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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

 Mark your calendars
 for the following
 important dates:

February 1st
 School Dismissed
 At 2:30 pm.

February 7th
 Parent Teacher
 Conferences
 2:00 - 7:00 pm.

February 8th
 No School,
 Teacher-Inservice
 8:00 am - Noon.

February 11th
 School Board Meeting
 at 7:30 PM.

February 13th
 Quiz Bowl at
 Dorchester.

February 15th
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 PM.

February 19th
 County Spelling
 Bee in Geneva.

February 25th
 Block Party for
 Birth - 5 year olds
 At 6:30pm.

February 25th
 Spring Practices Start

 Please check Joyce's
 calendar for more
 events.

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

School Board Appreciation Week began Sunday, January 27th and I would like to personally take some time to thank all of the Shickley School Board members of the past and present. Your dedication to our school and community is very much appreciated. Some may say the only two jobs of a School Board is to hire the superintendent and set district policy. Even though there is truth to that statement, there is one element it does not encompass; support! An effective School Board is supportive. Supportive of the administration, teachers, and staff; whether it be to hold us up, reinforce, or assist us, your support is something we need. This support allows the great people within the building to do their jobs to the highest degree. Shickley Public Schools is very grateful for its past and present supportive Boards of Education.

Board members are: John Mick, President; Joe Kamler, Vice President; Chris Swartzendruber, Secretary; Tiya Johnson, Treasurer; Ryan Noel, Member; and Ambur Hinrichs, Member.

Thank you for your service to our great school district.

Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey
 Superintendent



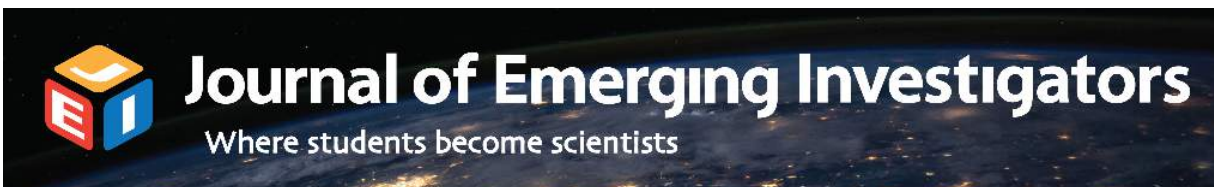
Science News, by Mr. Elwonger

One of the most important part of science is sharing your findings; without this step, new information just ends up on a dusty shelf in a basement and we constantly perform the same experiments to find the same data. Scientists usually share their findings by publishing a paper in a scientific journal such as *Nature* or *Journal of Biochemistry*.

While planning the science fair last year, I stumbled across the *Journal of Emerging Investigators*, a scientific journal aimed at middle and high school students doing research. I opened this up to the students, offering to help them get the paper we would write in class published if they chose to. Alyssa Nolt wanted to get the research she was doing on music therapy published, and she put forth an incredible amount of work to make that happen. After a semester's worth of revisions and rewrites, Alyssa's paper has been published in the *Journal of Emerging Investigators*. You can read her article by going to <http://bit.ly/NoltArticle>. I've been listed as an author due to the requirements of the journal - all of the work was done by Alyssa.

We've started planning science fair projects for this year, and many students have shown interest in getting their papers published as well. Expect to see more representation of Shickley in the *Journal of Emerging Investigators* in the future!

Congratulations to Alyssa on having this published. All of us here at Shickley Public Schools are very proud of her!



The Emotional and Psychological Effect of Music on People

Alyssa Nolt and Justin Elwonger
Shickley Public School (Shickley, NE)

Nolt and Elwonger examine how different types of music impact our emotional and physical states. They found that music can influence a subject's emotional state, with sad music inspiring sadness and exciting music bringing excitement. They were unable to find a clear relationship between heart rate and music type. Music's effect on emotional state can be useful when designing novel therapies for emotional and mental disorders.



Congratulations Caleb Hendrickson

The following has been taken from a press release issued by the Nebraska Department of Education:

Senators Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse announced the names of two students who have been selected as delegates to the 57th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) that will be held March 2-9 in Washington, D.C. Audrey Worthing of Arthur County Schools in Arthur and Caleb Hendrickson of Shickley Public School in Shickley, were chosen from across the state to be part of the group of 104 student delegates who will attend the program's Washington Week.

The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and has been sponsored by the Senate and fully funded by The Hearst Foundations since inception. The program is designed to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, learn the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and emphasize the vital importance of democratic decision-making not only for America but for people around the world.



The overall mission of the program is to help grow knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service. In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provide each student with a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship.

Caleb Hendrickson is a natural leader. He is the Vice President of the Shickley Student Council and headed a committee responsible for starting a school golf program after making a presentation to the district's school board. Hendrickson is also the President of his local FFA chapter and was selected for Boys State and Boys Nations in Washington D.C. where he was appointed FFA Secretary of Agriculture. Hendrickson has also held offices in FBLA and his school's speech team.

While in Washington D.C. the student delegates attend meetings and briefings with senators, members of the House of Representatives, Congressional staff, the president, a justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies, an ambassador to the United States, and senior members of the national media. The students will also tour many of the national monuments and several museums and they will stay at the historic Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C.

From the Kitchen, by Darlene Mick

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who brought in fresh produce this year. We had watermelons, corn on the cob, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, peppers, and apples. This has been a great addition to our fruit and vegetable bar. It has been nice to be able to tell the school children that these are grown locally. I would also like to say thank you to those who have donated to the Beef Boosters. Having locally grown beef is a welcomed addition to our menu.

It has been very busy in the kitchen. I have been trying to learn all of the things the state likes to keep track of and figure out how much the children of Shickley Public Schools eat. It is a little bit different than feeding my family of eight. Each time I make a meal they constantly surprise me! I have been trying some new recipes, as well as, the old tried and true ones. I would ask that you as parents encourage your children to try a bite or two of each food. When they try a bite or two each time, they may find out they like it. Every day we have the fruit and vegetable bar, and milk or water to drink with their meal.

FEATURING the High School English Room, by Mrs. Hinrichs

English 9 is doing a poetry unit. They have written blackout poetry, mashup poetry, and a poem called "I am." Figurative language plays an important part of poetry, so they are learning what these are and how they apply to the poetry they read. Quizlets, breakouts, and stations are activities they are using for review.

English 10 is reading short stories and learning the literary devices used to emphasize what the author wants to express to their readers. At times they can choose a short story to read. "The Most Dangerous Super Bowl," is one of the activities in addition to other projects.

English 11 is reading "The Meaning of Names." This story takes place in Northern Nebraska in the year 1918. This is a dual assignment with Mr. Shipley as he is teaching World War I. The two materials are very closely related. They will finish in writing one paper for both classes.

Seniors are working on their college-level English class at Peru State College. They are also doing interviews for the Hoofprint as a large part of their assignments for me.

Speech class is watching T.E.D. videos and filling out questionnaires on the speakers' strengths, weaknesses, and the interest of their topics. They are keeping a bracket on their favorite speakers and at the end, they will have a speaker vs. speaker; defending their favorite/performer.

Journalism is busy with pictures, pictures, pictures, and more pictures! Pages are coming together with captions, pictures, headings, and the important attention getters. Thank you to everyone who has been helping out taking the much-needed pictures! Yearbooks will be on sale soon!

Three in Third, by Ms. Johnson

"Small, but Mighty" has been this year's motto for the third grade class of three. Even with the small number of students, our students are constantly challenging themselves every day. In Math, we resumed the semester working on our multiplication and division facts. We have memorized 0 through 10 facts. We work on a variety of ways to practice our math facts, including timed fact sheets, hands-on learning with the fact wrap up, and singing a multiplication song. Each of these has helped our third-grade students to memorize their multiplication facts. Multiplication is everywhere. It even helped us play Yahtzee!

Third-grade students have also been eager to learn technology. It is the beginning of one-one at Shickley Public, where each student in the classroom has the opportunity to use a Chromebook to do research and to develop technology skills. This group of three is understanding how to improve typing skills to become more fluent. They have also had technology lessons where they learn how to use Google tools such as docs and forms.

In the picture on the top Cameron Wilson is working on his math wrap ups. In the picture on the bottom Eli Margheim and Veronika Flint use their math skills when playing Yahtzee.



Quarter Two Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Jackson Grote and Jady Kleinschmidt

Juniors: Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Zachary Mosier, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, and Justin Stengel

Sophomores: Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, and Raleigh Shipley

Freshmen: Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, and Madison Sokol

8th Grader: Hannah Miller

7th Graders: Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, Reagan Sokol, and Lynley Swartzendruber

A Average

Seniors: Isaac Kamler and Josiah Kamler

Junior: Joshua Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Kenzie Bohling, Bryn Kadel, Nolan O'Brien, and Blake Schlegel

Freshmen: Taryn Fiala, Tyler Grote, Madeline Kamler, and Taylor Sliva

8th Grader: Ashley Schlegel

7th Grader: Jada Spurling

A & B

Juniors: Samuel Margheim and Brock Swartzendruber

7th Grader: Jay Kempf

Semester One Honor Roll

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Seniors: Jackson Grote and Jady Kleinschmidt

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FFA Competes at District Leadership Development Events

On January 23rd, 2019, thirty-eight FFA members traveled to the Leadership Center in Aurora to compete in District Leadership Events (LDEs). This com FFA members with experience in the practice of influencing others through speaking and parliamentary procedure competitions. Results are listed below. * Denotes state qualifiers.

Agriculture Literacy Speaking

Hannah Miller - Purple *

Discovery Speaking

Ashley Schlegel - Blue

Creed Speaking

Mariah Sliva - Purple

Landon Johnson - Blue

Junior Public Speaking

Madeline Kamler - Purple *

Adam Alfs - Blue

Senior Public Speaking

Kaylee Noel - 3rd Purple & alternate for state

Cooperative Speaking

Caleb Hendrickson - 1st Purple *

Natural Resources Speaking

Briana Janing - Red

Brooklynn Nelson - Red

Employment Skills

Caitlin Mosier - Purple

Isaac Kamler - Blue

Ag Demonstration

Shickley Green - Blue

- Josh Swartzendruber
- Justin Stengel
- Nathan Nelson
- Austin Plock

Shickley White - Red

- Reid Richards
- Cadden Carlson

Conduct of Chapter Meetings

Shickley Green - Purple *

- Eli Noel
- Taryn Fiala
- Mariah Sliva
- Taylor Sliva
- Madeline Kamler
- Adam Alfs
- Landon Johnson

Shickley White - Purple

- Jayden Heath
- Brooke Nelson
- Hannah Miller
- Ashley Schlegel
- Coy Margheim
- Lynley Swartzendruber
- Hanna Kadel

Alternate - Cloey Carlson

Senior Parliamentary Procedure

Shickley Green - 1st Purple *

- Jady Kleinschmidt
- Regan Alfs
- Isaac Kamler
- Josiah Kamler
- Caleb Hendrickson
- Brock Swartzendruber

Shickley White - Blue

- Blake Schlegel
- Kenzie Bohling
- Aaron Mick
- Nolan O'Brien
- Dalton Kleinschmidt
- Bryn Kadel

Alternates - Raegan Fiala and Sam Margheim

You are Invited!

What: Shickley's FFA Community Appreciation Breakfast.
 When: Tuesday, February 19th from 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.
 Where: North Gym



Very Involved Students

It's hard to believe that we are already into the second semester of this school year. Time flies when having fun! This school year is like all years at Shickley Public Schools in the fact that our students are busy with many activities. As I am writing this article, fourteen FFA participants just qualified for state competition, speech season is underway, our basketball teams are competing in conference play, rehearsals for music competitions are being held, and the spelling bee is right around the corner. I'm sure that I'm forgetting a few activities, but needless to say, our kids are busy.

I was visiting with someone the other day, who made the comment that although our kids are busy, they seem to give 100% in all that they do. I have to agree. We have a great group of students, who tend to excel in the classroom as well as in extracurricular activities. These students are willing to spend the extra time to achieve their goals. Their days are often filled with early mornings, long nights, and busy weekends. The dedication shown by students at Shickley Public Schools is reflected in their many achievements.

I hope our students look back at these busy times and remember that hard work does pay off. The early mornings and late nights are worth all the good memories. I encourage them to remember all the support that they received and pass that along someday. The recognition is great, but it's the hard work and giving that 100% that prepare them for success. After all, sometimes the biggest prize isn't the gold medal, it's what you learn and who you meet along the way.

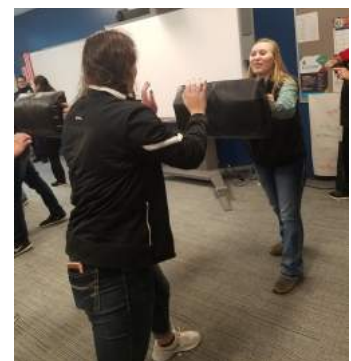
Here's to a great second semester. And as always, it's great to be a Longhorn!!

Tiya Johnson
Shickley Board of Education

Junior College and Career Day

The junior class attended the Junior College and Career Exploration Day on January 25th, in Exeter. The event included six schools from the Blue River Cohort: Dorchester, Exeter-Milligan, Friend, Heartland, McCool Junction, and Shickley. The day included six breakout sessions with a college and career fair during the students' lunch break. The breakout sessions included Test Prep, Getting into College, Business Panel, Coping Skills, Financial Responsibility, and Personal Safety. Student, Kaylee Noel, said this about the Personal Safety session, "It was a great experience to listen to police officers tell us how to be aware of our surroundings and if need be, have ways to protect ourselves. It was fun to be able to learn some self-defense moves and practice them with our partner."

In the picture on the top the junior class is pictured before the college fair. In the picture on the bottom Kaylee Noel and Regan Fiala practice some of the self-defense moves they were taught.



ASVAB Testing for Sophomores

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) was administered to the sophomore class on January 30. Even though this is the test required to join the military forces, it also has many benefits to non-military bound students. The students will answer questions that showcase their strengths and aptitudes for different careers and fields of study. It is a great indicator of student's all-around strengths and weaknesses that will be utilized in their future employment endeavors.

It's not Magic, It's Science!

The third graders LOVE science experiments! You can poke a sharp pencil through a bag of water and it will not leak! Students learned that the molecules bend and seal around the pencil, so the water will not come out. Miss Johnson said, "There is great importance with hands on learning and it is important to incorporate it into all subject areas."

Pictured with their bags of water with pencils stuck through them are Cameron Wilson, Veronika Flint, and Eli Margheim.



A 'Dairy' Good Learning Experience by Gwen Schultz, Kindergarten Teacher

On Friday, January 25th, the kindergarten class took a trip to Beavers Dairy Farm just south of Shickley. The class was welcomed by owner/operator, Brett Beavers, who had a special treat of milk and cookies ready for the students. While the children snacked, Brett visited with the students about the farm and products that come from the milk dairy cows produce. Brett then guided the students on a tour of the dairy barn. Here, they observed a milking robot in action, petted a newborn calf, and walked along the side of Juno, a sweeping robot. The students truly enjoyed the visit and will certainly remember where their milk comes from!

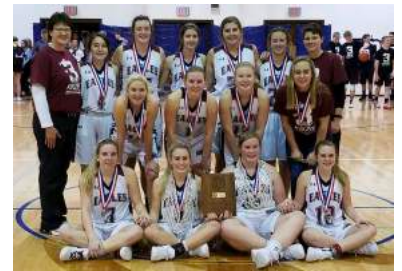
The class and Mrs. Schultz wish to thank Brett, Bob, and Becky Beavers for their kindness and willingness to share their farm and livestock! In the picture on the left Becky and Brett are letting the class pet a calf. In the picture on the right the class is having fun being up close and petting the calf.



Letter from Mr. Sokol, Principal

It's hard to believe that we are already a month into the second half of the school year. There are many exciting events that will take place during this semester and I look forward to the extraordinary efforts of our students and staff.

In terms of activities, our junior high girls' basketball team finished their season as CRC champions and our junior high boys' team finished the season as runners up at the CRC. On the varsity level, our girls finished as CRC Champions. With the varsity season in full swing, we look forward to the remaining games, subdistricts, districts, and hopefully state competition.



Our speech team recently competed against 19 area schools at Thayer Central. I am happy to share that 7 of our members were medalists. They have upcoming competitions at Aurora and Meridian. Pictured from left to right are Kaylee Noel, Raleigh Shipley, Madeline Kamler, Alyssa Nolt, and Caleb Hendrickson.



This semester will also encompass the Department of Education Statewide Assessments. For students in grades 3-8, the assessment program is now called the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS). Tests in Math, Science, and English Language Arts will be administered in April. Parents and students can find practice tests at: <https://community.nwea.org/community/nebraska/practice-tests/overview>.

Students in the junior class will take the Statewide ACT test on April 2nd. The ACT will assess students in the areas of Math, Science, English, and Reading. This test will be administered at the Shickley Community Center and students will be dismissed for the day at the conclusion of the test. Additional details will be sent in a formal letter within the next few weeks. In preparation for this test, our students will utilize the John Baylor Test Prep program along with access to the ACT Academy at: https://academy.act.org/?_ga=2.190721451.1608776720.1547477979-1381235360.1546895895.

Each of these tests are important and I would ask that you encourage your child to do their very best. Their scores not only serve as evidence of growth but, they also help us reflect and adjust our instruction. Shickley has earned a strong reputation for excellence in academics and activities and together, we can continue this tradition.

Thank you, everyone, for your help and support of our school. Happy New Year!

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#shickleylonghorns

