



## Giving Back to the Community

Mr. Wartinger's High School band students and Mrs. Raymond's Spectrum Chorus performed for three local nursing homes on December 13, 2019. They brought holiday cheer to East Side and Skilled Nursing Facility in Warsaw and Absolut Care in Houghton. They greeted the audience with melodious carols of the season. "What a great opportunity to represent Letchworth Central School around the holiday season," said Shawn Drumma. What better way to give to the community and share a taste of home through the sound of music.



## BEC Health Career Day

On Tuesday January 7, Letchworth High School students went to the Business Education Council's Health Career Fair at Genesee Community College in Batavia. Health care professionals from 22 different occupations presented and fielded questions from students. The day ended with a college fair where students were able to get information on health care college programs.





# Letchworth Wrestlers

Sectionals are just around the corner for the Letchworth Wrestlers, who look to finish the season strong. The 2019-20 season started off well as Kaul Runfola was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Byron-Bergen Tournament, where he won his weight class. He also took home the Livingston County Athletic Association title along with first year wrestler Derek Smith and fellow Senior Brian Baker-Herter. Brian also won the Trevor Regan Memorial Award for his outstanding character, hard work, and leadership abilities on and off the mat. All of this hard work lead the Indians to becoming the LCAA Tournament Team Champions. Letchworth's wrestler's hard work and hard schedule early on put them on the path to success. While on that path, Letchworth made a trip out to South Seneca where they were the Team Champions there as well. During the regular season Letchworth was victorious in all of their Livingston Conference duals as well as their Genesee Conference crossover duals. This all lead the team to becoming the LCAA Division II Dual Meet



## Team Champions

Letchworth Wrestlers have also had success this year at the Junior Varsity level. Ayden Miller lead the JV wrestlers with wins at Niagara Falls and Franklinville. Trevor Jones and RJ Donlon-Bergeron also won the Franklinville Tournament. While the varsity won the LCAA Championship, Gavin Kemp, Tiante Murray, Ayden Miller,

and Trevor Jones all went undefeated at the JV level.

The remaining of the season consists of Sectionals, where the top six wrestlers in each weight class qualify for Supers and a chance of going to the State tournament.

# Letchworth Jr-Sr Drama Club

Howdy, Y'all! The Letchworth Jr. Sr Drama Club is presently spending their evenings in the auditorium at school in preparation for this year's musical, Li'l Abner, by Norman Panama, Melvin Frank, and music by Johnny Mercer. Li'l Abner is a classic American musical from 1956 that is based on the comic strip Li'l Abner by Al Capp.

When residents of Dogpatch, USA, are notified by the government that they must evacuate their "unnecessary" town due to nuclear testing, they try to persuade the scientists that their town is worth saving. Meanwhile, Earthquake McGoon (Colten Schoonover, 12th grade) wants to marry Daisy Mae (Leah Halsey, 10th grade); Daisy Mae wants to marry Li'l Abner (Ian Mistretta, 11th grade), and Li'l Abner just wants to go fishin'. But when the scientists find Mammy's (Reagan Drumma, 9th grade) magical Yokumberry Tonic, a home-made concoction that gives Abner his muscular build, it might be enough to save the town.

A few of the town's husbands volunteer to be the human test subjects of the tonic when Abner with his trusty friend, Marryin' Sam (Shawn Drumma, 12th grade), travel to Washington, DC, to give the tonic to the federal government. But, multimillionaire, General Bashington T. Bullmoose (Alex Cole, 11th grade), wants it too, so Bullmoose tries to trap Abner into marrying his attractive but ditzy executive secretary, Appassionata (Jenna Brace, 11th grade). Meanwhile, Daisy Mae pledges herself to Earthquake in marriage in exchange for rescuing Abner. Will Pappy (Dimitri Montalvo, 10th grade) finally "hesh up" Mammy? Will Bullmoose get his just desserts? Will the town save itself from the bomb? Will Daisy Mae and Abner finally get together? All of this is answered in this year's Drama Club musical, Li'l Abner.

Under the collaborative direction of Ellen Skora, Johanna Gozelski (11th grade), Barbara Raymond, Chelsea Owens and

Tyger Doell, the Club has found the opportunity to invite Drama Club alumni to make cameo appearances in this year's production while also involving more than 40 seventh through twelfth grade students in the directing, acting, singing, choreography, designing and building. Li'l Abner is certainly meant to be a production to entertain this year. The show opens on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm; runs again on Saturday, March 21st at 7:30 pm, and then with a final Sunday matinee show on March 22, 2020 at 2 pm. As always, tickets are \$6, general admission, sold at the door of the Charles Little Auditorium at Letchworth Central School. LI'L ABNER is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)



# Leadership In Action Class, Mrs. Bonn

This quarter in the Leadership in Action class, students have been working diligently on projects that benefit our school and our community. Gabi Goodrich and William Bean have been working alongside Mr. King to coordinate a 9th period basketball camp for students in grades K-2. Each grade level had the opportunity to come learn skills and play basketball with the JV and Varsity players between December 3rd and February 11th. By the smiles on everyone's faces, it was unclear who had more fun, the elementary students or the high school volunteers!

On January 9th, Kristin Hastings and Dana Callero coordinated the 2nd annual Hoops for a Cause Charity Basketball Game. This year, all proceeds were donated to Victor Ezequel, a LCS sophomore battling Leukemia. This event was absolutely amazing; there were approximately 600 people in attendance and a little over \$6,000 was raised! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who came and all the staff participants from both Letchworth and Warsaw. It is an amazing feeling to see neighbors coming together in the spirit of sportsmanship and community!

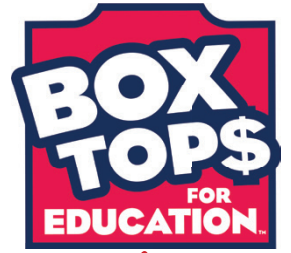
On January 31st, all teachers and staff were treated to a special luncheon during the Superintendent's Conference Day. Food was donated by Erin's Waterstreet Cafe, Decisions Catering, and Texas Roadhouse for all teachers to enjoy. In addition to the delicious food donated, Dollar General in Castile had a donation box for patrons to purchase paper products needed for the event and parent, Yvonne Johns made some home decor items for door prizes. This event was organized and put together by Jaime Krenzer and Makayla Conway. The girls worked laboriously to make sure all staff members would be able to have something to enjoy during this special occasion. Our hopes are that all staff members know how appreciated they are!



On February 6th, Leadership Class hosted the second annual Course Catalog Fair where students in grades 8-10 had the opportunity to see all of the classes LCS has to offer. Senior representatives of each class, as selected by the course teacher, were on hand to answer any questions a future prospect might have about taking a class. This event was a huge success last year and we hope that by including the 8th graders, our elective programs get the recognition they deserve.

Last but not least, this Valentine's Day we are proud to open our hearts to host the 4th annual Bald for Bucks event. We anticipate more than 20 students and staff members to participate and have raised over \$5,000 for cancer research through Roswell Park. This event is set to go on as a PK-12 assembly on Friday, February 14th where you can expect fun and games in addition to the hair clipping and snipping, all in the name of finding a cure for cancer!

# Hoops For Heart, Mrs. Mosiman



## BoxTops for Education has an app!

For going on thirty years now, Lockwood Elementary School has been supporting the American Heart Association via their Hoops For Heart campaign. According to the World Health Organization, cardiovascular diseases are rated as “the number one cause of death globally.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asserts that one of every four deaths in the U.S. are attributed to heart disease. So what are a bunch of jump-roping, hoop-tossing kids going to do about this world-wide crisis? Quite a bit, actually. Encouraged by Physical Education teacher, Coach Tim Eustace, forty Lockwood Elementary students, ranging from grades second to fourth, signed up to represent Hoops For Heart. Collectively, they raised \$3400 for the American Heart Association but even more significantly, they raised awareness for the cause and acted as role models, promoting fitness as a combative tool against heart disease.

One of these student advocates, 4th grader Alison Uveino, was further recognized for setting an all-time school record for contributions raised. “Alison raised \$725 for the Heart Association,” Coach Eustace announced, smiling proudly, “In fact, she trounced last year’s record-setter...a third grader named...Alison Uveino!” Turns out, Alison has been the school’s top fundraiser every year that she’s participated! When asked about her accomplishment, the quiet 4th grader shrugged modestly and said, “It’s important to help people.” Principal William Bean has made it a habit to encourage his staff and students to challenge themselves by setting goals; be it academic, physical, social, or personal. When asked if it was her goal to be the top fundraiser, Alison looked a bit surprised. “I did set a goal,” she admitted, “but it was a goal to beat my own record.”

To promote positivity, Lockwood Elementary has gotten on-board a character-building program called “The Energy Bus.” When Coach Eustace isn’t busy belting out its theme song at assemblies, he’s quick to list the positive qualities of those around them. “I can’t say enough good things about Alison,” he declared before offering to email a bulleted list of compliments. He compromised by saying, “Alison Uveino is a great example of the grit spirit that embodies Letchworth Central School. If there is one thing that you can say about Alison, it’s this: She’s all heart.”

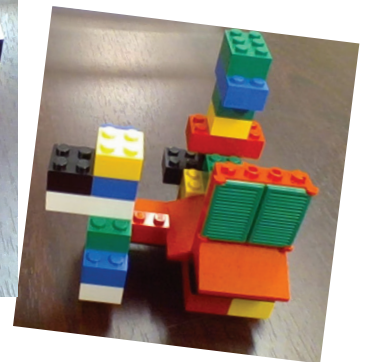
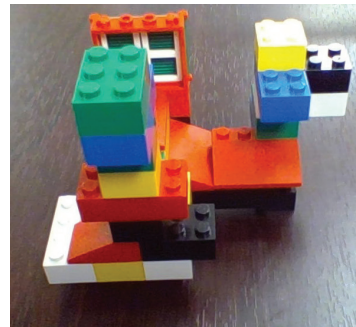
# State Trooper Career Presentation

On December 11, three New York State Troopers presented to high school students regarding careers with the NY State Police. Batavia barracks recruiter Jeff Bebak spoke about the recruiting process for NY State Troopers. Frank Voletta, of the canine unit, brought his bloodhound Paris and spoke about his job duties. John Campenella is a School Community Outreach Coordinator.

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Don’t want to put the app on your phone? No problem! Just send your receipts to the school, ATT: Miss Graham and she will scan them for you! Our BoxTops program helps support fun nights, L.E.A.P shirts and more.

Last but not least, cutout BoxTops are always welcome. Thank you for your support.



## Lab Notes

Makayla Conway, Luis Diaz-Beardslee,  
Alexia Lescher Mr. Radzysinski

### Look at this object:

How would you describe a complex object like this to someone who couldn’t see it? In physics lab, Mr. Rad challenged us to describe a similar object clearly enough so that someone who hadn’t seen it could build an exact replica.

Clear, easy to follow instructions were difficult to come up with. We tried to be very specific by mentioning color, shape, size, direction, and location. We encouraged the builder to ask questions for confirmation.

Ultimately, we ended up building a mirror image of the original object. This most likely happened because we alternated between absolute and relative directions. Relative directions use a person’s own perspective, like forward, backward, left or right. Absolute directions use things everyone agrees on like landmarks or compass directions.

This lab taught us to communicate more clearly. It is important to understand the other person’s perspective. It is also important to realize that sometimes people may interpret your words differently than you intend them so make sure communication goes two ways with both parties trying to understand what the other actually means.

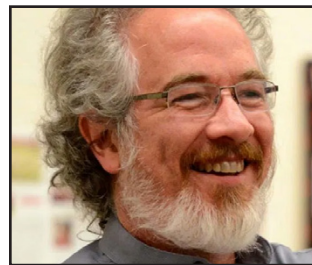


# What is new with LCS Music?

## NYSSMA Sr. High Area All-State Zone 2

November 15-16 Letchworth Central School Music hosted New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Zone 2 High School Area All-State. The district welcomed two choruses, a symphonic orchestra, and a concert band. The honor ensembles featured the top 400 high school musicians from 51 schools in Western New York who auditioned the previous year at NYSSMA Solo Festivals. The two day event included rehearsals with prestigious guest conductors and two concerts on Saturday.

This event was a collaborative event with NYSSMA, Genesee Valley School Music Association (GVSMA), and Letchworth CSD Music Teachers. A special thank you to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Brant, Mr. Decker, Mrs. Raymond, and the rest of LCS who helped out with the event. Congratulations to Mr. Wartinger for being an outstanding organizer and host for the event. He made LCS proud.



Composer: Glenn McClure

### Composer in Residence

In the constant pursuit of new ways of engaging his musicians, Mr. Decker is collaborating with the composer Mr. Glenn McClure this academic year. Together this past Fall they applied for a grant through the Arts Council for Wyoming County for a collaborative cross curricular project.

With the help of science teachers led by Mrs. Blackburn, students in science classes will gather scientific data and translate numerical data sets into visual representations (charts, graphs, etc.) with standard scientific methods. They will then work with Mr. McClure to translate this data into an audio representation. Students will use modular mathematics to translate numerical data into melodies and harmonies. Melodies and harmonies generated through this sonification process will provide the raw artistic material for a new band piece that will be performed by the LCS Jr. Band (grades 7-8).

The instructional design requires an integrated approach that will bring Music and Science together, culminating in a collaborative musical work. Music curriculum often focuses more on performing existing music rather than creating new music. This project will support this underserved part of the music curriculum. Science and Math curriculum will benefit from leveraging the motivational qualities of music for the promotion of hard science skills. All participating teachers will help design project activities to ensure that students will be building upon/reinforcing existing curriculum.

Mr. McClure and Mr. Decker were awarded a grant to fund the project through the Arts Council this January. Please attend the concert Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm to hear the new work's premier performance.

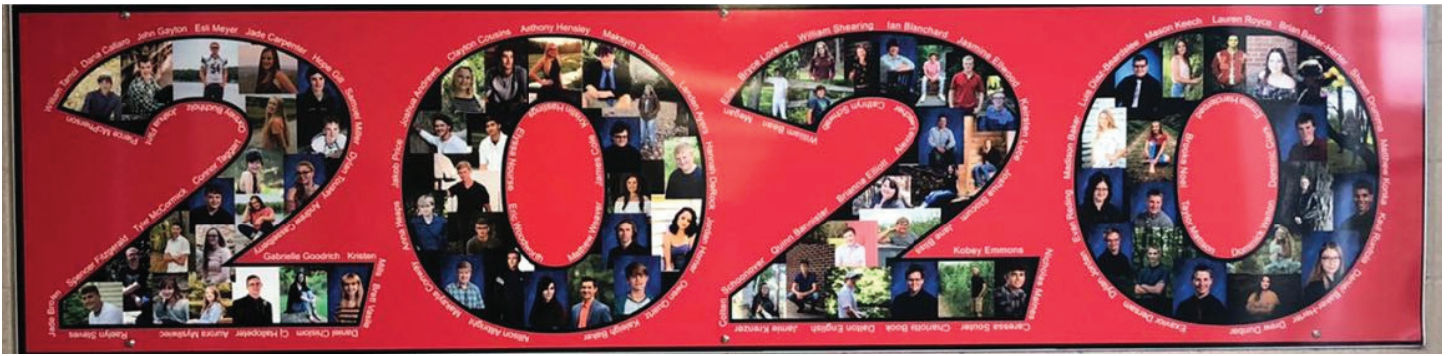
## First Grade "Zoo"

The first grade created a "Zoo" in their hall. After spending time reading about animals and their habitats in the current reader, The Green Fern Zoo, the first-grade students, created animal projects at home. The animal projects were a huge hit and enjoyed by the entire elementary school. Thorough-out the day of Friday, February 7th elementary classes streamed down the first grade hall admiring the creative projects. Congratulations, first graders, for a job well done!

## Did You Know....

The following information can be found on our web site:

- ✓ Cafeteria Menus
- ✓ Free/Reduced Lunch Application Form
- ✓ School Newsletters
- ✓ Board of Education: Meeting Schedule / Agenda / Minutes
- ✓ Calendar of Events
- ✓ Link to Sports Schedules



January 16th was an exciting day for the LCS Seniors; the class of 2020 mural was installed at the end of the senior hallway by Mr. Mertssock's room. Jane Bliss and Cathryn Schwab designed the mural using the class's senior pictures. Southpaw Signz in Perry digitized the design and came and installed it for us; we are so grateful for their collaboration, it looks amazing!



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to Support  
Letchworth

**Warsaw Location Only**

425 N Main Street, Warsaw NY

Wednesday, March 11th  
from 11AM - 9PM



*Present the coupon below to your server and a portion of your total bill will be donated to the Class of 2020.*

Letchworth Class of 2020 Fundraiser Ticket  
Wednesday, March 11

Total Purchase: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (excluding tax)

Please present this ticket to your server or cashier. Rancho Viejo will donate a portion of the regular price purchase before tax.

*Thank you for your support!*





# Lower Level Page Turners

Congratulations to the Lower Level Page Turners for representing our school at the Fall Meet in York on December 16, 2019. The team will compete in the Letchworth Central Auditorium on March 2, 2020 at 9:30.



Row 1: Gillian Sommer, Cooper Mathews, Aubrey Thomas, Anastasia Wesson  
 Row 2: David Weibel, Alex Marquart, Anna Towsley, Madison Youngers, Nolan Bannister, Zoey Herter  
 Row 3: Katie Perl, McKenna Krist, Shayla Hansen, Maya Bellamy, Dylan Coggiola, Kendall Royse  
 Row 4: Darren Abbott, Noah Korn, Micah Hansen, Hunter Brace, Emily Smith, Evelyn Raymond, Charlene Gilbert

## Absences

If your child is sick or absent, please call 493-5999, press 1, and dial 5149. Leave a message with the student name, grade and reason for absence.

If you call us - we won't have to call you!

## Visitors

Anyone visiting the school during school hours must first report to an office. Please bring a photo ID (driver's license) with you. Your ID will be scanned using our RAPTOR system for safety purposes, then you will sign in and receive a Visitor Pass. Any visitor not making their presence known at the office may be violating the law. We appreciate your cooperation for the safety and protection of our students and staff.



## Varsity Cheerleaders

The Letchworth Varsity Cheerleaders have competed at 3 competitions this winter and brought home awards at each:

- January 18 Bath - Haverling Competition - 3rd place
- January 25 Greater Rochester Cheerleading Championships - 2nd place
- February 1 Arkport-Canaseraga Cheer Challenge - 1st place

Congratulations cheerleaders and keep up the good work!



# Superintendent's Message

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Dear Letchworth Family,

The past several months have gone by so quickly as we approach Spring. I have witnessed many successes and remarkable stories in and out of the classroom. As you read through this newsletter you will see so many exciting things that our students are learning and experiencing. Whether it is sports, the arts, or academic achievements, our students have seen success to varying degrees. I am proud of so many things here at LCS. The students and staff amaze me with their perseverance, hard work, kindness and character.

The Board of Education, district staff and I have been diligently developing a budget proposal for the 2020-21 school year that is equitable and meets the needs of our students. The Governor's initial proposal for LCS has some challenges, but I remain optimistic. If you ever have a chance to advocate for rural schools with our local representatives, please do so. It is vital that we keep Western NY a priority in Albany. Our students and schools are a vital component of each community.

As a parent, knowing what is happening at school is essential. I want to encourage all of you to use the school website. ([www.letchworth.k12.ny.us](http://www.letchworth.k12.ny.us)) You can find lunch menus, daily announcements, the parent portal, school tax information, sport schedules,

job opportunities, BOE minutes, contact information, teacher email, and many other helpful pieces of information. We have next year's school calendar already posted there for you. We do our best to keep the website updated and hope it is useful to you.

We have been fortunate not to have used any emergency closing days this year. Please refer to the current school calendar to see how these days will be given back as vacation days if this trend continues. We will inform you of changes as we get close to those dates.

In closing, it is a privilege to serve here at Letchworth. Continue to communicate with your child's teachers and support our efforts. We care about your child and we want what is best for them. Success is always better when it is a "we" approach!

Together...  
**We are Letchworth.**

Mr. Todd Campbell



## Mark Your Calendar

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March 20	Conference Day No School	May 28	Senior Trip Parent Meeting 5:30 PM
March 9	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	May 28	Spring Concert I
March 20-22	Drama Production (Fri, Sat, Sun)		Grades 4 - 12 Vocal 6:30 PM
March 23	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	June 1	SCIENCE Exam Written Gr 4-8
March 25-27	ELA Testing Gr 3-8	June 3 - 5	Whale Watch
April 6-10	Spring Break No School	June 4	Spring Concert II Grades 5-6
April 10	Building CLOSED		Band & Jazz Band 7 PM
April 13	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	June 6 - 9	Senior Trip
April 21-23	MATH Testing Gr 3-8	June 8	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
April 25	Jr-Sr Prom	June 11	Spring Concert III Jr & Sr Band 7 PM
April 27	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	June 12	Spring Athletic Awards
May 7	HS Honor Roll Breakfast 7:15 AM	June 13	Darien Lake Jr. Band & Chorus
May 9	FFA Open House	June 24	Elementary Awards Assembly 9 AM
May 11	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM	June 25	Elementary PE Assembly
May 12	Class of 2021 Senior Pictures	June 26	GRADUATION
May 13	Sr High Honor Society Induction	June 30	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
May 18	SCIENCE Exam Performance Gr 4-8		
May 19	Budget Vote Noon - 9 PM		
May 19	Arts Festival / Science Fair 6:30 - 9 PM		
May 26	Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 PM		