

# Hallway Happenings



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## Camouflaged Moths

The 1st and 2nd grade have been learning about how animals camouflage themselves in their science lessons. Mrs. Ritchie's students created their own camouflage moths, and invited the other school kids and faculty members to come and find the moths that were hidden. While finding the moths the first and second graders taught everyone about how camouflage works and why it is used. The newsletter students went and took their turn at finding the 21 paper moths around the room. We found them all! The young students taught us a lot about moths. First we asked the students what other animals they learned about had this trait? Kesslyn Kusek told us that polar bears also have this trait. Ryker Harder said that some frogs could camouflage. Hudson Varah told us that Iguanas are another one they learned

about. Emi Moser added that some other lizards also do this. We also asked them why these animals do this? Denley Vlieger informed us that they do it hunt. Hope Reitz told us that they hide with this trait. Piper Ellison told us that they do it to stay alive.

## Drive Your Tractor to School Day

On October 3rd the Litchfield FFA put on the annual bring your tractor to school day. There were a lot of tractors and lots of excited kids. Multiple members of the FFA showed off the tractors to the elementary kids. With the help of the FFA members, many elementary students were able to sit in the tractors. The kids enjoyed feeling like they were driving.



## Junior Career Day

The juniors attended a career fair in Broken Bow on the 12th of October. They had an opportunity to meet with 35 different colleges to get a feel for what they might be interested in pursuing after high school. Colleges ranged from Wyoming to Nebraska and from Kansas to South Dakota.



## Grandparents Day

On the 13th of October all elementary students were able to invite their grandparents or special persons to the Litchfield elementary school. The grandparents, special persons, and students worked together on fun activities. Students were proud to show their grandparents and special persons about working on projects in art class, creating beautiful music, reading books, playing exciting games in physical education class and enjoying a great school lunch. This was super fun for the

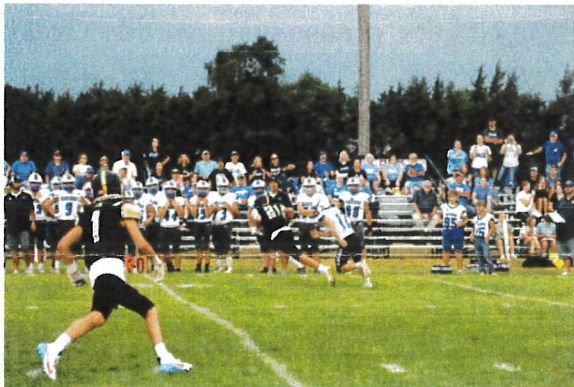
kids, they loved the chance to show off school to their grandparents and special persons. A special thank you goes out to all grandparents and special persons who were able to attend and support our young students. Thank you to the elementary teachers for organizing a wonderful event. We hope to see you again next year!



# Spartan Sports

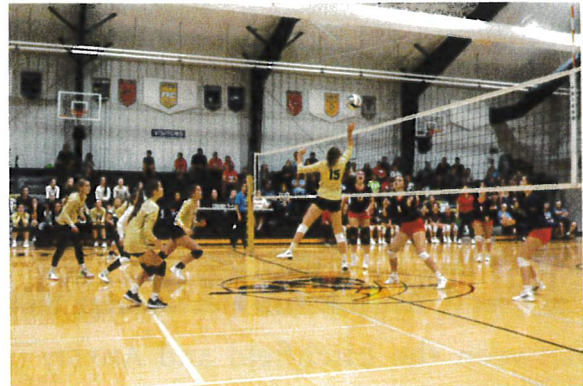
## Football

The football team made it to the state playoffs by winning against Elm Creek 22-16 to end the regular season at 3-5. In the first week of playoffs they traveled to Arnold to play the 8-0 South Loup Bobcats. They lost to finish the season 3-6.



## Volleyball

Volleyball girls had a tough line up for conference with SEM as the first game and Axtell as the second game. Girls put up a good fight but sadly lost. They played Anselmo Merna on October 23rd for their first game of the D2-8 sub district and won a stellar 3-2 game to advance to the sub district finals. The next round they played Stuart and lost to end the season 11-18.



# Clubs & Organizations

## **One Act - Spartan Dinner Theater**

The Litchfield High School One Act team has been working really hard on their play and their set, getting it all ready for the upcoming competitions. The first competition is November 6 at Wilcox- Hildreth followed by the Spartan Dinner Theater in Litchfield. The Spartan Dinner Theater will be on November 17 in the Litchfield Old Gym. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., Litchfield will perform at 7:00, and Ansley will perform at 8:00. There will be an intermission and raffle between the Litchfield and Ansley performances. Dinner will be lettuce salad, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, hot vegetables, dinner roll and dessert. Tickets are \$25 per person for a dinner and the show, \$175 for a table of 8, and \$3 for the show only at the door. If you'd like to purchase tickets, please visit Muddy Creek Ag in Ansley (308-935-1155), or Town & Country Bank in Litchfield (308-446-2522).

## **Rifle Club**

On September 30 Rifle Club had their state silhouette shoot at Pressey Park. They shot at 40 targets total. The targets are grouped in 10, and each set gets progressively farther down the range. Targets start with chickens at 45 yards then move further with hogs, turkeys, and rams. The Rifle club took one team to Pressey, the team consisted of Jacob Heapy, Kinzle McAuliff, Lyndsie McAuliff, and Hunter Sweley. They earned first place out of the highschool shooting teams and Hunter Sweley got second out of the senior shooting class.

## **Band**

On October 14, the Litchfield band went to the Minden bandfest. They marched and played the Seven Nation Army. The band scored 81/100 points which gave them a superior rating.

# Principal's Report

With a couple months under our belt, things are settling into routines and normalcy, it finally feels like we've moved past the "starting school" phase and are now simply "in school."

From a personal angle, I am very excited to be starting my second year as Litchfield's prek-12 principal. Especially after teaching here for the previous ten years, I know that this is the only place I would want to be taking this next step. I learned things every day last year, and definitely expect that to continue. My favorite part of the day continues to be being able to step into any classroom and see all of the things we're doing at Litchfield from preschool center time to senior government class.

I think we all know how lucky we are in a small school, but I think it's easy to take for granted too. Being able to not only know the name of every student in the district, but actually build relationships with all students, teachers, and parents, is an incomparable opportunity here in Litchfield. And whether it's the annual occurrences like small town homecoming festivities, home football or volleyball games, or parent teacher conferences, the school year gives a community so many opportunities to come together, and with 2023-24 underway, we've got a good thing going in Litchfield, so let's appreciate it.

-Brian Moser

# November

2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Hot Dogs Muffins	No School	No School	4
5	Chicken Nuggets	6	Fajita	Popcorn Chicken	Nacho	Sloppy Joe	11
	Muffins		Chocolate bar	Omelet	French Toast	Doughnuts	
12	Chicken Alfredo	13	Chili Soup	Thanksgiving Dinner	Ham Sandwich	Mini-Corndogs	18
	Muffins		Omelet	Churro	Pancakes	Doughnuts	
19	Quesadilla	20	Chicken Patty	No School	No School	No School	25
	Muffins		Churro				
26	Lasagna	27	Spaghetti	Tacos	Meatball Sub		
	Muffins		Sausage Egg Biscuit	Omelet	Churro		

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
5 Daylight Savings Time	6 One Act @ Wilcox Hidreth - Litchfield performs at 12:00	7 Election Day FBLA Chapter Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8 FFA District Livestock Judging - Broken Bow	9 Veteran's Day Program - Litchfield Gym 11:00 a.m. - All Veterans and their family's are welcome	10 Veteran's Day	11
12	13 Start of Winter Sports	14 Choral Clinic @ Elm Creek CCC Spring Registration	15 FFA Chapter Meeting 7:30 a.m.	16 NO PRESCHOOL Spartan Dinner Theater - Litchfield Old Gym 6:00	17	18
19	20 Girls/Boys BB Exhibition @ Ansley v. Lexington 6:00/7:30	21 FKC One-Act @ Tassel in Holdrege	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	23 NO SCHOOL	24	25
26	27	28 JH Wrestling @ Overton	29 District One-Act @ Ansley	30 JH Wrestling Quad @ Litchfield 5:00 p.m. Varsity Wrestling Quad @ Litchfield 5:00 p.m.	1 NO PRESCHOOL Varsity Wrestling @ Ravenna - Boys 11:00 a.m., Girls 1:00 p.m.	2 JV/V GBB/BBB @ Hi- Litchfield v. Ravenna 1:00/1:30/3:00/4:30

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 16, 2023

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Visitors: Kaitlin Goff, And Barb Kratzer

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.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to excuse Jim Holm from the meeting. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$114,248.23, general funds receipts \$572,202.42, and actual cash available in general fund of \$307,107.23 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$264,327.28 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Moser discussed Grandparents Day, Parent-Teachers Conferences, ECERS evaluation, Career exploration, first One-Act performance, FFA District Livestock Judging, Veteran's Day Program, Field Trips, Chromebook selling, and Teachers and inservices.

Matt Drew presented upcoming football state playoffs in Arnold, District Speech will be in Litchfield, District One-Act will be in Ansley, and Sub-district volleyball in Stuart for the AD report and superintendent report; Rule 10 report, Joint Board Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, NASB Conference, JAG Program, Staffing update, Building and Grounds; signage being put up on and around the buildings, updates on gym project.

April Gross moved to revise policy; 503.07, 503.08, 503.09, 504.04, 504.06, 504.07, 504.08, 504.09, 504.10, 504.12, 504.13, 504.14, 504.15, 504.16, 504.17, 504.18 Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.



Marie Sweley made a motion to approve transferring \$64,140 from the general fund to the depreciation fund. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit Van from Joe's Motor for the amount of \$60,000 with money coming out of the depreciation. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be directly after the Coop Joint board Meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. on November 13, 2023. 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

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01	GENERAL FUND
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,387.46
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		256.00
AMPLIFY EDUCATION INC.		324.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		151.60
Ansley Public Schools		3,384.77
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		203.13
Computer Hardware		19,740.00
Custer Public Power		4,328.77
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		267.63
DISCOVERY EDUCATION INC.		7,107.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		38.49
Educational Service Unit 10		17,651.72
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		285.00
Farmers Co-op Association		1,686.76
Flinn Scientific		133.63
HAMILTON		132.81
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
Island Supply Welding Co.		254.78
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		397.67
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD		1,573.08
JW Pepper & Son Inc		212.24
LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS		115.65
LIL REDS CLEANING		2,100.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		247.35
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc		119.54
McGraw-Hill		403.40
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		975.00
Nebraska Life Magazine		30.00
Nebraska Safety Center		370.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		316.50
PETERSEN AG SYSTEMS		211.00
PETTY CASH FUND		792.37
Ravenna News		14.75
READING WITH TLC		195.93
Sherman County Times		182.37
U.S. BANK		1,709.73
Varah, Allison		118.68
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		985.57
WEX BANK		1,910.85
Fund Number 01		<u>70,696.75</u>
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