roll   Raw veg- gies   Applesauce Milk	4 Lasagna Garlic bread Beets Grapes Milk NE Thursday	5 Cheese pizza Corn on the cob Pineapple Milk	6
7	8 Pig in the blanket Curly fries Peas Apricot cup Milk	9 Sloppy joe Sweet potato fries Corn Apple Milk	10Chicken sand- wich   Potato salad Carrots Mixed fruit Milk	11  No  School	12	13
14	15  No School	16 Italian dunkers Pasta salad Green beans Banana Milk	17 Orange chicken Fried rice Stir-fry veggies Dinner roll Tropical fruit Milk	18 Fried chicken Mashed potatoes Corn   Dinner roll Orange Milk	19 Fish sticks Mac- n-cheese Peas-n-carrots Pears Milk	20
21	22 Hamburger French fries Baked beans Peaches Milk	23Chicken tetrazzini Garlic bread Broccoli Fresh pineapple Milk	24Tater tot casse- roleBeets   Dinner roll   Strawberries and Bananas   Milk	25 Turkey & dressing Mashed potatoes Corn   Dinner roll Mixed fruit Milk	26 Cheesy vegetable or Tomato soup   Grilled cheese sand   Raw veg- gies   Mandarin oranges Milk	27
28	29 Fajitas Refried beans Carrots Berry cup Milk	30 Turkey sandwich Scalloped potatoes Peas Kiwi Milk	31 Popcorn chicken Mashed potato bowl w/corn Dinner roll Pears Milk			

# 2021-2022

# Litchfield Preschool

**Now  
Accepting  
Enrollment for the  
2021-2022 School  
Year!**

If your child turns three or four on or before July 31st of this year, they are eligible to attend Preschool at Litchfield Public Schools this school year.

**Please  
Sign-up by  
May 1st**

We will use thematic units throughout the school year that will focus on the following foundational skill areas to help your child learn and grow:

- Learning through curiosity, exploration, interest, and experimentation
- Physical development and health
- Social and emotional development
- Communication, language, and literacy
- Cognition and knowledge of the world
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- Technology

If you would like to enroll your child, or would like more information, please contact the school at (308) 446-2244. Thanks!

\*Also, if you have had a baby recently (Congratulations!) please let us know so we can add them to our list of future preschoolers!



LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL**

**1st Semester      2020-21**

**Calvin Finley  
Katherine Paitz  
Kaylee Rohde  
Malynn Boyles  
Caydence Feldman  
James Fletcher  
Gracie Ritchie  
Kylee Zulkoski**

**Kamden Barker  
Alison Holm  
Kegan Ritchie  
Knox Feldman  
Jenna Holm  
Kinzlie McAuliff  
Aaron Reitz  
Blake Slocum**



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# PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

1st Semester 2020-21

<b>Sydnee Sweley</b>	<b>Alexis Lucas</b>
<b>Caden Holm</b>	<b>Justice Zentz</b>
<b>Kaylee Rosentreader</b>	<b>Cooper Fletcher</b>
<b>Nathan Wardyn</b>	<b>Dawson Skrdla</b>
<b>Brandi Slocum</b>	<b>Macie Slocum</b>
<b>Jordyn Ellison</b>	<b>Addie Boyles</b>
<b>Tyra Sekutera</b>	<b>Taryn Cole</b>
<b>Lane Slocum</b>	<b>Jenna Drahota</b>
<b>Ava Paitz</b>	<b>Aubri Corbin</b>
<b>Aliza Ellison</b>	<b>Braxton Fletcher</b>
<b>Patsy Fowler</b>	<b>Troy Mack-Sekutera</b>

## Derik Linden



Birthday- September 7th

Nickname- Dozer

Favorite TV show- Family Guy

Favorite Subject- Shop

Extracurricular Activities- FFA

Favorite color- Green

Favorite Song- Def Leppard - Photograph

Favorite Hangout- Home

Most Prized Possession- My Tractor

Favorite High School Memory- Catching Seths Hair on Fire

## Seth Willenberg



Birthday-May 21  
2002

Nickname-  
Maniac

Favorite TV  
show- Sponge-  
Bob

Favorite Subject- All shop classes

Extracurricular Activities- FFA and Quiz bowl

Favorite color-Red

Favorite Song- Paradise City by Guns N' Roses

Favorite Hangout-Mason City's Nebraska Secret 3 wheelers and dirt bike trails

Most Prized Possession- My 200x 3 wheelers

Favorite High School Memory- When Ethan, Derik and I all acted like push mowers in shop class.

# Senior Spotlights

# Science Newsletter

The 5-7th graders took part in the Science Buddies 2021 Flur challenge. This year the challenge is to build a tower that can hold a can of beans for 60 seconds. After you build the tower, you measure the tower and subtract the amount of paper used from the height of the tower. Winning teams will have their picture taken and then they will have a chance to win 1,000 dollars for Litchfield's Science program. They can only use 30 (or fewer) sheets of paper and 1 roll of tape. Each team can choose construction paper or printer paper. The teams have been working hard and will test their towers and record their results in order to enter the contest. They will have to submit their results February 15, 2021. The first week they did a test tower to work from then in the weeks after they started new towers to perfect and enter for the final test. Three prizes of \$1,000 will be split between schools which enter their data on the official website. Good Luck!

*By: Jimmy Fletcher*

# Hoops Roundup

## Girls' Basketball Recap

By Shamane Zentz

February 9<sup>th</sup> the Ansley-Litchfield Lady Spartans hosted a game against the Acadia Loup City Raiders. The Lady Spartans came out fired up in the first quarter and scored 16 points to the Raiders 6 points. In the second quarter the Spartans worked hard and made 13 more points for a total of 29 points and a 3-point lead. The Raiders made 19 more points, but were still down by 3 points going into halftime. After half time, in the third quarter the Lady Spartans continued working hard and scored 13 more points giving them 42 points. The Raiders couldn't keep up, only scoring 7 more points leaving them with 33 points. During the final and fourth quarter the Lady Spartans pushed 10 more points on the scoreboard giving them a winning score of 52-37. Congratulations Ladies! The top shooters were; Kaylee Rohde with 22 points, Katherine Paitz with 11 points, and Harley Myers with 6 points.

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## Spartan Boys' Basketball Recap

By Shamane Zentz

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans traveled to the Viaero Center to play Loomis for the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the FKC Tournament. The Spartans came out fired up, making back to back three pointers and started off with 10-2 lead. The Wolves had a small run and got as close as three points. During the second quarter after keeping a lead of 25-17, Leyton Rhode made a three-pointer with only five minutes remaining. This gave the Spartans a 28-17 lead against the Wolves going into halftime. In the second half of the game the Spartans continued to work hard and score, but the Wolves weren't going to make it any easier. The Spartans won the close game of 61-60 against the Loomis Wolves. Nice job boys! The top shooters were; Jeffery Cunningham with 15 points, Leyton Rhode with 14 points, and Caden Holm with 13 points. This win put the Spartans in the championship game against Amherst. The boys lost a close one down the stretch to get FKC Runner-up.

## Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

2.15.21

1. Access Book Study
2. CIP
  - a. Continue to prepare
  - b. ESU helping with this
3. SPED
  - a. Working with our school psychologist
  - b. Creating different plans for students
  - c. Increase in numbers
4. AD
  - a. FKC Instrumental @ Elwood
  - b. Hosting District Track
  - c. Put in to host basketball
  - d. Host FKC Academic Bowl
  - e. State Wrestling
    - i. 4 Qualifiers
    - ii. Leaving early, motel rooms
  - f. Speech
    - i. Few Cancellations

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

March 2021

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## Virtual College Fair is March 2-3

Attend the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair March 2-3 to visit with representatives from nearly 75 colleges and to hear from college-prep experts. Register at [eqf.org/collegefair](http://eqf.org/collegefair).

College reps will be available during these times, but you can visit college booths any time:

Tuesday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - Noon CT  
Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

Live presentations March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will cover critical college-prep tasks for seniors and juniors.

A presentation March 3 at 6:00 p.m. will provide answers to common questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

For more details, visit [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).

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## Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

**Complete the financial aid process.** By now, you should have completed your FAFSA. If you haven't, do so at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, submit required documents so that the school can award your financial aid.

**Watch your student portal and email closely.** Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

**Keep your grades up.** If you get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

**Apply for scholarships.** See *ScholarshipQuest* at **EducationQuest.org** for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

**Make your final college selection.** Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

**Be aware of deadlines** to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

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### **Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.**

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

**ACT Test.** When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

**Completion of the FAFSA** early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

**College applications.** Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices.

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### **Campus visits will help you narrow your choices**

Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the "Selecting a College" section at **EducationQuest.org**.

These resources at EducationQuest.org will also help with your college search:

- "Nebraska College Costs" breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
  - College Profiles has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.
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### **March 31 is deadline to apply for \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship**

To apply, create a *ScholarshipQuest* profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around our website to find answers to questions on a survey. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. [Click here for details.](#)

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### **March "To Do" List**

### **Seniors**

- \_\_\_ Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
- \_\_\_ If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA!
- \_\_\_ Watch for financial aid award notifications.
- \_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships.

### **Juniors**

- \_\_\_ Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
  - \_\_\_ Register by March 12 for the April 17 ACT.
  - \_\_\_ Register by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
  - \_\_\_ Schedule campus visits.
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**For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:**

<b>Omaha</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Kearney</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	308-708-7199
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	800-303-3745 ext. 6654

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February Superintendent Report  
Litchfield Public Schools  
February 15, 2021

### **ESU Services Used Data**

Handouts of statistics of the services used for 2019-2020 school year and the Fall of 2020.

### **2021 NRCSA Spring Conference**

The annual Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, NRCSA conference will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Kearney Holiday Inn and Convention Center. I have included the conference agenda & schedule in the packet. Let me know if you wish to attend and I will register you.

### **Covid 19 Update**

I have attached the NSAA most recent Winter Postseason Protocols that went into effect on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

At this time the vaccine opportunities have not been issued for our school in the Loup Basin Health District. They did send out an online registration form that was forwarded to all faculty and staff members.

### **2021-2022 Calendar**

Attached is the 2020-21 Calendar proposal that Mr. Finley and Mr. Drew and with the collaboration of the Ansley administration have put together. We will answer questions and give changes and what differences we have with Ansley's.

### **Building and Grounds**

I have included the Painting Bid from Seth Denney Painting to scrape old insulation and paint the beams and walls in the gym.

### **Superintendent Contract**

I have attached my signed contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to the board for the opportunity to work for Litchfield Schools for another year.

### **2021-2022 Personnel**

Letter of Intent came back last week. At this time, we have all staff planning on returning.

### **Principal Evaluation & Contract**

Go into executive session to discuss 2021-2022 contract for Mr. Drew.

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2021

Vice President Jim Holm called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Howard, Marie Sweley, Cole Lewandowski, and Jim Holm.

Visitors: Susan Poland.

Vice President Jim Holm announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve and excuse April Gross and Mitch Feldman. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 4-0.

The minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting on teacher salaries were read. Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

The Wade Finley reported a General fund statement beginning balance of \$101,044.82, general fund receipts \$304,130.18, actual general fund bank balance \$169,572.10 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$206,598.25 were presented for payment. Wade also went through bills of interest. Bill Howard made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew reported on Access Book Study, CIP, SPED, FKC Instrumental, Hosting District Track, put in to host basketball, Academic Quiz Bowl, State Wrestling, and Speech.

Wade Finley reported on ESU Services Used Data, 2021 NRCSA Spring Conference, COVID-19 Update, 2021-2022 Calendar, Building and Grounds, Superintendent Contract, 2021-2022 Personnel, and Principal Evaluation & Contract which was tabled till next month when all members could be present.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend approval of the 2021-2022 calendar as presented. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Superintendent contract with a salary of \$115,000.00 for Wade Finley. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 2021. 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 Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley

Board Secretary

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACT		84.00
ACTIVITY FFA		49.00
ACTIVITY JUNIORS		18.00
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		16.99
Ansley Public Schools		3,299.93
ASK Supply Co		210.14
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		2,198.26
Blick Art Materials		73.44
Custer Public Power		3,019.47
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		391.16
Eakes Office Plus		168.32
Educational Service Unit 10		4,277.61
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		33.00
Farmers Co-op Association		1,116.76
HOWARD HAY COMPANY, INC.		3,505.24
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		400.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC		278.52
JW Pepper & Son Inc		309.99
Litchfield Hot Lunch		90.00
National Wildlife Federation		19.95
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		495.00
Nebraska Central Telephone		201.44
OfficeNet		601.05
P & D MARKET		53.71
PETTY CASH FUND		1,211.96
Pleasanton Lions Club		75.00
READING WITH TLC		170.00
Sherman County Times		65.37
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		379.50
Walmart		9.92
WEX BANK		870.84
Fund Number 01		<u>23,833.58</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>23,833.58</u>
Checking Account ID 2	Fund Number 06 HOT LUNCH FUND	
HILAND DAIRY		659.25
P & D MARKET		33.25
PETTY CASH FUND		575.81
US FOODS		1,700.63
Walmart		320.12
Fund Number 06		<u>3,289.06</u>
Checking Account ID 2		<u>3,289.06</u>

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Litchfield, NE 68852

# March Fun Facts

- \* The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue.
- \* Shamrocks are the national flower of Ireland.
- \* Britain used March 25th as the beginning of the New Year until 1752.
- \* Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.
- \* Odds of actually getting a four leaf clover is 1 in 10,000