

# Leyton Warrior Newsletter

Leyton Public Schools, Dalton, NE-308-377-2301, Gurley, NE-308-884-2247

December, 2018



**Left & Below:**

Leyton FFA's newest Greenhand Members awarded on November 6<sup>th</sup>. K-8 Cub and Boy Scouts retire flags for Veteran's Day. While in Grand Island November 3<sup>rd</sup>, LAUNCH executive team members DJ George, Ethan Young, Dawson Wiggins & Aly Holt shared their progress on Leyton's sign-making business. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and Mr. Oakes fired up the student body. Mr. Tim Melton and Mr. Pat Ernest Jr. retired the colors at the Veteran's Day oprogram November 12<sup>th</sup>. Leyton Wrestling coach Kevin Tretter introduced the Jr. High wrestlers at a pep rally November 20<sup>th</sup>: Peyton Abbott, Holden Syverson, Kaleb Borges & Trenton Rushman, NP-Gabriel Tretter. Leyton Seniors Josh Kruse, Dani Higgins, D.J. George & Mariah Draper shared their Boy's and Girl's State memories at the Veteran's Day assembly.





LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
November 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before November 5, 2018. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

- 1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
  - 1.1 ROLL CALL
    - 1.1.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Cary Linton (arrived at 7:15 P.M.), Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Absent: Kevin Henke.
    - 1.1.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Lance Howitt and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.
  - 1.2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    - 1.2.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.
  
- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
None
  
- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD  
None
  
- 4 REPORTS
  - 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
    - 4.1.1 Mr. Howitt presented the STUCO report. Homecoming changes were well received and they would like to add one new event each year going forward.
  - 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
    - 4.2.1 The Building and Grounds Committee met with Ryan Stern on November 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss design options for the new track.
    - 4.2.2 The Transportation Committee met on October 25<sup>th</sup> and recommended to fix the 2008 bus. A new route bus to Sidney was added on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They are currently looking at more efficient ways of transporting the District's students.
    - 4.2.3 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Powell to enter executive session to discuss negotiations at 6:39 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.
    - 4.2.4 Motion by Rushman, seconded by Cruise to return to general session at 7:01 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.
  - 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
    - 4.3.1 Student Kelcie Van Anne, FFA Representative, and Mr. Tracy Cooper, FFA Advisor, presented to the Board their experiences at P2C and LAUNCH Leadership conferences. They also reported on plans for the chapter to attend the Denver Stock

Show on January 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. FFA will pick up all costs of the trip excluding the bus driver, fuel, and bus expenses.

#### 4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

4.4.1 Mrs. Morgan reported that the elementary/junior high had 89% of parents in attendance for parent/teacher conferences on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Allie Peters, had her students lead conferences with their parents and went over their data folders, MAP test scores, and goals for testing and classroom improvement. The book fair ran from October 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and earned \$850 in free books for the libraries. Mrs. Morgan has completed eight formal teacher observations/evaluations and had lunch with the October good citizens.

#### 4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

4.5.1 Mr. Howitt reported that parent attendance at the high school for parent/teacher conferences was down to 46.3%. He would like to see that higher with a goal of 65%. A lockdown drill with law enforcement evacuation pointed out areas of improvement such as communication throughout the building, keys for necessary personnel, and creating "Safe Spots" for students caught outside of the classroom. He also attended the November 7<sup>th</sup> NSAA District #6 Meeting and stated that they are looking at a 90 day ineligibility for activities for option students returning to their home district beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

#### 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### 4.6.1 Meetings/Travel

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary attended the Western Nebraska Administrator's meeting in Bridgeport and the ESU Superintendent's meeting held in conjunction with the NRCSA meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. He was invited to the Gurley Lions Club meeting and is pursuing membership. He also met with the auditors for the annual MD&A report in Sidney. Mr. Geary has met with his mentor to discuss planning for the upcoming school year and will be attending the NASB Education Conference next week.

##### 4.6.2 Construction Updates

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that both the new Suburban and Impala are here and registered. Preliminary design options for the track were discussed with Ryan Sterns at the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Mr. Sterns will also provide a rough estimate for a science room remodel. Mr. Geary also stated that the handicap access to the restrooms has been completed, with the flooring to be done soon. The wall for the DL room will be completed as soon as is practical.

##### 4.6.3 Action Items

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary recommended that the Board revise Policy #4057, which would solve the issue on the timing of the Superintendent's evaluation. He stated that our attorney strongly suggests revising our current FOB policy and that the new FOB entry would cost approximately \$1800. Patrons wishing to use the gym, rather than the weight room, would need to complete a facility use form. Mr. Geary announced that we are hosting the MAC Conference Quiz Bowl this year and that Mrs. Shafer and Mr. Hutton have been selected as the HS Quiz Bowl sponsors.

##### 4.6.4 Other Items

4.6.4.1 The Sidney bus route is up and running with nine students from seven families utilizing this service. Mr. Geary shared an article with the Board

called "The Strategic School" to give some insight to his thinking for School Improvement. He also shared MAP and ACT data and stated that while there are bright spots on both reports, there is plenty of room to grow.

5 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting and Board Workshop, and the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting and Board Workshop and to approve all reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6 REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 EXCUSING a BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Powell to excuse Kevin Henke from tonight's meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton, Benish, Rushman and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Linton to recognize Mark Carley and the junior high students for helping unload and move books for the book fair, to the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department for doing an assembly on fire safety, to the Gurley Volunteer Fire Department for giving kindergarten through third grade students a ride on their fire trucks, to Kendra Lauruhn for providing dental screening services, to Jessica Pelster for sharing her classroom with the staff for MAP training, to Linda Morgan and Laura Rowan for working at the book fair during parent/teacher conferences, to Beth Kokjer for inviting kindergarten through eighth grade students and staff to Fannie's Fruit Farm free of charge on the morning of Halloween, to the following students for being named October good citizens by their classroom teachers: (Kindergarten-Adyleigh Rushman, 1<sup>st</sup> grade-Avery Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Trayven Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Max Wiggins, 4<sup>th</sup> grade-Madison Frerichs, 5<sup>th</sup> grade-Faith Lee, 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Jaiden Schilreff, 7<sup>th</sup> grade-Claire Watchorn and 8<sup>th</sup> grade-Gabe Tretter), to the High School Volleyball team and coaches for earning MAC Tournament Champions and to Touchdown Club Calves for their donation to the school lunch beef program. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.3 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Linton to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.4 APPROVAL OF POLICY #4057, SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve Board Policy #4057 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.5 APPROVAL OF LANCE HOWITT'S RESIGNATION

Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to approve the resignation of Lance Howiit as HS principal/AD and to thank him for his service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Powell, Linton, Benish, Rushman and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.6 APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO 2008 INTERNATIONAL BUS

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Board Workshop  
October 22, 2018 - 5:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the Elementary Science Room in Gurley. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before October 12, 2018. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Board President Jed Benish called the workshop to order at 5:30 P.M. and stated that the meeting would be conducted under Open Meetings law.
  - 1.1. ROLL CALL
    - 1.1.1. The following Board of Education members were present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Absent: None.
    - 1.1.2. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: HS Principal Lance Howitt.
  - 1.2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    - 1.2.1. Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
2. RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING TRACK RENOVATIONS
  - 2.1. Superintendent Geary presented to those in attendance why the Board was looking into building a new track. He discussed the challenges we face as a District such as declining enrollment, improving our facilities and improving our academics. He reported on expenditures that the District has paid in the last year to improve our curriculum, equipment, and facilities. Finally, he discussed the District's finances including where the money would come from to build a new track facility.
  - 2.2. A preliminary sketch of the track was shown and noted that this would be an 8 lane track that could host district track meets. The estimated initial cost would be \$990,000.00.
  - 2.3. Public Comments were heard from Anne Rexroth, Tracy Cooper, Earl Reilly, Galen Bartling, Jill Bartling, Jennifer Eckhardt, Katie Rieken, Krystal Borges, Ryan Borges, Jean Handley, Renee Peters, Chris Morgan, Randy Twarling, Matt Haley, Kelly Relmers, Alison Haley, Janella Kruse, Amy Henke, David Dye, Janis Feinstein, Destinee Henke, and Buffy Dye.
3. MEETING ADJOURNED
  - 3.1. Motion by Linton, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the workshop at 6:57 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

  
Jennifer Powell, Board Secretary

  
Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
October 22, 2018 - 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Elementary Science Room in Gurley. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before October 12, 2018. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Board President Jed Benish called the special meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and stated that the meeting would be conducted under Open Meetings law.
  - 1.1. ROLL CALL
    - 1.1.1. The following Board of Education members were present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Absent: None.
    - 1.1.2. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: HS Principal Lance Howitt.
  - 1.2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    - 1.2.1. Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
2. REGULAR AGENDA
  - 2.1. Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise, to approve the FFA overnight stay in Grand Island on November 2, 2018. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
  - 2.2. Motion by Benish, seconded by Linton, to approve drafting of a design contract with JR Hewgley and Associates, for the design of an all-weather track. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Henke. VOTING NO – Rushman. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.
3. MEETING ADJOURNED
  - 3.1. Motion by Rushman, seconded by Powell to adjourn the special meeting at 7:33 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

  
Jennifer Powell, Board Secretary

  
Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Motion by Benish, seconded by Powell to approve repairs to the 2008 International bus.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.7 APPROVAL OF FOB ENTRANCE FOR WEIGHT ROOM

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Linton to approve an additional FOB entrance on the main East hallway for the weight room and installation of a hallway gate to secure the building and still allow community use of the weight room facility. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.8 APPROVAL OF HS QUIZ BOWL SPONSORS

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Powell to approve Mrs. Tambra Shafer and Mr. Jason Hutton as HS Quiz Bowl Sponsors. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

7 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7.1 Next Regular Board meeting: December 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
- 7.2 Negotiations Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 3:30 P.M in Gurley
- 7.3 Building & Grounds Meeting: November 26, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in Gurley

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

8.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:37 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Jennifer Powell, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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21st Century	\$ 122.74	Great American	\$ 934.00	Quill	\$ 69.99
Jill Bartling	\$ 108.98	Gurley Body Shop	\$ 25.00	Rauner & Associates	\$ 9,458.35
Big V's	\$ 20.00	Gurley Diesel	\$ 3,060.52	Really Good Stuff	\$ 69.27
Black Hills Energy	\$ 2,099.89	Wendy Hansen	\$ 228.14	Regional Care	\$ 55.00
Ashley Boman	\$ 428.70	Amy Henke	\$ 134.07	Eric Reimers	\$ 120.00
Krystal Borges	\$ 63.22	Jodi Holthus	\$ 421.96	Scholastic	\$ 496.10
Leo Bowen	\$ 1,739.64	Homestead Market	\$ 47.17	Christy Schumacher	\$ 227.81
Heather Bowen	\$ 648.55	Lance Howitt	\$ 37.63	Scottsbluff Screenprinting	\$ 70.00
Brown & Saenger	\$ 20.12	Ideal Linen Supply	\$ 2,182.81	Tambra Shafer	\$ 62.13
Cardmember Services	\$ 2,163.26	JW Pepper	\$ 318.38	Sidney Floral	\$ 35.00
Chadron State College	\$ 25.00	KSB School Law	\$ 313.50	Sidney Regional	\$ 1,531.37
Computer Connection	\$ 624.36	Rachel Lee	\$ 143.88	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	\$ 284.23
Jodi Craig	\$ 480.69	MARC	\$ 415.65	Travis Sparks	\$ 4,666.32
Crossroads Music	\$ 49.70	Marick's	\$ 110.00	Staples	\$ 54.95
Dalton Telephone	\$ 624.62	Dana Morgan	\$ 252.72	Village of Dalton	\$ 723.49
Decker Equipment	\$ 51.63	Linda Morgan	\$ 78.48	Village of Gurley	\$ 687.13
DP Electronics	\$ 50.00	NE DOL	\$ 30.00	Kayla Wells	\$ 58.86
ESU 13	\$ 13,750.60	Nebraska FFA	\$ 30.00	Western NE Adminstrators	\$ 100.00
Finneys	\$ 320.53	NIBC	\$ 85.00	Weyerts Electric	\$ 905.38
Flinn Scientific	\$ 46.75	Shawn Oakes	\$ 150.42	Wheatbelt	\$ 5,580.68
Frenchmen Valley	\$ 2,260.95	One Source	\$ 95.00	Woodwind & Brasswind	\$ 164.97
Cody Gamble	\$ 104.64	Outlaws	\$ 335.80	WPCI	\$ 134.00
Chris Geary	\$ 556.01	Protex Central	\$ 478.00		
Column Total	\$ 26,360.58	Column Total	\$ 9,908.13	Column Total	\$ 25,555.03
				Monthly Total	\$ 61,823.74



December 2018

A Message from the Superintendent:

Merry Christmas! Snows have begun and harvest is winding down. I hope you have a restful December and wonderful holiday season surrounded by your friends and family. Winter sports seasons are upon us. In addition to our students' academic responsibilities, wrestling, basketball, and one act play are providing learning opportunities outside the classroom. It's a great time to #BeAWarrior.

Some of you may be wondering about that "#BeAWarrior" thing. #BeAWarrior is a reference to Twitter, the social media platform I use to promote our school. Twitter is my choice for two reasons. First, it offers me significant opportunities for my own professional development. I believe it is important to model lifelong learning. As such, I read a host of educational and administrative articles on Twitter. It challenges me and provides time for reflection on how I can be a better superintendent. Second, I enjoy how easy it is to use. I value celebrating the success of our district. I can post a picture with a quick comment that lets the world know that we are doing great things here. I can also post a short video (but I haven't figured that out yet...I'm still learning!) If you're interested, you can "follow" me on Twitter with the username @chrisgeary84562 and look for our successes using the "hashtag" #BeAWarrior!

Last month, I asked for landscaping help and some of you have contacted the school offering to help. Thanks! We could still use more landscaping volunteers. Another opportunity for you to be involved is continuous school improvement. Each year we work together to identify how to make our school a better educational institution. We need three more community members to serve on this committee which meets twice per year during non-visit years. Each five years our school hosts a team of educators who come to our school for an accreditation visit. These people examine our district and make a recommendation to AdvancED, our accreditation agency. The process is involved and takes a lot of work. There are more meetings during the year of the visit – 2022 for us! Would you consider serving on this team? Please call Janella or Liz to volunteer. We'll be making some recommendations about the future of our school and we'd like your voice to be heard. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Chris Geary, Superintendent



## A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Hello Leyton Families! Hopefully everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. We have several events coming up for our elementary and junior high students in December. On December 4, our junior high will join the high school for their concert at 7:00 PM. December 18, PAC will set up the Christmas store in the library for student preview. On December 19, students will shop and the make-up shopping will be held on December 20. Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will have their holiday concert on December 20, at 7:00 PM. Please come out and enjoy some fabulous music performed by our students under the direction of Mr. Oakes.

Our selected November citizens' of the month are pictured below. Please congratulate our good citizens when you see them out and about in our community! These students will be treated to lunch with the principal on Friday, December 7. Congratulations to all of our winners: kindergarten: Maycee Smith, first grade: Mason Lux, second grade: Cooper Benish, third grade: Aubri Borges, fourth grade: Claire Eckhardt, fifth grade: Carlyn Thomas, sixth grade: Shawnee Gamble, seventh grade: Trenton Rushman, and eighth grade: Levi Weyerts. Congratulation students! Job well done!



Left to right: Cooper, Carlyn, Aubri, Claire, Mayce, Mason, Trenton, Levi, and Shawnee  
Respectfully, Dana Morgan ☺ K-8 Principal

*Dana Morgan*

# Leyton Public Schools

## Home of the Warriors

Leyton High School  
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P.O. Box 297  
Dalton, Nebraska 69131  
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Superintendent  
308-377-2301  
Fax: 308-377-2304

Leyton Elem-Junior High School  
521 Rose St.  
P.O. Box 178  
Gurley, Nebraska 69141  
308-884-2247

Thursday, 15 November 2018

Dear Leyton School District Patron:

At their November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Leyton Board of Education approved a project that will change the way district patrons enter the high school with their FOBs.

When the project is completed, patrons wishing to use the weight room will enter through the east doors by the weight room. A gate will be installed across the hallway adjacent to the weight room limiting patron access to the weight room only. Hallway walkers are welcome to use the treadmill and elliptical machines in the weight room.

Any individuals or groups wanting to use either the Dalton or Gurley gym must complete a facilities use form available in both school offices. A schedule of dates and times requesting access to the gyms must accompany the completed facilities use form. All Gurley FOBs with weight room access hours will be shut off at the completion of this project. This project is being undertaken at the recommendation of our school attorney and is done with the safety and security of the Leyton community as our #1 priority.

Please contact either Mr. Geary or Mr. Howitt if you have any questions concerning the planned weight room renovation project.

Respectfully,



Lance J. Howitt

9-12 Principal

High School Athletic Director

*You're on the road of life, and education is your fuel; the more you have, the farther you will go.  
An equal opportunity employer*

# CHECK IN ON OUR CHAPTER

2018 **DECEMBER ISSUE**

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

**DOMINICK RUSS**

The December Member of the Month is Sophomore, Dominick Russ. He was chosen by his chapter for his dedication at recent local and state FFA competitions. In September, Dominick participated in the local Area Range Judging competition. Here, he assisted the team of himself along with Brenton Abbott, Betsy Hansen, and Erin Daniels in qualifying for state. The team traveled to Imperial, Nebraska where they successfully placed in

the upper-half of all competitors. In October, Dominick was an active participant in the local Area Land Judging meet. At this meet, he received a red ribbon and was part of the state qualifying team of himself, Zac Henke, Dawson Wiggins, and Sage Rummel. In Wahoo, Nebraska, the land judging team competed at the state level and Dominick was awarded with a white ribbon. Congratulations on your accomplishments!



## COMING UP:

**State Chorus Audition Due:**  
December 1

**BBQ/ Member Auction:**  
December 3

## FUN FACTS ABOUT FFA:

- Over 50,000 FFA jackets are manufactured every year
- Approximately 20% of FFA members live in small towns
- The National FFA Organization originated in Kansas City

## Become Our Friend:



**Leyton FFA Chapter**



**Leyton\_FFA**

**Author: Destinee Henke,  
Leyton FFA Chapter  
Reporter**

Fellow Community Members,

Some of you may not know what FFA is and how it benefits our school and students. FFA provides many opportunities for students. There are numerous competitions in which we can participate. All of these competitions provide new and beneficial experiences for students. Through these competitions, as well as other FFA activities, we are able to learn more about agriculture and every aspect of what keeps us fed and happy. I thank everyone that is a supporter of what we stand for.

The FFA motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." Let's digest this a little bit. Learning to Do: We are learning to do better and to better ourselves. Doing to Learn: We are actively doing more to learn more. Earning to Live: We are developing our skills to make a life for ourselves and continue earning. Living to Serve: The things we learn in agriculture, because of FFA, help us to serve our community. The FFA mission is "To make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education." This tells us that FFA is a doorway to the many, many different opportunities that agriculture holds and teaches us through education. FFA is not something that teaches us how to be a farmer. FFA leads us into the world of agriculture and teaches us about all of the other career opportunities in agriculture. The lady at the bank who is signing your loan papers to get a new tractor, she is a part of agriculture. The Game Warden that checked in your deer this year - a career in agriculture. There are so many careers in agriculture that you may not think are. I encourage you to research these career paths.

FFA was introduced into our school system August 1st of 2015. Ever since that day, our members have been working tirelessly to promote the FFA organization in our community. It is unbelievable the percentage of people in our agricultural community, that look at the FFA organization as something that is not needed and not important. Agriculture is a MAJOR factor in our community as well as all of our lives. FFA is an advocate for agriculture. FFA teaches the next generation about all of the careers needed to take that steer from the pen to a juicy steak on your dinner table. Everything that we have in our daily lives came from agriculture. From the shampoo you use in the morning to the sheets that you sleep in at night. Literally EVERYTHING comes from agriculture.

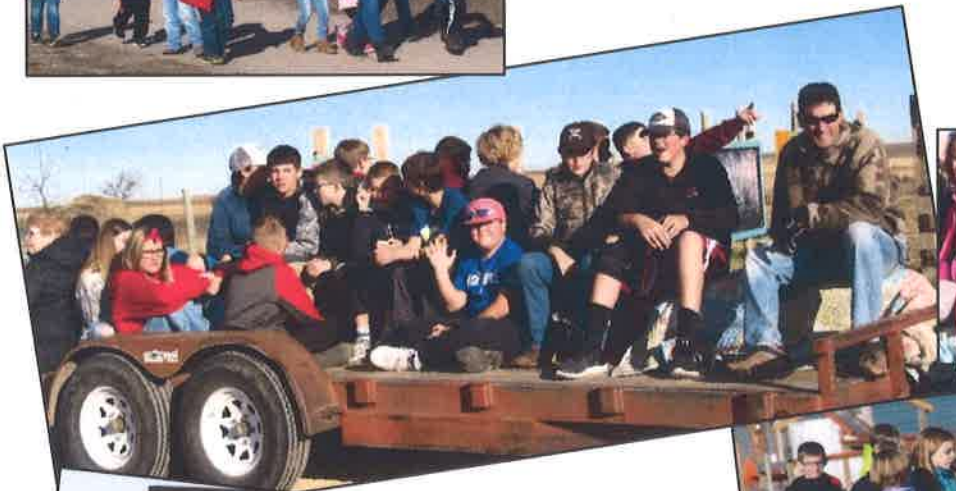
I am a very active member in FFA as well as a chapter officer. I will advocate for this organization and for agriculture until the day that I take my last breath. We are not just sows, cows, and plows. We are leaders and achievers, learners and servers and teams with dreams; we are FFA. We work hard to achieve everything that we do. We strive to help others and better ourselves as well as our community. So, I encourage you to take a step back to analyze just what the FFA means to your community, your school, your child, grandchild, and even yourself. Or come to me - I am eager to share my story!

Yours Truly,

Alyson Holt



**Thank You,  
Kokjer Family,  
for hosting Leyton  
Elementary/Jr. High  
students and staff at  
Fanny's Fruit Farm  
& Pumpkin Patch  
on October 31st!**



*Bayard Tournament Schedule ~  
November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018*

Friday ~ November 30<sup>th</sup>

2:30 PM – Girls – Bridgeport vs. Leyton  
4:00 PM – Boys – Bridgeport vs. Leyton  
5:30 PM – Presentation  
5:30 PM – Girls – Bayard vs. Crawford  
7:00 PM – Boys – Bayard vs. Crawford

Saturday ~ December 1<sup>st</sup>

1:00 PM – Girls Consolation Finals  
2:30 PM – Boys Consolation Finals  
4:00 PM – Girls Finals  
5:30 PM – Boys Finals

**Leyton Elementary/Junior High Proudly Supports  
Pennies for Patients: December 3-17**

<https://events.lls.org/pages/ne/Leyton-Elementary-Junior-High-School-2019>

**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients campaign is working with thousands of schools across the country to raise funds for blood cancer research--and we are one of them!**

**Our school has teamed up with LLS to create a world without cancer, and YOU can help our Squad make a difference in this journey.**

**Thanks to schools like US and donors like YOU, there are more children and adults surviving every day.**

**All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible. Donations support LLS research, patient services, advocacy, public and professional education, and community services.**

**Visit our webpage often to check our progress and please feel free to invite friends to donate to our cause.**

**On behalf of blood cancer patients everywhere, thank you for your support!**

**Anyone who donates \$25 or more will have their name put in a drawing for a Nebraska Husker folding chair and hat donated my Superintendent Chris Geary! Thank you! 😊**



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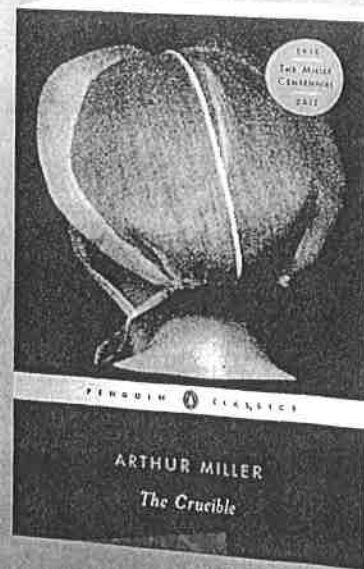


DESSERTS



# Third Annual STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP Essay Contest

For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world, providing readers with a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Now, we are proud to host our third annual Penguin Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest, in which five high school freshmen or sophomores can each win a \$1,000 scholarship award to be used toward their higher education plus a selection of Penguin Classics Deluxe Editions for their school! Essays must be submitted by a high school English teacher on behalf of students who write an essay on one of five topics for this year's competition book, *The Crucible*.



## Opportunity: Signet Essay Contest

### Announcing the 23rd Annual Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest

Hello,

There is an exciting opportunity for students to possibly earn scholarship money.

All they need to do is read the book selected for their grade and then write an essay over one of five prompts provided. I provide this information now so the students will have enough time before the deadline to: read the book, formulate ideas, work with me for corrections, and submit the essay. The books and due dates are listed below. Any student interested in entering should come see me and I will provide them a handout with the contest information.

- For juniors and seniors: "The Adventures of Huck Finn" by Mark Twain

Deadline for essay draft: March 31, 2019

- For freshmen and sophomores: "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller

Deadline for essay draft: April 15, 2019

- Copies of each flyer for each grade are posted in Ms. Shafer's room.

*Thanks  
Ms. Shafer*



## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

With an unbeatable lineup of over 300 of the greatest literary works the world has ever known, Signet Classics is the publisher that students, education professionals and the public turn to more than any other. Now, we are proud to host our twenty-third annual Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest, in which five high school juniors or seniors can each win a \$1,000 scholarship award to be used toward their higher education plus a Signet Classics library for their school! Essays must be submitted by a high school English teacher on behalf of students who write an essay on one of five topics for this year's competition book, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**OPEN  
HOUSE**

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Time: 11:00 am-3:30 pm

Dalton Christmas Bazaare-Dalton Gym

Leyton Entrepreneurship Class

**Sugar Shack Cents**

Ceramic  
Tart Warmer

Melting  
Candle Bars

Candles

Botanicals

Soap Bars

**EVERYTHING CASH & CARRY!**

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The LPSF Meagan Wiedeman Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$500 is available for seniors of the Leyton High School class of 2018.

Meagan Wiedeman attended Leyton Public Schools through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, when she tragically lost her life in an accidental fall. Her fellow classmates determined the criteria for awarding this scholarship.

- ~Empathetic and Compassionate
- ~A Team Player
- ~Involved in Activities

Any student, teacher, or community member, except family members, may nominate a senior for this award. The letter should include specific examples of how the nominee meets the above criteria. The scholarship shall be awarded at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

All applications must be postmarked or emailed by April 1, 2018.

To nominate a student, please submit a letter to:

Dave and Sherri Wiedeman  
P.O. Box 123  
Dalton, NE 69131  
or email to: [swiedeman11@gmail.com](mailto:swiedeman11@gmail.com)



## Girls on the Run of Nebraska

[www.GOTRNebraska.org](http://www.GOTRNebraska.org)

***Get involved and make a difference in young girls' lives ...***  
**Girls on the Run Needs Volunteer Coaches at Leyton Next Spring**

Girls on the Run is gearing up for another fantastic season of fun, friendships and 5K fun at sites across the state and we still need a few positive-minded, can-do women to coach Girls on the Run at Leyton.

**You DON'T have to be a runner to get involved – you just need to live a healthy lifestyle, project a positive attitude and have passion to help young girls put their best foot forward.**

Girls on the Run is an innovative after-school program that combines exercise, education and mentoring to promote self-esteem, goal-setting and healthy living in third- through fifth-grade girls. Teams meet for 75 minutes twice a week for 10 weeks to play interactive running games and train for a 5K run/walk. Lessons on goal-setting, health, communication, teamwork and self-respect are incorporated with the physical training, so girls get a well-rounded positive experience in a noncompetitive atmosphere.

The overall time commitment for first-time coaches is about 35 hours over 15 weeks. That includes 20 meetings with your team; a few hours on 5K day; and coach training.

Visit [www.GOTRNebraska.org/volunteer/](http://www.GOTRNebraska.org/volunteer/) to learn more about this rewarding (and FUN!) short-term volunteer opportunity. Get involved to find out for yourself why "Girls on the Run is so much fun!" Email Deb at [dpotter@gotrnebraska.org](mailto:dpotter@gotrnebraska.org) to learn more.

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12TH



For all Senior  
Citizens of the  
**Leyton Community**  
(No extra guests  
please.)

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 12TH

Time: 12:00

Leyton Elementary/Junior  
High School—Gurley NE

Price of the meal: \$3.00

Please RSVP by  
12/07/18 to  
308-884-2247

# PAC Christmas Store

Remember that hammer and those rainbow earrings? It is that time of year again to receive those wonderful thoughtful gifts from your child!

This year we will host the Christmas store on  
December 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (preview day)

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> (shopping day)

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (make up day)

Every item in the store is only \$2.00. We will send your child home with a sheet to fill out for who they want to shop for (pets included) prior to Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Contact Katie Rieken if you have any questions

[katierieken@yahoo.com](mailto:katierieken@yahoo.com)

# **SANTA IS COMING TO VISIT**

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**Santa Clause is coming to visit at  
Leyton Elementary/Jr. High School in  
Gurley on Friday, December 21st,  
2018. He would like all preschoolers to  
be there at 8:15 a.m.**

# December

2018

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Menu

## Merry Christmas!!

Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray.





Unlimited fruits and vegetables are offered daily.

Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily.

An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast.

A full fruit and salad bar is available with every lunch meal.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Menu 3 B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Chicken noodle soup, corn, coffee cake	4 B: Breakfast burrito L: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Menu 5 B: Pancakes, sausage patty L: Chicken nuggets, glazed baby carrots, breadstick	6 B: French toast, bacon L: French dip, roasted broccoli	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Menu 7 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Tater tot casserole, green beans, donut
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Menu 10 B: Pancakes, scrambled eggs L: Beefy nachos, corn	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Menu 11 B: Biscuits and gravy L: HB or CB, green beans	12 B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: CHRISTMAS DINNER	13 B: Biscuits and gravy L: Sub sandwich, peas	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Menu 14 B: PB & J L: Breaded or spicy chicken sandwich, cheddar broccoli, dirt desert
17 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Tuna salad sandwich, French fries	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Menu 18 B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Chicken bacon ranch or cheese pizza, green beans	19 B: French toast, bacon L: Beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, roll	Kindergarten Menu 20 B: Pop Tart, cereal, toast L: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Menu 21 B: Egg & cheese sandwich L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, ice cream
24 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
31 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK				

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