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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

August 6th  
First Day of  
Football and Volleyball  
Practices.

August 13th  
Teacher Workday.

August 14th  
Teacher Workday.

August 14th  
Back to  
School Potluck.

August 15th  
First Day of School  
1:00 P.M. Dismissal.

## Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

I am writing you this article with both excitement and sadness. This will be my last article for the *Hoofprint*. As most of you know, I will be starting my position as superintendent at Southern Valley Schools on July 1st. It has been a great honor and privilege to lead this district for the past six years. I have met many wonderful people who have made my job much easier. There are many people I would like to thank.

The school board. Thank you for taking a chance on someone without superintendent experience to come in and lead the school. You have been great to work with. Our combined vision has helped push this district to the next level and has allowed this school to be successful for many years to come. As you proceed with the next superintendent, continue to allow her to plan and make decisions that are in the best interests of the students and the district.

Mr. Ippensen and staff. Thank you for being a part of the various different accomplishments that we have had during my tenure. I hope you continue to do your jobs to the fullest and push the students and district further. When you all work together, there isn't anything you cannot accomplish. Keep preparing students for success.

The students. I have never had a group of students like I have had here. You are so busy, but are still able to achieve so much. Keep working hard to succeed and be high quality kids. There isn't anything that you cannot accomplish. Hopefully you all know that Shickley is a great place. I hope all of you return to Shickley to make it your home someday, but even if you don't, wherever you go you will make that community better.

The parents and community. Thank you for your continued support of the school. It would not be as successful as it is without wonderful parents and a supportive community. I hope you continue to support the staff of the school to help educate your children. With everyone working together toward the same goal of "preparing students for success," the sky is the limit for what this community and school can accomplish.

Again, thank you for the opportunity for our family to be a part of the Shickley community. I hope that you will continue to support the next superintendent as improvements are made to the school. It will not take long for my successor to figure out "There Is No Place Like Shickley!"

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## National Spanish Exam

The Shickley High School Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 students recently took the National Spanish Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. This test is taken by class A through class D schools, and there were three Shickley students who received recognition for excellent performance. In Spanish 2, Nicole Swartzendruber received a bronze medal award. Kellen Reinsch and Megan Grote, also in Spanish 2, received honorable mention awards. Their Spanish teacher is Shirley Rytych.

“Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, “because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States, with over 150,000 students participating in 2018.”

Pictured are Nicole Swartzendruber, Kellen Reinsch, and Megan Grote.



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## Athletic Banquet

The BDS Athletic Banquet was held at Shickley High School on May 10th to celebrate and acknowledge the success of the sport seasons. To start the evening, the BDS Booster Club coordinated a catered meal from Bubba's. Coaches recapped their sport seasons and recognized their athletes' post-season honors.

## State Leadership Conference

The FBLA Chapter attended the State Leadership Conference in Omaha April 5th-7th. Regan Alfs, Cadden Carlson, Brooke Jorgenson, and Raleigh Shipley attended the conference and participated in general sessions, seminars, and competed in written tests.

Regan Alfs competed in Word Processing which is an application test on all types of business forms, letters and mail merge, memos, tables, reports (including statistical), materials from rough draft and unarranged copy, and email messages. Regan placed 4th out of 154 competitors. Business Financial Plan is an event that consists of researching and creating a financial plan based on an assigned topic. This year's topic was to open a "fresh food" (i.e. prepared meals, ingredients to makes meals, natural foods, etc.) home delivery service in your community of 250,000 residents. Placing 1st in the event was Regan Alfs. She will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in June in Baltimore, Maryland.



Pictured are Cadden Carlson, Regan Alfs, Raleigh Shipley, Mrs. Yantzie, and Brooke Jorgenson.

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## FBLA Hosts Senior Breakfast

The Shickley FBLA chapter hosted the Senior Breakfast on May 11th. The seniors joined the Shickley faculty and staff for breakfast consisting of breakfast casseroles, fruit, coffee cake, and orange juice. The breakfast was an opportunity for the faculty to share their well wishes with the senior class. Good luck to the seniors with their future endeavors.

Pictured are the seniors: Megan Grote, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Nicole Swartzendruber, Anthony Beavers, Kellen Reinsch, Jacob Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Holden Stengel, Wyatt Deepe, and Tyler Lear.



## Sports Physicals

As per the NSAA, each student who expects to participate in athletic contests shall present to the superintendent or principal once each year, before actual participation in any inter-school sport, a physician's certificate on a form recommended by the NSAA that he/she is physically fit for athletic participation. A physical taken in the summer vacation period or anytime during the school year is good only to the end of the school year. Any physical taken May 1 or after will be considered a part of summer vacation. The Pre-Physical Evaluation Consent Form and the NSAA Student and Parent Consent Form will need to be provided to the school before students can participate in pre-season activities. All forms can be found on the NSAA website or available at the doctor's office. Sports physicals can be turned in to the school office.

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## Graduation 2018

On May 13th, eleven seniors became the newest Shickley Public School alumni. The ceremony began with the 8th-grade graduates receiving their diplomas. Salutatorian Nicole Swartzendruber and Valedictorian Megan Grote spoke about their classmates and the lessons they have learned from each one of them. Commencement speaker, Sandi Snyder, spoke about all she has learned from her students throughout the years, but especially this year. Mrs. Noel announced that this year's graduating class was awarded over \$970,000 in scholarship money. Superintendent Mr. Jorgenson read the names of graduates while School Board President, John Mick, presented the seniors their diplomas. Father Courtney began and ended the ceremony with prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement.

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## Lyle Wagers Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a business, family, or individual that has been a significant supporter of Shickley Public School. Lyle Wagers modeled this support through his commitment to the Longhorn students, staff, and teams. From Speech to playground duty, Lyle was willing to support and help out the school in any way he could. Each year, school staff nominate supporters for this award. The business, family, or individual who receives the most nominations is the winner.

This year's winner is the Shickley Community Foundation, which has been a great partner for the school for the past 20+ years. Many programs and initiatives would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the foundation to Shickley Public Schools. They know that the success of Shickley as a town, lies with the success of its school. Congratulations to the Shickley Community Foundation on being the 2018 Lyle Wagers Award winner!

Pictured with Mr. Jorgenson are members of the Shickley Community Foundation Board: Judy Lichti, Loree Hendrickson, and Joe Kamler.



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## **Six Inducted to Shickley National Honor Society**

On Tuesday, May 8th, ten students – Regan Alfs, Mikaela Andersen, Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Zach Mosier, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Justin Stengel, Brock Swartzendruber, and Josh Swartzendruber – were inducted to Shickley Public School’s Chapter of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is the nation’s oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program. New members were selected based on their GPA and scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Throughout the school year, chapter members are called upon as leaders within the school and community to lead their peers and model appropriate behaviors. Their most visible activity this year was hosting the school Red Cross Blood Drive.

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## **Shickley Celebrates Academic Success**

On Tuesday, May 15th, Shickley Public School held its annual Celebration of Academic Success. At this celebration, students were recognized for outstanding growth and ability. In all, 103 students were recognized for their outstanding growth over the course of the year, which is defined as exceeding the normal growth in reading, math, science, and language usage expected throughout the school year on a national average, regardless of their baseline scores from the fall. In addition, 29 students were recognized for their outstanding ability in reading, math, science, and language usage, as defined by their status in the 95th or higher percentile in standardized assessments.

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## **Nicole Swartzendruber Awarded U.S. Bank Believers & Achievers Scholarship**

In September 2017, Nicole Swartzendruber was announced as a 2017-2018 NSAA/U.S. Bank Believer & Achiever. Believers & Achievers is a state-wide program designed by the NSAA and U.S. Bank to give recognition to Nebraska’s future leaders. Students are selected based on their scholastic achievement, activity participation, school and community service, and citizenship.

Nicole was recognized as a Believer & Achiever in March at the Boys State Basketball tournament. She was one of forty-eight finalists, eight of whom would receive \$500 scholarships from U.S. Bank to the college or university of their choice at the scholarship banquet held on April 29, 2018.

From those forty-eight finalists, Nicole Swartzendruber was chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship from U.S. Bank to the college or university of her choice. Nicole is planning to attend Wayne State College in the fall of 2018, where she will be a part of the Rural Health Opportunities Program, studying to be a Physician’s Assistant.

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## **FFA Attends COLT**

The 2018-2019 FFA chapter officers attended Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) in Aurora at The Leadership Center. COLT allowed the officers to learn more about their roles and to plan for the upcoming year. “We were able to spend time bonding together and develop goals for the upcoming year,” said reporter Justin Stengel.

Officers for the 2018-2019 year are: Caleb Hendrickson - President, Brock Swartzendruber - Vice President, Regan Alfs - Secretary, Josiah Kamler - Treasurer, Justin Stengel - Reporter, Austin Plock - Sentinel, and Reid Richards - Parliamentarian.

## Preschool Changes for 2018-2019

Due to the anticipated enrollment of the Shickley Preschool Program for the next four years, a change was needed in order to meet the Nebraska State Education requirements for Early Childhood Programs. A final decision has been made in regards to what these changes will look like for the 2018-2019 school year and beyond.

The requirements concerning classroom space and teacher to child ratio were the main concerns that prompted these changes. In the state of Nebraska all preschool programs have a maximum group size. The maximum group size is twenty (20) with a 1:10 teacher-child ratio. You must also provide each child with at least thirty-five (35) square feet of indoor space and seventy-five (75) square feet of outdoor space. With anticipated class sizes of 21-24 for the next four years, a change was needed in order to be able to continue to provide a service to the community while abiding by state regulations.

For the 2018-2019 school year, all students who are 4 before July 31st will attend preschool for 4 days a week Monday-Thursday from 8:15 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., while all students who turn 3 before July 31st will attend 2 days a week from 8:15 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., either on Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday.

With the program change, the Shickley Preschool will be looking for community partnerships to help aid in daycare for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for programs that exist within the community to help with this need. Potential community partners may include, but are not limited to:

- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Private preschools
- Public and private child care centers
- Family child care homes
- Family resource centers
- Human service agencies

If interested in partnering with the Shickley Preschool please contact Miss Taryn Wolfe at ([twolfe@longhornpower.org](mailto:twolfe@longhornpower.org)) or Superintendent Mrs. Sadie Coffey at ([scoffey@longhornpower.org](mailto:scoffey@longhornpower.org)).

A parent meeting will be held in the Shickley Public School's gym on June 4th at 5:00 P.M. to discuss enrollment, daycare, and community partnerships. Miss Wolfe and Mrs. Coffey will be present to help answer any questions or concerns for the 2018-2019 school year.

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## 2018 BDS Boys' Track Season, by Coach Shipley

2018 BDS boys' track team had a very successful year. We had success in both running and field events. All of our student-athletes had personal bests in their events. Our team won the Turkey Creek Relays and Tom White Invite. We were also runner-ups at the Heartland Invite, Exeter Milligan Invite, and Lawrence-Nelson Invite. We finished 4th in the Mudecas and Crossroads Conference track meets. We finished 3rd at D2 Districts to end our regular season. Dominic Quinones broke the school record in the 2 mile run with a time of 11:24. John Christensen set records in the shot put throwing 42'11" and in the discus throwing 142'11". The following boys qualified for state: Thomas Mick in the pole vault; Aaron Mick in the pole vault; John Christensen in the 100, shot put, and discus; Garrett Schardt in the 400. The 4 X 100 relay team members that also qualified were Thomas Mick, Caden Norder, John Christensen, Garrett Schardt, and alternate Logan Schroeder. Thomas Mick brought home a gold medal in the pole vault. John Christensen placed 4th in the shot put. Our 4 X 100 relay team placed 5th. The coaching staff congratulates the team on a successful year.

## Creative Nonfiction Writer Heidi Sell Visits School

The final session of the 2017-2018 Visiting Writers Series was held on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with creative nonfiction (CNF) writer Heidi Sell. During her visit, Sell taught workshops for each of the high school classes and presented a reading of her work, which was open to the public.

Sell emphasized the importance of research as part of the writing process and stressed that CNF is “writing toward truth within the confines of the facts, as best you can remember.” In order to do that, a writer must unlock memories. She led students in various writing activities throughout the day.

One writing activity was called “life as a river.” Students identified events that changed them or altered their life course forever. Each of those big moments became a bend in their river drawing and a potential writing topic. Other students chose photographs to inspire their writing by looking for the deep, universal meaning captured in a particular moment in time. Students also mapped a place where they have spent a lot of time. In drawing the particulars of the place, they were able to access and share memories associated with the place.

Sometimes people have memories of specific moments from their lives but aren’t sure why the moment stuck with them. “As you write,” Sell said, “you discover what it means.” She went on to explain, “Writing is a tool for making sense of your life.”

**Heidi Sell** is a retired teacher with 24+ years’ experience working with young writers from kindergarten through high school. She earned her MFA in Creative Nonfiction Writing from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Her essay, “Laundry Day” appeared in the 2017 summer issue of *The Tishman Review*. She has also written book reviews for *Aquifer*, the on-line presence of *The Florida Review*. Words have power in our lives and in our world. Sell believes everyone has a story to tell and that someone else needs yours. She feels her task as a writing coach is not unlike the job of a birthing coach. She assists students in discovering and bringing to life their own literary voices.

This educational opportunity was made possible because grant money from the Geneva Arts Council and the Shickley Community Foundation was awarded for these purposes. In Shickley, the grant was funded by the Shickley Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Special thanks to the Shickley Community Foundation and the Geneva Arts Council!

## Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk

The annual 5K Commit 2B Fit Run/Walk was a great way to celebrate the end of a fantastic year and the start of summer break! This year there was a new spin on the race. It was a “Color Run/Walk.” The laughter and excitement was contagious as participants conquered the course and were splashed with color. Following the race, participants enjoyed a grilled burger or hot dog meal with delicious sides, prepared by our kitchen staff and grill masters, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Ippensen.

Thank you to the Shickley Community Foundation and Shickley Public School for sponsoring this event. We appreciate your support in promoting a healthy lifestyle for the youth and our community.

Pictured spraying paint on Blaine Kempf are Miss Johnson and Mrs. Mosier.



## **“Around Here” Students Finalize the Yearbook**

Following the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year, the yearbook staff still had important business to attend to—that is, finishing the yearbook and submitting it for publication. With some major events happening late in the year—such as graduation, the color run, and state track—the staff was busy finishing up articles and photo captions for some of the spreads as well as editing and proofreading prior to sending the pages off to be printed by the end of May.

Sponsors Jennifer Ippensen and Becky Jorgenson would like to thank everyone who helped make this publication possible, including the students, teachers, and community members who helped with various aspects of the book. Many people got involved in the process, making it a fun and collaborative project. Official yearbook staff members include: senior Nicole Swartzendruber; sophomores Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, and Kaylee Noel; and freshmen Briana Janing, Bryn Kadel, and Macy Kamler. Raegan and Bryn worked on the publication through their journalism class while other staff members were involved with the yearbook as a co-curricular activity. Additionally, sophomore and junior English students contributed by writing caption and article copy, which was a big help.

The staff also extends a special thanks to the Shickley Community Foundation for again awarding a grant that allowed the inclusion of more classroom and community coverage in the publication. The grant was funded by the Shickley Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Because the yearbook captures memories and records the history of our school, it is exciting to be able to extend the coverage in this way.

The books are scheduled for fall delivery, which means they will be distributed sometime around the beginning of next school year. If you haven't placed your order yet, don't worry! Some extra books will be available, so you should still be able to get one once they arrive in the fall. The cost will be \$45.

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## **Shickley Golf Team**

A Season of Improvement. A group of young men decided that they would like to have golf at Shickley Public School. They made a plan, proposed it, and it was approved by the school board. When the season started they practiced, and they swung, A LOT! Like other sports, one of the best ways to improve is to get out and practice. This was the case with the golf team this year. As the season went on they really improved. The first team score from the Superior Invite was a 527. The last meet at Osceola the team score was a 413. That is a 114 stroke improvement in 6 weeks. Also at Osceola they were 3rd as a team, losing out on 2nd place by 1 stroke. So as can be seen by the scores, the team had a great season of improvement.

The team consisted of senior - Kellen Reinsch; juniors - Caleb Hendrickson, Josiah Kamler, and Isaac Kamler; sophomore - Josh Swartzendruber; and freshman - Nolan O'Brien. The team was coached by head coach Bryce Jorgenson, and assistant coaches Les Schlegel and Amber Taylor.

It was a great season for the golf team and with a lot of practice and playing this summer, they will be even better next year.

## **BDS Girls' Track Season, by Coach O.**

For the BDS Lady Eagles another season of track and field is in the books. The season began with 17 girls and ended the with 15. Injuries hit us early in the season. With injuries not limited to tendinitis, shinsplints, and a variety of hip problems, mother nature threw us some curveballs too. Even with these adversities and we were still able to get some quality work in and have success. The senior leadership was a breath of fresh air, always ready to help out where it was needed. This year's group of girls had fun and competed with pride for BDS. Each girl worked towards their own personal best, known as PRs. The girls had some amazing gains during the season. We had a lot of support this season. It included parents, siblings, grandparents, family members, classmates, team members, community members, administration, and alumni. This year we had one state qualifier, Mikenzy Andersen. She finished 6th at state in pole vault with a jump of 9'6". Lots of memories were made this year. Great job to all the BDS athletes on competing so hard throughout the season!

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## **Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal**

"Work hard, have fun." When I coached basketball, those were the last words I spoke to my team just before we left the locker room before each game. I asked them to play hard and fast, in a style designed to break our opponents, but could have broken my team just as easily; instead, because we remembered the other side of the coin – having fun – it wasn't all just hard work. The young men on my team went out and had a good time. That made all the difference.

Since August, I have written of dichotomies – two sides of the same coin – that exist in our lives; situations where we must maintain the balance between two seemingly opposite but equal forces, and I have illustrated that when we find the balance between the two, we can find success. Simple and complex. Evolutionary and revolutionary. Creation and destruction. Actual and potential. Process and outcomes. Art and science. Acquisition and development. Collaboration and cooperation. Theory and practice. Work hard and have fun. Too much of one, without the other, leads to dangerous places, but when we find the balance, we are able to find success. We are able to live a successful life. This is challenging to teach our students, it is challenging to live, but we must each do our best to model this balance – for the sake of our students, our families, and ourselves.

It has been a pleasure being the principal of Shickley Public School. The system in place, one where the students and teachers work hard and have fun, is a model for how things can be; it is a model for how we can educate students in an environment where students are allowed the freedom to be themselves, but also fit in; it is a model for how things can be versus how they are. I am proud of the work we have done over the past 7 years, and I am confident that Shickley Public School will continue to prepare students for success in the future.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the work we are doing at Shickley Public School, or if you would like to share in the process of preparing our students for success, please don't hesitate to stop in and talk, or give us a call.

Derek Ippensen, Ed.S.  
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