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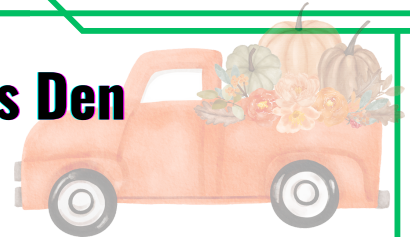
November 2023 Issue

SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 11-1 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis
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- 11-6 Wilcox-Hildreth Festival for One Act
- 11-6 FFA Meeting at 7:00pm
- 11-7 High School Art Trip to Hastings and Minden
- 11-7 Negotiations Meeting at 7:00am
- 11-7 Building, Grounds & Transportation Mtg
- 11-7 Grades 5-6 Boys BBall Practice at 7:00pm
- 11-9 Cozad Festival for One Act
- 11-9 Grades 5-6 Boys BBall Practice at 7:00pm
- 11-10 Veteran's Day Breakfast & Program at 7:00am
- 11-13 Holdrege Festival for One Act
- 11-13 Start of Winter Practice
- 11-13 Winter Sports Parent's Meeting at 7:00pm
- 11-13 School Board Meeting at 7:30pm
- 11-14 FKC Choral Clinic at Elm Creek
- 11-14 Staff Meeting at 7:45am
- 11-14 JH Wrestling in Alma at 2:00pm
- 11-14 Grades 5-6 Boys BBall Practice at 7:00pm
- 11-15 Nutrition Program by Casey Krolikowski at 1:00pm
- 11-16 FFA District Career Development Event #1
- 11-16 Grades 5-6 Boys BBall Practice at 7:00pm
- 11-17 JH Wrestling in Curtis at 12:00pm
- 11-17 One Act Dessert Show at 7:00pm
- 11-20 FKC One Act
- 11-20 Basketball Jamboree in So. Valley at 5:00pm
- 11-21 JH Wrestling in Cambridge at 1:00pm
- 11-22 School Dismisses at 1:50
- 11-22 One Act School Performance during 8th Period
- 11-23 No School - Thanksgiving Break 
- 11-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break 
- 11-27 No School - Teacher Workday
- 11-27 District One Act
- 11-28 JH Wrestling in So. Valley at 1:00pm
- 11-30 Wrestling vs Centura/Gibbon at 5:00pm in Loomis

Straight from the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn



November is the month to be thankful! Let me start by saying I am blessed to have such caring professionals and support staff for our Loomis Students. I'm thankful we live in South-Central Nebraska, where morals, responsibilities and common sense are attributes of our students. I am thankful for the countless hours our Board of Education spends making Loomis Schools a wonderful experience for our staff and students. On a personal note, I'm thankful my family allows me to do what I love to do in education. I hope EVERYONE finds some ways to have a "Thankful" November.

Congratulations to our Fall Sports & Activities teams and Coaches. Your commitment to our school has paid off with the success you garnered throughout the seasons. Good luck to the Winter Sports & Activities. Remember to work hard and represent yourself, your family and our school in a positive light.

It's already the middle of November and we have not had to alter or cancel school yet this year. The weather has been very cooperative so far. But as you know, all good things must come to an end. As we face the winter months please be reminded that I will call school off as soon as I believe it becomes a threat to the transportation of our student body and staff. School related weather closing will be made available on local outlets (Radio & TV) and our social media sites, as well as the One-Call system. There may be a time when we may call for a 10:00 start, but with forecasts and conditions changing, it may be changed to a cancellation of school. Weather conditions may also call for an early dismissal after considering all factors for safety. Parents are welcome to pick up their children rather than have them ride the bus or walk home. Any time school is canceled due to weather, the school is off limits for use of any kind. Weather conditions may also call for an early dismissal after considering all factors for safety.

BE THANKFUL

BE GRATEFUL

BE BLESSED



The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Nate Weaver

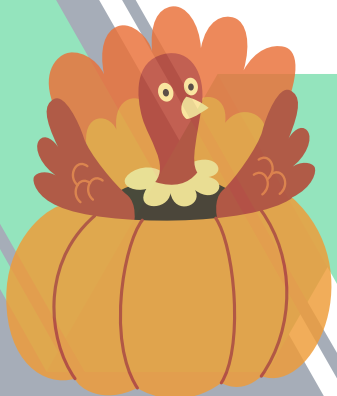
Hello Wolves,

It's that time of year..... yep, the cold and flu season seems to be here sooner than it should be. Please make sure to keep your students at home and fever free for 24 hours. Please ensure that they are getting the rest and nutrition to ensure that we are keeping the school away from sickness as much as possible. These are times that it is difficult to fill areas of need with a short list of substitute teachers and paras. Maintaining good health is important in any school daily! Healthy diets, warm coats and sleep are the best things to ward off the sickness.

It seems to be a mad dash to Christmas after Thanksgiving. We will be testing kids for Fastbridge the last week in November. Fastbridge is a program that is set up for each individual student. It tests for strengths and weaknesses, and then provides interventions for the students that need a little extra help. The students are able to work and become stronger in the areas of focus. This program also has a social/emotional piece that is valuable to us. MAP testing will take place in December. This is all before we go on break on December 19th. Finals will be taken on 18th and 19th. We will have incentives for the students that improve or stay the same in MAPS testing also on the 18th and 19th.

I'm sure many of you have heard that LPS is looking to start a new booster club. While details are in the making, we want to get as many people signed up as possible. Sign up and recruitment will be happening at our home wrestling meet on November 30th and at our home basketball game on December 9th against Bertrand. Our hopes is to make this a large supportive organization for our students. The funds will benefit all of the organizations within the school. Once we have the initial group, a meeting will be organized and we will have the group discuss the details. Please consider being a booster club member. Anyone can be on the booster club. We are asking a \$25 dollar fee to be a voting member. If there are questions, please call the school and ask for David Squires, Mr. Dunn or myself.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season and best of luck to the participants in the Winter activities. Go Wolves!



Welcome to the Counselor's Corner

Dana Meyer

As we find ourselves immersed in the winter season I am discovering that the hustle and bustle never seems to slow down and before we realize it we will be on to a new year. To finish out 2023 I have a few upcoming events that I would like to inform you of. To begin with the National Honor Society Food Drive began Dec. 1st and will end Dec. 15th. The goal for this year is to collect a total of 910 items received by the Pre-K-12 grades that will be contributed to the Loomis Toys for Tots program and are distributed to families in the Loomis community. We thank you in advance for your generous support of this project.

The National Honor Society will also be selling candy canes to students during the first two weeks of December. The candy canes can be purchased in the morning before school in the old gym and they can include a note that will be attached to the candy cane to give to a friend. The National Honor Society students will deliver the candy canes to all of the students before school gets out for Christmas break.

With the winter months underway, students are encouraged to utilize the resources available to them for academic success. Don't hesitate to reach out for assistance with class work, college applications/scholarships, or any other academic concerns.



Happy
Thanksgiving



LOOMIS VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Carrie Trompke

The 2023 Loomis Lady Wolves Volleyball Season was one for the record books! The Varsity put together an impressive 18-13 season – only 4 times in Loomis volleyball history has the team finished with that many wins in a season! And on top of that, they broke 5 School Records!! Though our season didn't go as far into Post Season as we had liked, we are still very proud of all of our accomplishments. The future of Loomis Volleyball is BRIGHT!!

THANK YOU SENIORS!! Our Seniors were great leaders this year. We are going to miss their drive, determination, positive attitudes and work ethic next year! We can't thank them all enough for their contributions to our program through their Loomis Volleyball Careers! (Picture L-R: Lexie King-Sweeney, Grace Kimball, Chloe Anderson, Brooklyn Wiese, Carly Stewart, Elri Heymans)



Lady Wolves are all smiles after their big 3-1 win over the Axtell Wildcats during the first round of Sub-Districts. Front Row: Sophia Schemper, Addison Perry, Brooklyn Wiese, Sydney Harris, Autumn Holt, Brittney Shultz, Coach Vrbka. Back Row: Coach Gilg, Coach Trompke, Chloe Anderson, Carly Stewart, Jorjanna High, Zeigh Booe, Abby Beisner, Kinsey Lauby, Clydie Kegley, Natalie Kegley.

2023 VARSITY STAT LEADERS

KILLS

Team - 797
Autumn Holt - 182
Jorjanna High - 182
Zeigh Booe - 164
Carly Stewart - 121
Sophia Schemper - 104

DIGS

Team - 1368
Sydney Harris - 295
Jorjanna High - 254
Zeigh Booe - 235
Carly Stewart - 227
Brooklyn Wiese - 202

ACES

Team - 219
Brooklyn Wiese - 53
Jorjanna High - 50
Carly Stewart - 34
Autumn Holt - 30
Zeigh Booe - 26

ASSISTS

Team - 740
Brooklyn Wiese - 668
Carly Stewart - 27
Zeigh Booe - 14

BLOCKS

Team - 81
Autumn Holt - 30
Sophia Schemper - 22
Brooklyn Wiese - 12
Zeigh Booe - 10

SERVE %

Team - 89%
Chloe Anderson - 95%
Sydney Harris - 94%
Jorjanna High - 94%
Brooklyn Wiese - 93%

FKC ALL CONFERENCE

BROOKLYN WIESE
2nd Team
ZEIGH BOOE
3rd Team

SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN

TEAM RECORDS:

Assists in a Season = 740

Previously 609 held by 2018 Team

Kills in a Season = 797

Previously 715 held by 2021 Team

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:

Assists in a Match: Brooklyn Wiese = 43

Previously 40 held McKayla Meyer

Assists in a Season Brooklyn Wiese = 668

Previously 561 held by Sydnee Bartruff

Assists in a Career: Brooklyn Wiese = 1469

Previously 1399 held by Sydnee Bartruff





BerMis FFA

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

November 15, 2023

District CDE #1 Results

Agriscience

Purple Ribbons

- Kendra Portek - 1st
- Sophia Schemper - 3rd
- Natalie Kegley - 9th

White Ribbons

- Isaac Hernandez
- Livia Phillips
- Chris Hock

3rd Overall Team

- Kendra Portek
- Sophia Schemper
- Natalie Kegley
- Isaac Hernandez

State Qualifier

Natural Resources

Purple Ribbons

- Gracianne Wilcox - 4th

Blue Ribbon

- Logan Schutz

Red Ribbons

- Shelby Schoene
- Bethany Pelton
- August Nelson

White Ribbons

- Kash Schoff
- Allyson Schoff
- Garrett Scholz

4th Overall Team

- Gracianne Wilcox
- Logan Schutz
- Shelby Schoene
- Bethany Pelton

State Qualifier

Jr. Livestock Judging

Purple Ribbons

- Addison Andersen - 4th
- August Nelson - 7th

Blue Ribbons

- Sophia Schemper
- Rhett Brown
- Kendra Portek
- Natalie Kegley

Red Ribbons

- Shelby Schoene

White Ribbons

- Livia Phillips
- Brayden Evans

3rd Overall Team

State Qualifier

Sr. Livestock Judging

Purple Ribbon

- Dylan Wendell - 4th

Blue Ribbon

- Garrett Scholz - 11th

Red Ribbons

- Allyson Schoff
- Marie Ford

3rd Overall Team

State Qualifier

Calendar of Events:

- 12/4 - Deliver of Fruits Sales Items
 - Students can start picking up items then!
- 12/9 - Bertrand vs Loomis BB Game
 - Signup Genius is posted!
- 12/11 - FFA Meeting @ Bertrand
 - Loomis Bus leaves at 6:30 pm,
 - Supper is served
 - Caroling at the Bertrand Nursing Home
- 12/12 - LDE #1
 - Bus leaves Loomis @ 7:30 am

Thank You

FOR SUPPORTING OUR
FFA FOOD SALES



Meet your Officer Team:

- President: Bethany Pelton
- Vice Presidents: Chloe Anderson & Gracianne Wilcox
- Secretary: Carly Stewart
- Historian: Allyson Schoff
- Treasurer: Garrett Scholz
- Reporter: Logan Schutz
- Parliamentarian: Sydney Harris
- Sentinel: Kash Schoff



CDE #1 PARTICIPANTS

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Communications:

- Monthly/weekly newsletters sent out on Sports You and Facebook.
- Sports You code:
 - UQQ3WBH6
 - Please join!
- All FFA events are on the school's calendars!
- Signup Genius links will be sent out when we need help with events.

Official Dress:

- FFA Jacket w/ FFA Tie/Scarf
- White button-up long-sleeve collared shirt
- Black dress pants (not leggings or jeans)
- Black shoes (all black)
 - Boots are allowed

The MQP team (Lane Schoff, Leah Schutz, Marie Ford, Sydney Harris, & alt. Logan Schutz) had the opportunity to attend and compete at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo. After arriving at their hotel, the team had a study session on October 31. On November 1, the team got to explore the NCAA Hall of Champions where they got to learn some sports history and play some interactive games. Then they headed over to the Career and College Expo to explore possible career paths and potential future colleges.

In addition to exploring the Expo, they attended the opening session. Here, they listened to the National FFA Band and Choir, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, and keynote speaker Juan Bendaña. They had one last study session before heading to the competition the next morning. The first section of the competition was the practicums where the team had to identify cheeses, milk products, and milk defects, perform a CMT, and take a written test. After eating lunch, they had to finish the competition with their team portion. After the hard day of competition, the team headed back to the hotel.

On November 3, the team attended the awards ceremony. The team placed in the bronze category, along with each member receiving a bronze medal. The MQP team got the experience of a lifetime and got to attend a pro basketball game. They watched the Indiana Pacers play the Cleveland Cavaliers before returning to their hotel room to get packed up for the long trip home.



Lady Wolves Basketball

Derek Billeter and Allison Perry

The lady wolves basketball team have been hard at it since volleyball season came to an end. The girls had a week of conditioning and then started practice on November 13th. The team traveled to Southern Valley for a jamboree on November 20th. Team members of the 2023-2024 basketball team are as follows:

Seniors

Carly Stewart
Brooklyn Wiese

Juniors

Zeigh Booe
Jorjanna High

Sophomores

Abby Beisner
Leilani Catlett
Clydie Kegley
Kinsey Lauby
Addison Perry

Freshman

Elliana Isaacson
Natalie Kegley
Sophia Schemper

Managers

Jillian Ludeke
Rihanna Saint-Albord
Sawyer Waltemath
Addisyn Norris
Kaitalyn Vrbka
Sydney Witt



Loomis One-Act

Malaika Hanika



The Loomis One-Act season has been going amazing and I can't believe it is almost over! The team is performing a One-Act play titled *The Hammers* by Christy Fredrickson. Cast & crew members have participated in a number of festivals already, including Wilcox-Hildreth, Cozad, Holdrege, and FKC. The students have been working very hard to prepare and it is always exciting to see their improvement with each performance! This is my first year of being the head coach of One-Act and I am having so much fun. There is a lot to prepare for, but with the students I have, the effort they bring, and an incredible assistant coach that has encouraged me, I'm having the time of my life!

In the Holdrege Festival, Jasmine Ellsworth was awarded the Best Performer in a Supporting Female Role! Our team also placed 4th out of 8 schools. In the FKC Competition, our cast received Runner-Up! Unfortunately, our season came to an end after Districts. Our kids have worked so hard and I am so proud of them and their hard work this year. Can't wait to see what next year brings!

"Outstanding Performer" Awards This Year:

- Chloe Anderson
- Ashlea Booe
- Jasmine Ellsworth
- Marni Terrell
- Clydie Kegley
- Addison Perry
- Grady Reynolds
- Evelyn Erickson
- Alexander Monnig
- Leighton Weaver



Board Meeting Notes



**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250**

Monday, November 13, 2023 7:30 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 11-6-2023

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 11-1-2023

Kelly Anderson: Present, Allan Meyer: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open at 7:30 pm and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. Welcome Guests - Cheryl Orcutt, David Squiers

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster, fund balances.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund - Receipts \$254,002.60, expenses \$333,028.88, balance \$1,105,804.57

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$103.80, expenses \$0, balance \$1,077,963.81

Bond: Receipts \$8,655.34, expenses \$232,737.50, balance \$157,711.88

4.4.3. Activities Fund - Receipts \$18,934.81, expenses \$13,162.19, balance \$145,321.68

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund - Receipts \$22,459.34, expenses \$29,407.33, balance \$90,524.28

4.4.5. Building Fund - Balance \$92,941.00

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Meeting Nov. 9th with Principal Financial

Meeting Nov. 14

6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. Recap Veterans Day Recognition Program on 11/10

6.3. Policy

6.3.1. Next Meeting 4/4

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. Update;

1) School Vehicle, 2) Electrical Work in the Shop over Christmas Break- Lights and Plug Ins, 3) FB/Track repairs- Restrooms, Fencing, Lights, 4) FEMA Grant Resolution , 5) Armor Coating

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Next Meeting scheduled for 1/23 may be moved to 1/22

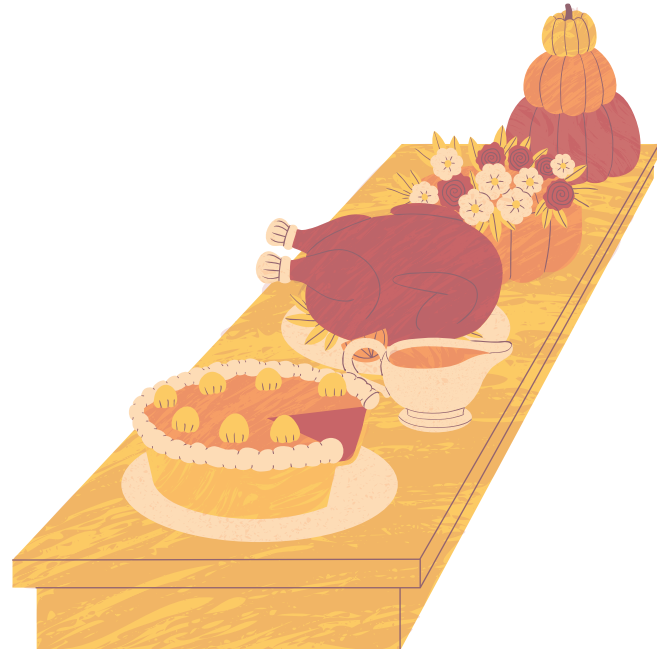
7. Administrative Reports

Mr. Squiers gave an activities director report. Reported on the number of students participating in fall sports. He is wanting to have a sign up for a Booster Club soon to get it started as soon as possible. Had a good attendance at parent's meetings for winter sports tonight.

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Principal Notes;

1) PD/MTSS Day Nov. 27th, 2) Student Health, 3) MAPS Testing in December, 4) Christmas Plans-Schedule, 5) Bus Update



7.2. Superintendent

Called Marcy Luth with AMG&L, the school auditor, to review the 2022-2023 audit. The audit went very well this year.

7.2.1. Superintendent Notes;

1) Fritz Christmas Gift Cards, 2) State School Board, 3) Loomis 1-Act, 4) Turkey Days 11/19, 5) Winter Concert 12/7, 6) Board Meeting Time Change 7:00 for December, January, February

8. Public Forum

9. Recess - None taken

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution #150 FEMA Grant

Motion to approve Resolution #150 FEMA Grant Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Duane Schoff.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.2. Discuss and Take appropriate action on Staff Christmas Gift Card

Motion to approve staff Christmas Gift Card to \$25 Fritz's Meats for all staff. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

11. Closed Session

12. Next Meeting Date - The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

12.1. Dec. 11 @ 7:00

13. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairperson

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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.