



# Hallway

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# Happenings

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Pictured left to right: Amber Howard '2013' Queen, Nicloe Wadryn 2014 Homecoming Queen, Ben Schrock 2014 Homecoming King and Nat Schrock '2013' King, Attendants: Kylee Zulkoski, Zane Kleeb  
Picture By: Angel Halouska

## Homecoming 2014

Dress up days, sports, and dances all make up the craziness of homecoming week for the Spartans. Homecoming started off with Character Day on Monday, Twin Day on Tuesday, Crazy Hair Day on Wednesday, and Thursday was Patriotic Day. Nicole Wardyn and Ben Schrock showed their spirit Monday by having the best costumes for Character Day. Nicole was a Minion off of Despicable Me, and Ben dressed up as a Ninja Turtle. For Twin Day the best costumes went to Nicole Wardyn and Corbin Snow, and Tagert Osborne and Christopher Paitz. Wednesday was Crazy Hair Day and the winners were Nicole Wardyn and Corbin Snow. Thursday to support 9/11, students dressed up patriotically. The winners were Nicole Wardyn and Ben Schrock. Ben

showed off his American pride with a flag painted on his face. The football team kept with the theme "Bury the Bulldogs" with a winning score of 28-22. After the football game on Friday the crowning for both Ansley and Litchfield took place on the field. The new King and Queen for Ansley was Bo Singlsby and Tori Ryan, and the Prince and Princess were Tanner Hawkins and Ashley Bundy. The Litchfield King and Queen were Ben Schrock and Nicole Wardyn. To finish homecoming week off right, the Litchfield Student Council put on a dance for both Litchfield and Ansley students. Everyone danced the night away and had a blast! Thank you to both Spartan Cheerleaders and Student Council for putting on a very successful homecoming! By: McKenna Unick

## October Important Dates:

Oct. 1st - School Pictures

Oct. 8th - 10 a.m. Start

Oct. 10th - End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 24th - No School Fall Break

## 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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## FBLA Cookbooks

FBLA 40th Anniversary cookbooks are still available. If you would like to purchase one, they are available in the school office, Town and Country Bank in Litchfield, and from any FBLA member. They include 300 recipes from Litchfield students, alumni, and community members. The cost is \$10. If you pre-ordered a cookbook you may pick it up in the school office or contact Mrs. Dobesh. Thank you for your support of our 40th anniversary project. Submitted by: Mrs. Dobesh

## School Activity Planners

The FBLA is again selling school pocket planner calendars. Full school information including sporting events, programs, holidays, etc., is included. The planners are \$6 and are available in the school office and from any FBLA member. They will also be available at the first athletic events of the fall. Your support of our fund-raising project is greatly appreciated. Submitted by: Mrs. Dobesh

## FBLA Can Drive

It's that time of year again where the Litchfield FBLA will be collecting cans and non-perishable food items. October 14th the FBLA members will be coming around at 6:30 p.m. and asking for donations. All donations will be going to the Sherman County food pantry. So when the FBLA members come knocking at your doors please have those non-perishable food items ready to go! By: McKenna Unick

## Student's Logo Chose for State Honor

The Nebraska Art Teachers Association chose Mirissa Chitty's Logo for their annual Art Teacher Convention. The students at Litchfield worked on different logo designs in the fourth quarter last year, making many different designs

and choosing their best to enter in the competition. Senior Mirissa Chitty was announced the winner, chosen by art teachers on the Nebraska Art Teachers Association's board. Mrs. Varah said that having your art chosen by art teachers is an honor since they study and teach design. Mirissa's design will be on everything at the conference such as bags, forms, and the website. Mirissa said "I'm really excited that my artwork was chosen for such an awesome event!" By Carlie Smith



Mirissa Chitty with her logo  
Photo by: Justine Pickar

## New Program Brings Agriculture to the Forefront

Agriculture has always been a big part of the Litchfield community, but the new Future Farmers of America program is teaching students things about agriculture they would have never experienced. In the past, students wanting to be involved in FFA participated through Ansley's FFA Chapter, but under the leadership of Mr. Layne Kirby, the new FFA Chapter in Litchfield has been ignited. The program will teach its 15 members more about agriculture and help build character. Mr. Kirby commented "the goal of FFA is to teach kids leadership skills, and help build a strong community." Some things that FFA will participate in this year are Range and Livestock Judging, Career Development Education Contests, Husker Harvest Days, and State FFA.

Of course all of this comes with a cost, but thanks to senior Kayla Reynolds, the chapter already has \$980. Kayla relieved this money because she offered to serve at a free steak dinner at Huss's Sale barn. They were giving 100% of the donations to FFA members who were willing to serve the dinner. Kayla was the only person to represent FFA present and therefore all the donations went to the Litchfield FFA Chapter. Litchfield Public School is excited to watch the FFA program achieve great things in the future. By: McKenna Unick

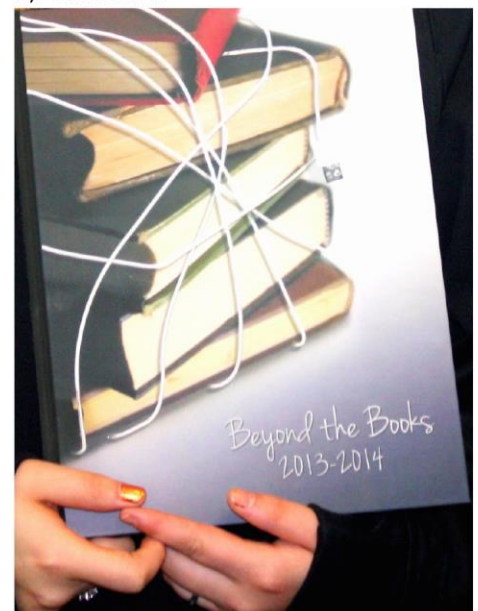


Makin Shafer range judging.  
Photo by: Mr. Kirby

## The Yearbooks Have Arrived!

The graphic design class worked tirelessly to put together last year's yearbook "Beyond the Books." If you would like to pick up your own copy, yearbooks are now available for \$25.00 in the school office. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Danielle or Tasha at (308)446-2244.

By: Carlie Smith



New Yearbooks Photo by: Justine Pickar

## Elementary State Fair Trip

Second grader Carter Wood giggled hysterically at lunch before saying "did you know, a part of an elephant's tooth is called a tushy!" Litchfield's elementary students learned this, and much more when they traveled to the Nebraska State Fair on Monday, August 25th. Their list of activities was long, including an elephant trick show, an acro-equestrian show, wolf pack performance, the aquarium, and the petting zoo. The first thing they saw was the Ele-fun show. This show featured a 7,500 pound Asian Elephant named Cindy and a 10,000 pound Asian Elephant named Jenny. Carter also informed me that they're called Asian Elephants because their ears are the shape of Asia. Brandi Slocum said her favorite part of the elephant show was when the elephant instructor put her foot in the elephant's mouth, and the elephant picked her up, upside down. Next on the list, was the acro-equestrian show. At this show, there was trick riding that included break dancing, and doing front flips on the horses while they were running. After a quick lunch in the Nebraska building, the students got back to work, watching the wolf pack show. The Sandlofer family explained the history of wolves to the students and how the alpha male and female interact with each other. The show even included a hero wolf, who had saved a young girl from drowning, to show how protective and instinctual wolves are. Walker Skrdla said his favorite part was being able to see the baby wolf named Olaf. Some of the students then traveled to the petting zoo, where Hunter Sweley claimed "I accidentally woke up a warthog!" and Brandi Slocum said "my favorite part of the petting zoo was being able to touch an ox and a kangaroo." It seems like the students learned a lot and had a great time at the fair. First and second grade teacher Mrs. Sauer has her students write daily in a journal, saying what they are grateful for. Featured to the right are the first and second graders responses about the state fair. By Carlie Smith

(Typed as written by early writers)

Lane Slocum- "I am grateful that we went to state fair! We saw the horses and the tram and the elephants. I saw 3 horses."

Walker Skrdla- "I am grateful that we went to state fair! Elephants like oreos. Elephants like sweet things."

Carter Wood- "I am grateful that we went to state fair. Newton's cradles are cool. 4-H exhibits are A."

Tyra Sekutera- "I am grateful that we went to the state fair! I am grateful we went to the 4-H exhibits! I am grateful we went to the elephants!"

Malynn Boyles- "I am grateful that we went to state fair! Horses elephants baby animals"

Ava Paitz- "I am grateful that elephants horses wolves tram aquarium edgertons science cookies and milk."

Ida Gross- "I am grateful that we went to state fair. Horses elephants wolves"

Gracie Reitz- "I am grateful that we went to state fair!"

Jimmy Fletcher- "I am grateful that we went to state fair! Tram. Horses bees"

Topanga Boyles- "I am grateful we went to state fair! Whet cookies and mil. Horses."

Caydence Feldman- "I am grateful that we went to the State Fair! Horses aquarium elephants."

Gracie Ritchie- "I am grateful that we went to State Fair! Baby animals wolves milk cows horses elephants."

## Attention Senior Parents!!

As the cold weather begins to bring you indoors its a good time to start working on the senior slideshow. Begin looking through all of the pictures that you have been taking for the last 18 years. We would like:

**10 growing up pictures starting from baby and ending with a senior picture**

If you would like a different senior picture for the yearbook send an additional senior picture.

From: Graphic Design Class

## Derik Linden Places Third at State Fair Tractor Pull



Derik Linden Wins; Photo by: Susan Linden

On August 23rd Litchfield Elementary student Derik Linden traveled to the Nebraska State Fair with his family and competed in the State Championship Kid's Pedal Pulling contest. For those of you that don't know, a pedal pulling contest used to be a large pedal toy tractor hooked to a block or skid with a pile of weight on it, and the kid who pulled the furthest wins. As of 2010, the structure of the tractors has changed to endure the pounding of young kids, but the incentive is the same- to pull the furthest. Newer pedal pull tractors consist of real bearings, heavy axles, and structural reinforcement, rather than the flimsy plastic of before. Derik was awarded third place for pedaling the full pull of 40 feet to win the boy's age 11 division. He received a trophy and a ribbon for first place. Many other kids 4-12 competed in the competition. Derik has competed in pedal tractor pulls before, and even won last year's tractor pull for his age division. Derik has qualified to compete on a national level in Mitchell, South Dakota at the end of September. Derik said "I'm excited for next year's 12 year old age division, it should be a little bit harder because its 50 pounds heavier, but I'm ready". Good luck to Derik at Nationals!

By Carlie Smith

## Carlie's Corner



Carlie Smith, Photo By: Justine Pickar

### "I Hate You So Much" Theory

Everyone has had that one person in their life. The one who's constantly putting others down, the one that brags about how great they are, or the one who gossips about everything. If no one in your past or present comes to mind, then congratulations, you've survived the inevitable. Each of these people has something in common, and despite common belief, it has nothing to do with you. Person number one- the "Negative Nancy"- It seems like this person isn't happy with anything that you or anyone else does. They're constantly down-playing your achievements and making you feel like you aren't good enough. You can't seem to figure out, why in the world did you attract a friend like this? Person number two- the "I'm so great at everything" person- They are the first one to tell you how fast they ran their mile in 2nd grade, or how many touchdowns they had their senior homecoming game. It never crosses their mind to praise anyone, except for themselves of course. Person number three- the "OMG, did you hear?" Constant gossip that you just can't seem to get away from.

No matter how hard you try to change the subject, it always falls back on something or someone that you really don't care about. This friend is always mad at you for some unknown reason, and has opinions about everyone. I know when I encounter people like these three, I'm constantly wondering why they're in my life. They do nothing but cause trouble for others and make me, and people around me, feel bad. Now, the title of this article probably confuses you a little, so here it is. The "I hate you so much" theory. These people, who you just can't stand, believe it or not, are all in your life for a reason. The Negative Nancy? They're teaching you how to see the positive things in life, and to be just a little more upbeat. The "I'm so great at everything" person? They're bragging about themselves, only because they're really insecure for some reason or another. They teach you to praise others before yourself, because you never know someone else's insecurities. The "OMG, did you hear?" Person is obsessed with talking about others because it gives them a sense of purpose, and takes attention off of the trouble going on in their own life. They show you many reasons why you should treat people with kindness, no matter how they treat others, because it truly could make their day, and their attitude just a little better. So to all of those people in my life that have put me down, bragged about yourself to me, or gossiped my ear off until I was rolling my eyes begging to get away from you, thank you. Thank you for making me a better person and teaching me important lessons in my life that otherwise, I would have never learned. Thank you for helping me become a kinder person, and most of all, thank you for helping me understand others' situations just a little bit better. The next time you encounter one of these three people, just think, they're actually improving your life in the long run, and you really should be thanking them for that. By Carlie Smith

## Question of the Month

What's your favorite part of fall?  
Mrs. Eckhout "Fall is my favorite time of the year! I like the fall colors, the weather is cooler and school is starting for another term"  
Mrs. Dobesh "The change in weather, fall leaves, and cool evenings"  
Hamilton "The pretty colors"  
Makin "Pumpkin Pie"  
Ava Patiz "Jumping in the Leaves"  
Lane Slocum "Going to Grandma's to ride bikes with Riley Casper"

By: Riley Casper

## Notice To Former Litchfield Students

Special Education records will be destroyed December 10, 2014 for former Litchfield Public School students who were born in 1992 or before and have not received Special Education services for at least five years. Former students may request their Special Education records by calling the Litchfield School at 308-446-2244 and asking for Mrs. Eckhout. Submitted by: Mrs. Eckhout

## One Act

LITCHFIELD ONE ACT is looking for someone who could donate large pieces of styrafoam (at least 6" cubes or larger or someone who could spray foam to insulate several boxes. (These items will be used as rocks that will need to be thrown.) Also, if you would be interested in helping with set work, costuming, the Soup Supper, or any other hands-on aspect (that may not have been listed) of One Act Play Production, please contact Mrs. Katheryn Sauer or Mrs. Jeralynn Moser at the school. Submitted by: Mrs. Katheryn Sauer

# ~Senior Spotlight~



Photo by: Amanda Schrock

**Full Name:** Benjamin Thomas Schrock

**Birthday:** January 23, 1997

**Nicknames:** Ben

**Hometown:** Mason City, NE

**Favorite color:** Lime green

**Favorite movie:** Forrest Gump

**Favorite actor/actress:** Tom Cruise

**Favorite kind of music:** Hip-Hop

**Favorite music artist:** John Legend

**Favorite T.V. show:** That 70's Show

**Favorite author:** None

**Favorite book/magazine:** Sports Illustrated

**Favorite place to shop:** Walmart

**Favorite animal:** Dog

**Do you have any pets:** 4 dogs, 6 cats, and 18 fish

**Favorite pastime or hobby:** Play video games

**Favorite hangout:** Jacob Ernst's house

**Favorite thing to do with friends:** Sing

**Favorite thing to do in spare time:**

Video games

**Favorite food:** Pizza

**Favorite drink:** Sprite

**Favorite school memory:** When Austin Smith and I got in a kick boxing fight in 2nd grade.

**Most prized possession:** My car

**Favorite sport:** Basketball

**Favorite subject:** Art

**Classes that you are taking this year:**

teacher aid, government, welding, study hall, weights, metal art, personal finance, and English 12

**Extracurricular activities:** None

**Favorite teacher:** Mr. Blauvelt

**What are your plans after high school:**

College, then I plan to be a pre-school teacher

**What are your lifetime goals:** Make money

**Problem that concerns you the most:**

Poor not getting proper care

**What's unique about you:** I'm tall and skinny

**If you could be anyone else who would you be:** Nobody, I like me the way I am

**Advice to underclassmen:** Finish High School



Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele

**Full Name:** Nicole Marie Wardyn

**Birthday:** July 11, 1997

**Nicknames:** Nicki, Wardn

**Hometown:** Litchfield, NE

**Favorite color:** Purple

**Favorite movie:** Wild Hogs

**Favorite actor/actress:** Molly Quinn

**Favorite kind of music:** Country

**Favorite music artist:** Luke Bryan

**Favorite T.V.show:** Castle

**Favorite author:** Nicholas Sparks

**Favorite book/magazine:** Dear John

**Favorite place to shop:** Target

**Favorite animal:** Giraffe

**Do you have any pets:** 1 dog, 2 cats, and 1 horsey

**Favorite pastime or hobby:** Going boating on the lake/tubing

**Favorite hangout:** Sherman Lake

**Favorite Thing to do with friends:**

Watch movies

**Favorite thing to do in spare time:** Ride dirt bikes with my brother

**Favorite food:** Cheesy potatoes

**Favorite drink:** Mountain Dew

**Favorite School Memory:** Snapping

a disk in study hall and it shattered everywhere

**Most prized possession:** My 2 cows

**Favorite sport:** Basketball

**Favorite subject:** Calculus

**Classes that you are taking this**

**year:** College speech, government, calculus, strength training, college English, personal finance, physics

**Extracurricular Activities:** Volleyball, basketball, track, FBLA, FFA, speech, one act, National Honor Society

**Favorite teacher:** Mr. Blauvelt

**What are your plans after high school:**

Major in veterinary science at UNL

**What are your lifetime goals:** Live the American dream and be successful

**Problem that concerns you the most:**

Food health safety

**What's unique about you:** I'm a girly girl who loves the farm life

**If you could be anyone else who would you be:** Mr. Friskopp

**Advice to underclassmen:** Enjoy high school and have fun but know when you need to be serious.

By: McKenna Unick

# SPORTS EXTRA

## Volleyball

For the first time the Spartans participated in the O'Neill Invitational. This Invitational includes larger schools than the Spartans have ever played as large as C1 and C2 schools. They played Lutheran High Northeast and beat them in two sets. They also played O'Neill high school and defeated them in two sets. After that they made it into the championship round. They played Grand Island Central Catholic in the championship round and defeated them in two sets, first set was 25-23, and the second set was 25-22.

On September 4, 2014 the Ansley-Litchfield volleyball team played Anselmo-Merna and Twin Loup. Shawna Patiz started the game off right against the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes, serving a 9 straight serves in a row. According to Coach Hoblyn the Lady Spartans needs to talk more, and to cover the court more effecting. The Lady Spartans won against the Lady Coyotes and the Lady Wolves. The Lady Spartans beat the Coyote in two sets with the scores of 25-9 and 25-16. Twin Loup Wolves in two sets with the scores of 25-10, and 25-16. According to Coach Hoblyn what the team need to do better is shaping up their skills. On September 9, 2014 we had played the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes and the Pleasanton Bulldogs. The Spartan ladies beat Anselmo-Merna 25-10 and 25-13 and Pleasanton 25-6 and 25-14 On September 13, 2014 the Lady Spartans won the Seven Valleys Tournaments in Callaway. They dominated the tournament beating Brady 25-15 and 25-15, Twin Loup 25-15 and 25-14, and the Sandhills/Thedford in the finals with the scores of 25-15 and 25-19. Hopefully the girls can keep the winning streak going as the season continues. By: Riley Casper



Nicloe Wardyn, Shawna Patiz, and Lindsay Siegel waiting for the serve. Photo by: Riley Casper



Shawna Patiz and Kayla Reynolds up for a block. Photo by: Riley Casper

## Football

Winning never felt so good. The Ansley-Litchfield football team beat their long losing streak with a win on homecoming against the Shelton Bulldogs. We won the game with a 28-22 score. With the total of 54 plays the Spartan were quite successful converting 10 first downs. Ben Schrock stood out on the special teams with a total of 102 yards on kick returns. The first game of the year was not as successful, but provided a great learning experience. The Spartans lost to Sandhills/Thedford with a score of 27-12. According to Coach Smith some improvements the football team could make are learning plays and working together on offense and defense, and working on the fundamentals. With the first win on Friday September 12, hopefully the Spartan football team can keep on the winning drive. By: Riley Casper



Halston Smith carries the ball down field. Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele



Ansley Litchfield Spartans vs. Axtell Wildcats Photo by: LaShaun Scheuffele