

# SmallTown Times



December issue

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## Veterans Day 2020

*By Zyrus Fauss*

The Veterans program was virtual this year. To start off preschool recited the pledge of allegiance, and sang “*See the Veterans*”. The junior high and high school band played the *Star Spangled Banner*, the *Washington Post March*, and *Armed Forces Parade*. After that Sydnee Sweley gave her speech on the Voice of Democracy Essay. The K-2 grade sang and acted out the *Veterans March*. The Jr High Choir sang *Do You Wanna Know Freedom* and *Out on the Line*.



# Senior Spotlight

Ethan Sohrweid



Birthday-5/19/02

Nickname-Ganoosh

Favorite TV show-Adventure Time

Favorite Subject- shop

Extracurricular Activities- FFA

Favorite Color-Lime Green

Favorite Song- Hold the Line by Toto

Favorite Hangout-the garage

Most Prized Possession- my 3 wheeler

Favorite High School Memory- when I parked my truck on top of a snow pile because the gravel spots were full



# December 2020 Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JH Wrestling @ Dunning 1 PM	2	3 V Wrestling Duals @ Axtell 5 PM	4 JV/V G-B BBall @ Litchfield VS HilLine 3:30   4:30   7:30	5 JV/V B-G @ Ravenna 3   4:30   6
6	7 JH Wrestling @ Merna FBLA Christmas Social	8	9	10 JH FKC @ Over- ton TBD	11 Wrestling 1PM @ Twin Loup JV/V B-G BBall 4:30   6   7:30	12 Wrestling 9AM @ Battle Creek JV/V BBall @ Elm creek 4:30   6   7:30
13	14 JH Wrestling 3:45 @ Broken Bow	15 V Wrestling 11 AM @ Axtell	16	17 JV/V B-G BBall @ Axtell 4:30   6   7:30	18 V B-G only SEM BBall Holiday Tourney TBA	19 V only B-G BBall Tourney @ SEM TBA
20	21	22 JV/V B-G BBall @ Loomis   4:30   6   7:30	23 NSAA Holiday Moratorium 23-27	24	25	26
27	28 V BBall Holiday Tourney B-G @ Central Valley	29 V BBall Holiday Tourney B-G @ Central Valley	30 No school December 23- January 4	31		

# December 2020 Lunch MENU

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Spaghetti Garlic bread Beets Strawberries &	2 Chicken and Vegetables over Biscuits Cottage cheese	3 Hot beef sand- wich Mashed potatoes Asparagus	4 Enchilada casse- role Green beans Pineapple	5
6	7 Sub sandwich French fries Carrots Applesauce	8 Mexican bowl With rice Corn Dinner roll	9 Shepard's pie With veggies Lettuce Dinner roll	10 Taco or Potato soup Raw veggies Kiwi	11 Chicken nug- gets Mac-n-cheese Peas	12
13	14 Chicken tetraz- zini Garlic bread Broccoli	15 Pulled pork sand. Sweet potato fries Baked beans	16 Runza casse- role Green beans Dinner roll	17 Turkey & dressing Mashed potatoes Corn	18 Teriyaki chick- en Fried rice Stir-fry veggies	19
20	21 Ham & Scal- loped Potatoes Peas	22 Nachos Corn Bananas Milk	23  <b>MERRY</b>	24  <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
		<b>AND</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW</b>	<b>YEAR !!!!</b>		

## FBLA Trash pick up

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the FBLA kids picked up trash along Highway 2 for the Adopt-A-Highway Project. There was a total of 13 kids that helped pick up a 4 mile span. This will count towards our Go Green Ribbon at state.



## Trunk or Treat

On October 29<sup>th</sup> the Elementary had a trunk or treat. The High school band played led the elementary students down town. Elementary students parading around the businesses in their costumes for the community to see. This replaced the usual trunk or treat that takes place at the school each Halloween due to COVID.



# High School Football Season Recap

By Shamane Zentz

The final game of the season was against Brunning Davenport Shickley at Ansley. BDS was a very tough team, but the Spartans never let down and kept fighting back. Ansley-Litchfield finished the regular season 5-3 and went 1-1 in playoffs, giving them a record of 6-4. This season had a lot of ups and downs, they had injuries at the beginning of the season in important positions. With those injuries a lot of the boys stepped up and took on different positions they had never played before. As the injuries got better the Spartans were able to run towards the end and make the playoffs. The difference between Ansley-Litchfield's first game and their last game was the leadership. Throughout the season they had many players lead the team in different ways. Coach Blauvelt said, "It was fun to watch the guys grow and mature as football players throughout the year and gain the confidence needed to play a few games in the playoffs." We are proud of you boys!

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## Junior High Volleyball Season

By Shamane Zentz

The Junior High Volleyball season was full of improvements, their final game was at Ansley High School against Amherst. The routine was very different that day since there was no school and two girls had just got back. A-team came out strong in the first set, but the second set we sunk into a hole we couldn't get out of. Our A-team fought hard in the third set and went, but unfortunately a win just wasn't in the cards. Next up was our B-team, but Amherst could only play until 4:00, this meant that our team could only play for 10 minutes. At the end of the time the B-team was clearly ahead and took a win. A-teams record at the end of the season was 5-5 and B-teams record was 3-5. They really improved over the course of the season, both Coach Drew and Coach Kulhanek were very proud of the team and their growth over the fall.

## High School Volleyball Season Recap

By Shamane Zentz

On Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> the lady Spartans had a tough competition in the final game of sub-districts at Ansley. They played against Anselmo-Merna, we weren't quite ready to defend against their hard hits on our left that night. The Spartans played hard and kept a close game with the Coyotes. The lady Spartans had a terrific season and the record was 13-15, which is a long way off from the estimated wins at the beginning of their season. They went through several changes at the beginning at the season and finally settled on a rotation that put them on the right track for the season. Their passing and hitting was at the peak right around FKC and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row our lady Spartans finished in the middle of the conference. There were some younger girls that stepped into new roles and veteran players that really started clicking with each other. Coach Smith said, "The passing, communication, and off season work will be the key to continued success." We are proud of you Lady Spartans!

## EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

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

December 2020

### What to expect after you submit your FAFSA

The FAFSA opened October 1, so many of you have already completed and submitted your form. Here's what happens next:

**Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link.** The SAR tells you that your FAFSA was processed and lets you know if you need to take further action.

**Watch for verification requests.** The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office. ***The college will not process your financial aid until they receive the documents.***

**Watch for financial aid award notifications.** The colleges you listed on your FAFSA – and were accepted to – will send you financial aid award notifications detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based on your financial need.

### Haven't completed your FAFSA yet?

No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Before you start, create a Student Aid Account (FSA ID) for you and one for a parent. You'll need them to access and sign the FAFSA.

For *free* help with the FAFSA, watch these brief FAFSA Demo videos, use our FAFSA Tools, or call the EducationQuest location nearest to you to make a virtual appointment:

Omaha – 402.391.4033 or 888.357.6300

Lincoln – 402.475.5222 or 800.303.3745

Kearney – 308.234.6310 or 800.666.3721

Scottsbluff – 308.708.7199 or 800.303.3745, ext. 6654

### Virtual College Fair site will remain open until Dec. 1

EducationQuest held virtual college fairs Sept. 27-30 and on Nov. 17 so that students could meet with college reps and watch live college-prep presentations. Even though the live fairs are over, you may visit the site at [eqf.org/collegefair](https://eqf.org/collegefair) until **Dec. 1** to visit college booths and watch recorded sessions. ***If you visit at least 3 booths, you'll be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship!***

### Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

**Don't ever pay for scholarship searches!** Use *free* resources such as *ScholarshipQuest* at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find a list of free national sites that we recommend such as Chegg, College Board, and Fastweb.

**Visit your school counselor** often to learn about local scholarships.

**Focus on local and college-based scholarships** because you're more likely to earn them.

**Update your activities, honors, community service, and paid jobs** using the *Activities Resume* at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org).

**Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exam(s) in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your

senior year.

**Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them a specific deadline, and a copy of your Activities Resume.

**Tailor your essay to the scholarship.** Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.

## December “To Do” List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college-planning track.

## Seniors:

\_\_\_\_\_ If you haven’t already, submit college applications and the FAFSA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a \$500 [scholarship](#).

## Juniors

\_\_\_\_\_ Take an ACT prep course.

\_\_\_\_\_ Set up a *ScholarshipQuest* profile and start searching for Nebraska-based scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 [scholarship](#).

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	800-303-3745, ext. 6654

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## Principal/AD Report

Matt Drew

11.16.20

1. COVID Protocols
  - a. We have had multiple quarantines with staff and students
  - b. Masks requirement has gone well
  - c. Lots of changes to times and events for the Winter
2. Autism Special Training and Collaboration
  - a. We have been working with Autism experts to provide some extra guidance.
3. Christmas Program
  - a. December 10th @ 6:00pm
  - b. Working on audio and camera
  - c. Probably going to be parents/guardians only
4. AD Stuff
  - a. One-Act
    - i. Wilcox, Conference, Districts
  - b. Girls Basketball
    - i. A-7 L-8
  - c. Boys Basketball
    - i. A- 11 L-4
  - d. Wrestling
    - i. A- 11 L-2
  - e. JH Wrestling
    - i. A-8 L-4

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**Board Report - Newspaper**  
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Vendor Name	Fund Number	Vendor Description	Amount
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A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING			2,252.44
ACCO BRANDS USA LLC			47.10
ACROMAT LLC			323.26
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.			100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY			56.80
Ansley Public Schools			3,299.93
BLACK HILLS ENERGY			405.13
Builders How-to Warehouse			586.84
COACH MASTER'S			126.16
COLE ELECTRIC			616.00
Culligan Water Conditioning			94.00
Custer Public Power			2,560.86
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE			391.16
Educational Service Unit 10			12,108.29
ESSENTIAL SCREENS			238.00
Farmers Co-op Association			623.61
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC			269.37
GovConnection, Inc			1,962.40
HALO BRANDED SOLUTIONS			63.20
HOWARD HAY COMPANY, INC.			1,248.03
HYVEE			39.84
Island Supply Welding Co.			144.96
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer			847.09
Jones Insurance Agency, Inc			100.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD			709.20
KEARNEY QUALITY SEW AND VAC, INC			59.94
Litchfield Hot Lunch			108.00
Menards			43.79
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES			152.54
NE Assoc. Of School Boards			307.00
Nebraska Central Telephone			199.73
Nebraska Safety Center			200.00
OfficeNet			719.18
P & D MARKET			80.32
PETTY CASH FUND			998.48
POLAND, SUSAN			14.51
Sherman County Times			240.23
SOCIAL THINKING			200.68
US FOODS			509.10
VEGA, REBECCA			32.49
VERIZON			40.01
Village Of Litchfield			477.00
Fund Number 01			<u>33,596.67</u>
Checking Account ID 1			<u>33,596.67</u>
Checking Account ID 2	06	HOT LUNCH FUND	
Cash-Wa Distributing Co.			29.64
HILAND DAIRY			801.37
Menards			64.99
P & D MARKET			21.42
PETTY CASH FUND			192.19
US FOODS			1,483.77
Walmart			265.28
Fund Number 06			<u>2,858.66</u>

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 16, 2020

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

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

Visitors: Judy Kucera & Barbara Kratzer, and Cole Lewandowski

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. Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The treasurer reported a General fund statement beginning balance of \$463,411.04, general fund receipts \$196,662.71 actual general fund bank balance \$425,538.32 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$222,221.00 were presented for payment. Steve Heapy made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew noted COVID Protocols, Autism Special Training and Collaboration, Christmas Program, AD stuff One Act, Numbers for Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and JH Wrestling.

In the Superintendent's report Wade reported election results, district audit, building and grounds, board & superintendent evaluations, covid 19 update with new governor and DHM restrictions, and negotiations.

Wade handed a copy of the district audit to all Board Members. He gave the election results which were that Mitch and Jim were reelected and Cole Lewandowski would be filling in the position that Steve will be vacated in January.

Discussion on the ceiling in the gym and a faster way of removing the insulation on the beams. Having Cole Electric remove lights and speakers also was discussed.

Discussion on reflective attachments to the wires at the football field for the helicopter to land. Board and superintendent evaluations were handed out and agreed to have them filled out and returned to Mitch by next meeting.

The new DHM restrictions that were handed down are 25% capacity. FKC has added that only household members can go to home games and then only parents can go to away games.

Negotiations committee will meet with the LEA after Thanksgiving and will start the process.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 14, 2020. 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

LITCHFIELD/ANSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
CO-OP BOARD MEETING  
November 16, 2020

President Mitch Feldman called the co-op meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Bill Howard, Marie Sweley, Steve Heapy, April Gross, Jim Holm, Pete Cunningham, Derik Clay, Danielle Ostrand, Jaime Bailey, Rod Amsberry, and Tim Loy. Administration in attendance were Gordan Goodman, Heidi Fessler, Troy Schirmer, Wade Finley, and Matt Drew.

Visitors: Cole Lewandowski

Jim Holm moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 12-0.

Discussion was led by Mr. Finley and Mr. Goodman on the review and evaluation of the Fall Activities: CC, FB, & VB these have been done.

Winter Sports update with numbers in activities, busing/activities bus arrangement and will keep this arrangement as is. Girls Basketball Ansley-7 Litchfield-8, Boys Basketball Ansley-11 Litchfield-4, Wrestling Ansley-11 Litchfield 2, JH Wrestling Ansley-8 and Litchfield- 4.

Prom/Homecoming: Feedback positive, this years Prom will be in Ansley as Litchfield hosted homecoming. Combined Pep Band discussed with band director from Ansley to be in contact with Litchfield's band director and pick out 4-5 songs and National Anthem and work on these and will work on getting them together to play at a couple of ball games.

Social media communications and how everything is in one spot and weekly schedules are put on each school's page. Communication is better having a Spartan page on Facebook.

Student number projections for the next years and how to be proactive. Talk of looking at the decline of boys coming up and amount of participation.

Discussion was made on how to negotiate extra duty pay. The Lead AD and Asst. AD position in regards to pay was discussed. Decided to bring back ideas and numbers at the next Coop meeting.

The last topic was the new Governor's Directed Health Measure which went into effect on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The 25% capacity which is the following: Ansley's South gym 195 and North gym 70, Litchfield's Gym is 150. FKC rule, only parents allowed to go to the away games and only household members at the home games.

Jim Holm moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 12-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Marie Sweley

Board Secretary

November Superintendent Report

Litchfield Public Schools

November 16, 2020

### **Election Results**

Results from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election reelected Mitch Feldman & Jim Holm. New to the board will be Cole Lewandowski starting his term in January 2021.

### **District Audit**

The District Audit of the 2019 – 2020 school fiscal year has been completed and return. The school fiscal year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Building and Grounds**

I have EnergyCraft Systems lined up to put new insulated ceiling in the Spartan gym first part of June.

Will be talking to Curtis Cole to get lined up to take lights and speakers down.

Looking for the most efficient way to finish scraping old insulation off the main beams and purlins.

### **Board and Superintendent Evaluations**

I have included the Board and Superintendent annual evaluations in your packets. Board members can fill them out and get to Board President Feldman by time frame he ask for.

### **Covid 19 Update: New Governor and DHM Restrictions**

We will update plans with the new restrictions and what we have been doing with the cases involved with our student body and staff.

### **Negotiations**

I forwarded the board the teacher's initial offer in negotiations and have included a paper copy in packet.

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