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Joel Ratzlaff showing the graphic design students how to update the new school website.
Photo by: Mrs. Varah

New School Website

Litchfield Public Schools is excited to announce the unveiling of a new school website. It's a great place to get all the information you need. Not sure what time the game is? Want a full-color picture that was in the last newsletter? Or to just check up on Litchfield's upcoming activities; just go to the new website:

www.litchfieldpublicschools.org, it has all the information that you'll need. Joel Ratzlaff, our school tech guy, has worked very hard to create a website that is modern and easy for people to access. You can now go to the school website to get any information about our school. It has everything from staff bios and mission statements to sports highlights and pictures from last night's game. Future Business

Leaders of America to Future Farmers of America will all be using this site to communicate in a clear and easy way. The website also has the school activity calendar and lunch menu. There is a page with information on scholarships, including ACT testing and John Baylor Scholarships. With the new website it will be easier for parents and the community to find the information they are looking for. Joel commented "It's a good place to go to get any information about our school." The website is all up-to-date, and will continue to be updated as much as possible. So the next time you aren't sure what time an activity is or just need some basic information about our school, visit us on the web! By: McKenna Unick

November Important Dates:

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Program

Nov. 26 - 1:00 PM Out

Nov. 27 - No School

Nov. 28 - No School

Calendar of Events

Don't forget to look at the calendars in the back of the Newsletter for a complete list of activities.

Colophon

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Turkeys, Chickens, Hogs, and Rams, Oh My!



Litchfield's School Team: Blaine Goodner, Caleb Unick, LaShaun Scheuffele, and Tyler Wood
Photo by: Danielle McAuliff

Where can high school students go and show off their shooting skills? At the Nebraska State High School Silhouette Championship at Pressey Park! On Saturday, September 20th the Litchfield High School Rifle club members LaShaun Scheuffele, Caleb Unick, Marshall Kohls, Tessa LeFever, Blaine Goodner, Tyler Wood, and Makin Shafer went to Pressey Park to show off their skills. This year two junior high students Braydon Goodner and Parker LeFever, also went to the shoot to get some experience. Students shoot at targets that look like turkeys, chickens, hogs, and rams. After everyone has shot at each target, they add up everyone's percentages to see who had the highest percentage for placing. Litchfield's Rifle Club didn't come home empty handed either. Caleb Unick received 3rd place as an individual, the school team of LaShaun, Caleb, Blaine and Tyler received 3rd place as well. They also had a division called Fame and Glory which is for Club sponsors, helpers, and spectators. Litchfield's club sponsors Cameron Sonnenfeld and Steve McAuliff participated in this event. Cameron Sonnenfeld commented "The students shot very well given the adverse conditions. I was pleased to see them do well and have fun." This shoot was made possible by the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, Jones Manufacturing of Beemer and

Aurora Coop. Because of these sponsors support there were no entry fees for the participants. Litchfield's Rifle Club is made possible by the NRA Foundation that provides ammunition for both rifle shooting and trap. Senior LaShaun Scheuffele commented "It was a great experience and I would recommend the underclassmen go out for Rifle Club!" By: McKenna Unick

Carlie's Corner



Role Models

Growing up, I've always thought that role models are something that every person has in their life. Your wide-eyed naivety influences the idolization of public or personal figures that are apparent in your life on a regular basis. I never took into account how one meeting with someone could change your perspective, and ultimately make them one of your idols for eternity. Two summers ago, my family did the regular trip down to our ranch in Arizona. We expected the usual adventures such as hiking and collecting pottery, but what I didn't expect was to spend some time with my great aunt Evelyn. Not because she's an estranged family member, but because she's a 70 year old nun who happens to live in Africa. If it were up to Evelyn, she would spend every moment in Africa helping others, but every few years the nuns are required to come back and get their annual immunizations, which was the reason for this special visit to the ranch. At the tender age of 15, Evelyn

decided that serving others was her calling so she took a brave, unfaltering step and moved to Africa to fulfill her calling and passion for religion. About halfway through our Arizona vacation, my parents, Evelyn, and I all decided to go into town to get some groceries. My parents dropped Evelyn and me off at the grocery store while they ran some other errands. Afterwards, we decided to venture to the Dollar Store, where she was ecstatic to find out that you could buy flip flops for a dollar. She proceeded to buy multiple pairs, calling them her "shower shoes" for when she goes back to Africa and doesn't have the luxury of clean porcelain showers. When my parents spent a little extra time on their errands and weren't answering their phones, she simply replied "well we will just start walking then!" Keep in mind, we were a good 20 miles away from our ranch, but to someone who walks 10 miles a day just to get a bucket of water, that 20 miles is nothing. Evelyn is clueless as to what a Snapchat or Instagram is, and I'm pretty sure she prefers to keep it that way. For years Evelyn and the other nuns slept on the floor in dirt huts with not one complaint from any of them. I'm not certain if she was joking or not, but she told my brother and I that she tied the children's legs together before they fell asleep so they wouldn't get swallowed whole by snakes. (And I thought having a spider in my room was bad!) Just listening to her stories inspires me to be as selfless as possible and enjoy the simple things in life, like dollar flip flops, having a roof over my head, and not having to worry about being eaten alive in my sleep. Not only has she given up her life to serve others, but she does it selflessly, without any complaints about the hot weather or the lack of modern luxuries. Although I have only met my great aunt Evelyn a handful of times, she has affected my life tremendously and has ultimately become one of the best role models a person could ask for. I hope that someday I can serve others as unselfishly, and enjoy the simplicity of the little things just as much as she does. By: Carlie Smith

K-6th Graders Faced Their Fear of Heights at Halsey National Forest

"I cried up there!" and "I thought I was going to be sick!" said kindergarteners Brayden Yberra and Zane Miller about their field trip to Halsey. For most teachers, both of these statements are a nightmare, but on this field trip, it was a common occurrence if the children were afraid of heights. On September 30th, the K-6th graders took a field trip to the Halsey National Forest where they got the opportunity to ride on a zip-line, walk across a high-wire, and climb up 75 steps to the top of a lookout tower. First, was the high wire and Zane said "we had to wear these weird red things" (harnesses) before they could actually attempt the scary walk. Justice Zentz was the brave kindergartener who completed the walk across the high-wire, while the rest were a little too scared. Although he didn't complete the walk, Brayden said that the high-wire was his favorite part of the trip. Next was the zip-line where the kids got strapped into harnesses and went from tree to tree on zip-lines. Ryan Handley, Kylee Zulkoski, and Zane Miller all said their favorite part of the trip was the zip-line and Zane said "it was my favorite because it went across the whole canyon!" and Kylee added "it was my favorite because I like it" before giggling and turning away shyly. All of the K-6 grade kids ate a lunch of sloppy joe's before getting a ride on the "silly bus" which was a colorful bus that took them up to the look-out tower. This is where all of the kids started the daunting 75 flight stair climb up to the tower, when they got there, the ones that weren't afraid of heights were all fascinated. Zane Miller said "I loved the tower because I could see the desert hills... I mean the Sandhills!" and Brayden said "Mrs. Stubbs looked really little from the top of the tower." Benjamin Schrock, who was on the trip as a teacher's aide, said "It was a really successful trip where all of the kids got to have fun and faced their

fear of heights." All I have to say, is I vote that next year they take the high schoolers to Halsey National Forest. By: Carlie Smith



Mrs. Sauer on the zip-line in Halsey
Photo by: Ben Schrock

Mini Field Trip to Firehall

On October 8th, elementary kids went on a mini field trip to the fire hall. The students toured an ambulance and firetruck. They learned all kinds of different things that a firetruck and an ambulance can do. They learned about fire safety and what to do if there were a fire in a house or in the school. The kids were also given the opportunity to dress up in the bunker gear. At the end of the day they were given plastic fire hats and stickers. Story by: Justine Pickar



Will Johnson with the 1st and 2nd graders Photo by: Mrs. Sauer

You're Invited to the Vet's Program Nov 11th

On November 11th, Litchfield Public Schools will be having our annual Veteran's Day Program at 10:45 a.m. in the new gym. This note serves a special invitation to our area veterans and active service personnel to attend our program, please come! This year our elementary and high school students will again perform a salute to you. Following the program, our veterans, their spouses, active service personnel, and any widows of veterans are invited to stay for lunch provided by the Litchfield Public Schools. We also invite parents and other community members to come and spend the morning honoring our veterans.

Submitted by: Mrs. Moser

Feeding the Hungry, One Can at a Time

Who runs around town collecting cans? FBLA does! On October 14th the Litchfield FBLA went around town collecting cans and nonperishable food items for the Sherman County Food Pantry. They split up into groups so that they could cover more area around town. To make it interesting the groups had a competition to see who could collect more cans. The winning group was excited they collected a lot. After everyone returned from collecting cans they had a taco supper, followed by their regular monthly meeting. By: McKenna Unick

SPORTS EXTRA

Volleyball

On September 23, 2014 the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans played the Central Valley Cougars. Lindsay Siegel had a total killing percentage of 58.3%, Nicole Wardyn had 50.0%, and Shawna Paitz had 47.1%. On September 26th we had played Twin Loup Wolves and beat the Wolves in three sets. On September 27th, 2014 the Spartans found success at the Ansley-Litchfield Tournament. The Spartans had played Arcadia-Loup City Rebels, Ewing Tigers, and Amherst Broncos. The first game that we played was against the Arcadia-Loup City Rebels where the Spartans won in two sets. Shawna Paitz, Lindsay Siegel, and Nicole Wardyn's total for serve receiving was 13. The Spartans had an exciting match with Ewing, winning in three even after dropping the first set of the year 24-26. They came back strong winning sets two and three 25-11 and 25-15. Shawna Paitz had 26 digs, Lindsay Siegel had 18 digs, and Nicole Wardyn had 16 digs. According to Coach Hoblyn the team has improved a great deal. They communicate well, playing as a team and have improved their basic skills. Last we played Amherst Broncos in two sets with the score 25-10, and 25-15. Lindsay Siegel had lead the offence with 10 kills. On September 30th, 2014 beat the South Loup Bobcats during a dual in three sets 25-20, 25-13 and 25-22. Kayla Reynolds had led the team with 15 assists. On

October 7th, 2014 we played the Amherst Broncos and won three sets with the scores of 25-23, 25-15, and 25-11. Nicole Wardyn said " The season is going great. We are all working well together, and we are clicking. We just need to stay focused and keep working hard." On October 9th, 2014 we played Wilcox-Hildreth and won in three sets with the scores of 25-8, 25-19, and 25-6. According to Coach Hoblyn the rest of the season includes some tough games and a couple of tournaments. There is plenty of excitement to see where your team is, how much you have improved and where you still need to improve. The season is coming down to crunch time as districts are right around the corner. Hopefully the Lady Spartans continue on their successful season with some great post-season play! By: Riley Casper

Football

The Ansley-Litchfield Spartans Football team is off to a 4-2. On September 19th, 2014 the Ansley Litchfield football boys played Axtell Wildcats with a score of 70-21. Ben Schrock had 1 interception for the Ansley-Litchfield football team. According to Coach Smith the things that the team can do to improve on the game is to hold the blocks longer, and be more physical. On September 26th, 2014 the Spartans beat the Twin Loup Wolves and

won, with a score of 28-8. The Spartans capitalized on Twin Loup's errors allowing them to get the dominating win. Hoss Smith had 5 solo tackles, Marshall Kohls had 3 solo tackles, Ben Schrock and Caleb Unick both a 1 solo tackle to help lead the Spartan defense. According to Coach Smith the team has been improving on drills in practice, which has been helping them be more successful in games. On October 3, 2014 Ansley-Litchfield played Burwell which resulted in a 22-32 heart breaking loss. Hoss Smith had 4 solo tackles and Caleb Unick had 1 solo tackle. On October 10, 2014 the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans defeated South Loup Bobcats with the score of 14-6. Hoss Smith had a total of 99 rushing yards. Hoss Smith had 5 solo tackles, and Marshall Kohls and Ben Schrock had 2 solo tackles. With playoffs just around the corner, the Spartans hope to continuing winning and get their first action in the post-season since the co-op began! By: Riley Casper



Spartans vs. Broncos
Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele



Lindsay Siegel up for the block while the others cover. Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele



Lindsay Siegel with a back row spike!
Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

~Senior Spotlight~



Photo by: Will Johnson

Full Name: LaShaun Lynn Scheuffele

Birthday: September 29, 1997

Nicknames: Sissy

Hometown: Litchfield

Favorite color: Neon lime green

Favorite movie: Heaven is for Real

Favorite actor/actress: Todd Chrisley

Favorite kind of music: Country

Favorite music artist: Luke Bryan

Favorite T.V. show: Chrisley Knows Best

Favorite author: Nicholas Sparks

Favorite book/magazine: The Outsiders

Favorite place to shop: Mall

Favorite animal: Cow

Do you have any pets: Yes, a dog and a fish

Favorite pastime or hobby: Drawing

Favorite thing to do with friends: Hangout

Favorite thing to do in spare time: Hang out with friends and watch movies

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite drink: Frozen Strawberry Lemonade

Most prized possession: My jewelry

Favorite sport: Volleyball

Favorite subject: English

Classes that you are taking this year:

Sociology, Government, Graphic Design, Art, Photography, Personal Finance, and English 12

Extracurricular activities: Rifle Club and FFA

Favorite teacher: Mr. Moser and Mrs. Varah

What are your plans after high school: Go to college

What are your lifetime goals: Be successful at what I do

Problem that concerns you the most: Losing a loved one

What's unique about you: I will graduate at age 17

If you could be anyone else who would you be: Myself, because I am happy with who I am

Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself and don't try to let anyone change who you are.



Photo by: Donna Rohde

Full Name: Kelsie Jo Rohde

Birthday: December 22, 1996

Nicknames: Kels, Kelpo

Hometown: Litchfield

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite movie: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Favorite actor/actress: Emma Watson

Favorite kind of music: Alternative Rock

Favorite music artist: Hollywood Undead

Favorite T.V. show: Bleach

Favorite author: J.K. Rowling

Favorite book/magazine: Harry Potter Series

Favorite place to shop: Sporting Edge

Favorite animal: Pomsky

Do you have any pets: 3 dogs

Favorite pastime or hobby: Reading or playing video games

Favorite thing to do with friends: Go to games or just hang out

Favorite thing to do in spare time: Read

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite drink: Dr. Pepper

Favorite School Memory: All the bus rides home after games when everyone is more pumped up than before the game

Favorite sport: Volleyball

Favorite subject: Government

Classes that you are taking this

year: College Speech, Government, Calculus, Spanish 2, College English, Personal Finance, and Physics

Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Speech, One Act, Rifle Club, FBLA, and FFA

Favorite teacher: Mr. Moser

What are your plans after high school: Go to college at Chadron

What are your lifetime goals: Visit Europe

Problem that concerns you the most: Border Control

What's unique about you: I'm adopted

If you could be anyone else who would you be: Chantel Fecht

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy your years in high school, they go fast.

From Germany to Litchfield: Mario Giesbert



Mario Giesbert Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

"The biggest difference between the people in Germany and the people in America is the kids here in America are much more mature." said Litchfield's newest foreign exchange student Mario Giesbert. (Who knew we would ever hear those words?) Mario is a junior from Munster, Germany which is a town of about 300,000 people, quite the difference from Litchfield. Mario has been staying with Ronda Slocum of Litchfield and enjoys hanging out with the kids around town and walking Ronda's dog. He claims that the people here in America are friendlier and more open than Germans. He also likes America's school system because it has a lot of hands-on learning and school sports, which is amiss in Germany. When asked what he missed most, he said he misses his family which includes one sister, his parents, and his grandpa, but he is able to connect with them through Facebook pretty frequently. He also stated that he missed doing his favorite sport, Kendo, which is a type of martial art from Japan. Mario is involved in football, Rifle Club, and basketball. He said "school in Germany is much harder, the student-teacher relationship is very authoritative and you never see them outside of school, the classes are more about theory, I

think they would be comparable to America's college classes." Mario also stated "I also want to thank Ronda Slocum for opening up her home to me. She does a lot for me and I really appreciate everything she has done to make my stay here comfortable." If you see Mario around, help him feel welcome by saying a quick hello and asking him about his experiences in America so far. By: Carlie Smith

Question of the Month: What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Jacob Swearingen: "Tools"



Jacob Swearingen Photo by: Riley Casper

Mrs. Kathryn Sauer: "I have many things to be thankful for so I'll narrow it down. At school I'm thankful for wonderful students and a great staff team."



Mrs. Sauer Photo by: Riley Casper

Gracie Ritchie: "My parents"



Gracie Ritchie Photo by: Riley Casper

Carter Wood: "My family."



Carter Wood Photo by: Riley Casper

Ronnie Bay: "Sports"



Ronnie Bay Photo by: Riley Casper

Ms. Musil: "My family and being able to have and do the things that I love."



Ms. Musil Photo by: Riley Casper