

SMALLTOWN NEWS

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TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022

1. Lose weight
2. Eat healthier or change diet
3. Get fitter and take more exercise
4. Spend more time with family and friends
5. Be more aware and take care of mental health
6. Sort out finances and cut back spending
7. Travel more
8. Take up a new hobby, sport or other interest
9. Be more environmentally friendly
10. Look for a new job (*Country Living Magazine, December 2021 issue*)

According to Country Living Magazines 2022 resolutions, the above 10 ten resolutions were the most selected in a recent poll.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king.

A similar practice occurred in ancient Rome, after the reform-minded emperor Julius Caesar tinkered with the calendar and established January 1 as the beginning of the new year circa 46 B.C. Named for Janus, the two-faced god whose spirit inhabited doorways and arches, January had special significance for the Romans. Believing that Janus symbolically looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future, the Romans offered sacrifices to the deity and made promises of good conduct for the coming year. (<https://www.history.com/news/the-history-of-new-years-resolutions>)

Now that you have a little bit of history of how New Year Resolutions began you can understand why a simple idea to do something can be of great importance.



January 2022

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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2 3. No school/ teacher inservice 4. first day back of 2nd semester 5 6 G/B - JV/V BBALL @ Amherst 4:30/6/7:30 7 V Wrestling @ Burwell 11:30 B/G JV/V BBALL @ Sargent vs Twin Loup 3:30/4:30/6/7:30 8 V Wrestling @ Amherst, 10:00

9 10 B/G JH BBALL @ Pleasanton 1:00 11 FFA meeting 6:15 JH & Elementary Spelling Bee 12 13 14 B/G JV/V BBALL @ Litchfield vs Shelton 3:30/4:30/6/7:30 No Preschool Girls WR @ Ord 4:00 15 V Wrestling @ Sandhills Thedford, 10:00 G/B-JV/V BBALL @ Litchfield vs Wilcox-Hildreth 12/1:30/3/4:30

16 17 B/G JH BBALL @ Callaway 1:00 18 G JV/V @ Litchfield vs Pleasanton 6/7:30 19 20 G/B JV/V BBALL @ Ansley vs South Loup 4:30/6/7:30 21 V Wrestling @ Callaway 11:00 G/B JV/V BBALL @ Overton 9:00 22 G/B JH BBALL tourney @ Broken Bow Speech @

23 24 25 G/B JV/V BBALL @ SEM 4:30/6/7:30 26 27 28 V Wrestling @ Ord, 2:00 29 G/B FKC Tourney TBA Girls Wrestling @ Amherst

30 FKCBALL Tourney Week 31 G V BBALL FKCBALL Tourney TBA G/B JH BBALL @ Litchfield vs Sandhills Thedford 1:00/2:15 3. FKCV Wrestling @ Amherst

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 <i>No school</i>	4 Breakfast Choc Chip Muffin Lunch Nacho's	5 Breakfast Sausage gravy & Biscuits Lunch Chicken Tetrazzini	6 Breakfast Raspberry Churro Lunch <i>Roast Beef</i>	7 Breakfast Donut Lunch Sub Sandwich	8
9	10 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Lunch <i>Quesadilla</i>	11 Breakfast Pancake & Sausage Lunch <i>General Chicken</i>	12 Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Lunch <i>Stromboli</i>	13 Breakfast Blueberry Muffin Lunch <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i>	14 Breakfast <i>Donut</i> Lunch <i>Spaghetti</i>	15
16	17 Breakfast <i>Breakfast Casserole</i> Lunch <i>Sloppy Joe's</i>	18 Breakfast <i>Sausage & Egg</i> Lunch <i>Popcorn Chicken Bowl</i>	19 Breakfast <i>Apple Bosco Stick</i> Lunch <i>Enchilada Casserole</i>	20 Breakfast <i>French Toast Sticks</i> Lunch <i>Pulled pork Sandwich</i>	21 Breakfast <i>Donut</i> Lunch <i>Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese</i>	22
23	24 Breakfast <i>Orange Cranberry Muffin</i> Lunch <i>Goulash</i>	25 Breakfast <i>Omelet</i> Lunch <i>Shepard's Pie</i>	26 Breakfast <i>Apple Churro</i> Lunch <i>Chili / Chicken Noodle Soup</i>	27 Breakfast <i>Zucchini Muffin</i> Lunch <i>Runza Casserole</i>	28 Breakfast <i>Donut</i> Lunch <i>Turkey Sandwich</i>	29
30	31 Breakfast <i>Hashbrown</i> Lunch <i>Pork Carnita's</i>					

Post Season All-District Football Honors



Left to right: Calvin Finley, 1st team Tight End

Caden Holm, 1st team Tight End

Nathan Wardyn: Honorable Mention

Gavin Cole: 2nd team Tight End

Nebraska Personal Finance Challenge, Middle Level gets 4th place

On December 3rd, four 8th graders from Litchfield competed in the Nebraska Personal Finance Challenge. Twenty two teams competed state-wide. The Litchfield team received 4th place and missed qualifying for the regional challenge by 1 point. The team was comprised of Malynn Boyles, Ava Paitz, Jimmy Fletcher, and Caydence Feldman. Congratulations to these young students for competing so brilliantly on their first Nebraska Challenge.



Senior

Birthday: June 2, 2003
Nickname: Tateybug-Wardyn
Favorites
TV show: Family Guy
Subject: History
Color: Blue
Song: "Courtesy of the Red White and Blue" ~Toby Keith
Hangout: Country Roads
Most Prized Possession: 1969 Ford Pickup
Favorite HS memory: Throwing old phone on top of school



Nathan
Wardyn



Faith
Heapy

Birthday: January 26, 2004
Nickname: none
Favorites
TV show: Chicago Med
Subject: History
Color: Red
Song: STARSTRUKK ~ 3oh!3
Hangout: The Big Apple
HS memory: too many to choose just one
Most prized possession: my bed
Extra-curriculars: Basketball, Track, Softball, Quiz Bowl, FBLA, FFA
Speech, One Act, Rifle Club, Band, NHS

spotlight

One Act comes to a close at Districts

The One Act season started in August with students signing up who were interested in either performing or to work on crew. We had all Litchfield High School students working together on the play "Treasure Island." It is based on Robert Louis Stephenson's classic novel. Many characters were taken from the movie ranging from Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver, and many others. The play has pirates, a treasure map, and island of adventure. Jim is a young boy with little experience, his mother is a lady who has lived a rough life, Dr. Livesey is an intelligent leader, the Squire is a very eager person, and Long John Silver is a well versed pirate with plenty of individual ambition. Also the many other pirates have personalities of their own.

The first performance was in Wilcox for their One Act Festival on Nov. 8th. The Wilcox Hildreth One Act Festival had seven schools attend and perform for the day. As important to performing in Wilcox was to have students view and watch some of the other performances. Schools range from classes C, and D. Most were schools from central Nebraska. Litchfield finished 5th.

The Soup Supper in Litchfield was held on the evening of Nov. 18. It was great to have so many supporting parents and community members to help out for the meal and then to enjoy and support the play. It served as another confidence builder opportunity for our performing experience before Conference One Act.

Conference One Act was in Holdrege on Nov. 23rd and was also another great performing opportunity for the 12 FKC schools. Most of the judges were ones we had previously, but they noted very highly on many of the characters being developed. Also extra ideas were exchanged to enhance a great performance for Districts. Litchfield finished 9th.

The performance for the Litchfield students and teachers was on Dec. 1. It was very interesting to see how some of the elementary students reacted to some of the characters. Once again it was an important experience and performance builder leading up to Districts in Elba. District One Act was in Elba on Dec. 2 with five schools competing. It is always interesting to see how schools put together competitions of this sort and it was really a great day of performances all around. Wilcox Hildreth won the district with the play "And Then There Was One." Litchfield finished fourth.

With the help of Mrs. Slocum, the one act season went by quickly, but I was happy with how the students improved, and stepped up to perform through any type of adversity or situation. Thanks for the fun season with ONE ACT! Definitely a season to remember.

One Act Individual Season Honors

2021 Falcon Play Festival (Wilcox)

Outstanding Acting Awards

Nathan Wardyn as Jim Hawkins

Emily Mostek as Mrs. Hawkins

Gavin Cole as Dr. Livesey

Chloe Ellison as Long John Silver

Ashton Behmerwohld as Black Dog

District One Act (Elba)

Outstanding Acting

Nathan Wardyn

Chloe Ellison

Lyndsie McAuliff

Calvin Finley

FKC One Act (Holdrege)

Outstanding Performances

Ashton Behmerwohld

Chloe Ellison

Faith Heapy

Calvin Finley

Gavin Cole

Jordyn Ellison

Nathan Wardyn



Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

12.20.21

1. Successful Winter Fine Arts Program
2. Teacher Workday
 - a. Building Level Meetings to review data, Student Problem Solving
 - b. Creating Timeline of ELA selection with ESU
 - c. Teacher Grades Due
 - d. January 4th Emotional Poverty Training
 - i. Presentation at ESU
 - ii. Discussing kids struggling with emotions, solutions on how to calm and focus
3. MAP Testing Completed
4. Academic Pep Rally Tomorrow
5. AD
 - a. Football D-2 for next two years
 - b. District- Burwell, Central Valley, Elm Creek, Overton, Twin Loup

Litchfield Public Schools
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Board Report - Newspaper
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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
4N6 FANATICS		150.00
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		2,656.22
ACTIVITY ALL CLASS		21.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		47.39
Ansley Public Schools		3,508.02
AREA SERVICES		587.00
BAKKO TRANSFER, INC.		832.71
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		1,091.80
Custer Public Power		3,028.23
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		397.64
Educational Service Unit 10		12,068.48
Embassy Suites		1,772.24
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		76.00
Farmers Co-op Association		1,050.84
Feldman, Mitchell		224.00
FINLEY, LYNETTE		44.24
FINLEY, WADE		548.31
Flinn Scientific		306.00
GROSS, APRIL		224.00
HAMILTON		200.45
HIEBNER, MARK		196.00
HYVEE		65.94
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		346.67
Jones Insurance Agency, Inc		100.00
JW Pepper & Son Inc		347.74
KEARNEY TOWING		400.00
LABOR LAW CENTER, LLC		38.90
Litchfield Hot Lunch		102.00
Menards		249.10
MIDWEST BUS PARTS		100.00
OfficeNet		484.21
ON TO COLLEGE		1,485.00
P & D MARKET		137.41
Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O		75.00
PETTY CASH FUND		449.33
PYRAMID SCHOOL PRODUCTS		182.61
Quill Corporation		331.89
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN		60.00
VERIZON		40.01
Village Of Litchfield		472.90
WEX BANK		1,408.51
Fund Number 01		<u>35,907.79</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>35,907.79</u>

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 20, 2021

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

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

Visitors: Ed & Sherrie Klein, and Alyssa Reynolds

President Mitch Feldman announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and correct date was noted. Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 6-0.

The treasurer reported a General fund statement beginning balance of \$354,334.21, general fund receipts \$62,913.15 actual general fund bank balance \$92,196.56 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$229,752.82 were presented for payment. Cole Lewandowski made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Alyssa Reynolds addressed the Board to see if the school could drop off kids to the local daycare so the daycare provider wouldn't have to close to pick up kids as this makes it inconvenient for parents that work out of town.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew discussed successful Winter Fine Arts Program, Teacher Workday and its agenda, MAP testing completed, Academic Pep rally, and for AD Football D-2 for next two years and the teams that would be in our district

In the Superintendent's report Wade reported on Covid Protocol review, Building and Grounds update; welding ventilation, and kitchen update, Esser III funds; allocation of funds discussion, election certification, and board and superintendent evaluations.

April Gross made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Board and superintendent evaluations. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

President Mitch Feldman reinstated the intent to enter executive session was to discuss Board and Superintendent evaluations.

Board entered executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to exit executive session. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Exited executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Second Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 2022. 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

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