

# **Timber Tracks**

## **Exeter-Milligan Public Schools**

### **January, 2021**

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#### **Holiday Basketball Tournament**

The girls and boys Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held at Roseland on December 29 and 30. Brackets are included in this newsletter.

#### **Second Semester Bus Routes**

Please remember bus routes change 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Route times are included in this newsletter.

#### **Junior Parents:**

As you begin to plan doctor/dentist appointments for this semester, please keep in mind the juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, April 6. This is a state mandated test, so all juniors are required to take it that day. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kovanda.

#### **School Closing Info...**

All notification of weather related late starts or school closing will be announced only at these media sites. Please tune in these stations to receive information updates:

- Television Station KLKN in Lincoln -- Channel 8
- Television Station KOLN-KGIN in Lincoln -- Channel 10/11

Announcements are also made through the ADT alert system that is sponsored by Generations Bank in Exeter.

#### **Cold Weather Information**

Please be sure your child comes to school dressed for the cold temperatures. Students should come to school with winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots when it begins to snow. This is very important especially for the elementary students because if the weather permits, they will have recess outside. Also make sure your child's items are labeled with their name so they don't get lost.

#### **Student Absences**

We are again asking that you notify the school by **8:30 AM** if your child will be absent or late from school. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please send a note with your child prior to the absence. This is the most effective way for the school to monitor your child's attendance. If you do not know in advance or if your child is not in school by 8:45 AM we will make an effort to contact you, as to the whereabouts of your child. When your child is absent, if we do not speak to you personally or if you do not send a note your child will be considered UNEXCUSED

## Notice to Parents – Childfind

This notice is to inform the patrons of the Exeter-Milligan District 01 that: Public Law 94-142 and State Rule 51 and 54 mandate that free appropriate public education is available to each handicapped child, years 0-21, who reside in a local school district. Handicapped children are defined as: Physically Handicapped, Visually Handicapped, Acoustically Handicapped, Speech Handicapped, Orthopedically Handicapped, Educable Mentally Handicapped, Behaviorally Impaired, Specific Learning Disabled, Mentally Retarded, Multi-Handicapped, Home and Hospital Bound. (By reason, thereof, require special education and related services.) If you feel that your child may qualify under any of the above categories please contact Paul Sheffield Superintendent, Exeter-Milligan Public School District #01, Exeter, NE. 402-266-5911.

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### NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Name: Paul D. Sheffield

Title: Superintendent

Address: 318 S River Ave, Exeter, NE 68351

Telephone: (402) 266-5911

E-mail: [paul.sheffield@emwolves.net](mailto:paul.sheffield@emwolves.net)

For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 3053– Nondiscrimination.

## **2020-2021 School Bus Routes 2nd Semester**

Pick up times will vary depending on which students ride, please have students ready early until pick up times are finalized, After school drop off times will vary on the route depending on which students ride.

### **Exeter Area**

#### **West Route**

Jason Oldehoeft	7:10
Brian Zelenka	7:12
Tiny Images Daycare (afternoon)	
Robbie Petersen	7:28
Jay Geiger	7:32
Aaron Ogren	7:36
Tony Kassik	7:38
Jeff Underwood	*

#### **East Route**

Dennis Harrison	*
Doug Papik	7:10
Ryan Pavlish	7:18
Norm Lutz	7:26
Kent Olsen	*
Paul Jurgensen	7:30
Travis Due	7:32
Jack Classen	7:33
Kevin Songster	7:35
Shellie Olsen	*

### **Milligan Area**

#### **North and East**

Gabe Jaeger	*
Shane Slezak	7:10
Clint Foutch	7:17
Chad Jindra	7:22
Missy Vnoucek	*
Mike Nichols	7:34
Jeff Jansky	*

#### **South and West**

Kyle Svec	*
Rod Krupicka	7:20
Jason Pribyl	7:25
Hannah Floyd	7:30

#### **Ohiowa Route**

Luke Meyer	7:20
Justin Capek	7:25
Roger Capek	7:35

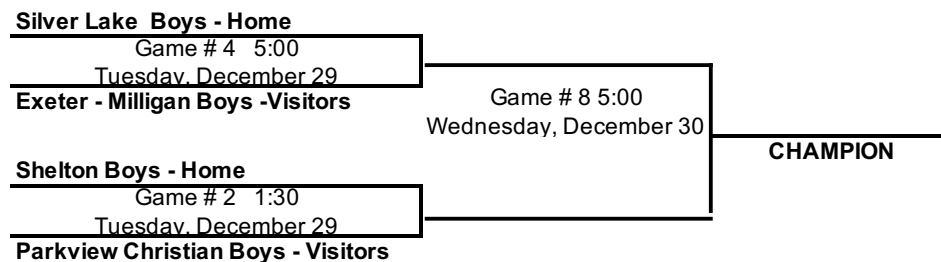
If you have any bus questions or issues please feel free to call Dean (402-366-3650) or Leesa Bartu (402-366-3651)

Just a reminder that if your child is not a regularly scheduled rider you will need to obtain the permission of the school and A&M, Inc. for them to be transported. Some of our route vehicles are at capacity and will not allow for extra riders. In Milligan, if your child plans to have friends come home with them after school you will have to provide transportation. We do not have room for students who are not scheduled on the route. Students will not be transported to stops that are not regularly scheduled unless permission has been given by A & M, Inc. (i.e. if you need your children taken to a grandparent's home). Any change in regular stops must be cleared with A & M, Inc.

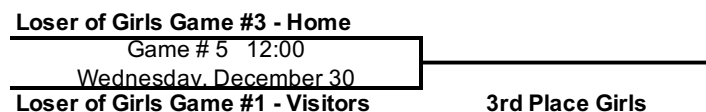
### Girls Bracket



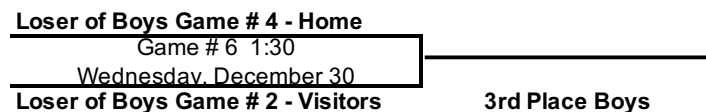
### Boys Bracket



### Girls Consolation Bracket



### Boys Consolation Bracket



# **SILVER-LAKE-**

## **26th Annual**

### **HOLIDAY-CLASSIC**



**Tuesday, December 29**  
**Wednesday, December 30**  
**Silver Lake High School - Roseland, NE**

**Admission: \$5.00 Adults & Students**  
**NO PASSES**

## MUSIC NEWS

The K-6 students had the opportunity to watch *The Nutcracker* presented by American Midwest Ballet during the last full week before winter break. A few highlights for the students included the battle scene, costumes, and the songs they recognized from music class.



**Honor group auditions** for Meridian, CRC, and Class D All-State will take place in January. Although we don't know if these events will happen, the organizations all are going through with the audition process so students have the opportunity to be selected to the groups.

Exeter-Milligan will NOT participate in the CRC JH Vocal Clinic or the Bruning-Davenport Middle School Band Contest this winter. The junior high band students will participate with the older students at district music contest in place of the middle school contest this year.

This year's **winter concert** videos were recorded during class and put together by Mr. Sheffield. The two concert videos can be found on the Exeter-Milligan YouTube channel (Exeter Milligan.)



Exeter-Milligan was recognized in November for a **67% level of participation** in the music department. This percentage includes students participating in band and choir. Congratulations to the students on their dedication!





## January 2021

The past couple of months I have struggled with writer's block. This is an uncommon feeling for me, as I am a member of a leadership team through the Nebraska Council for School Administrators who write monthly blog posts for a publication that is provided to principals across the state. In seeking some inspiration through my trusty friend *Google*, I came across this piece of written work. Having had the year that 2020 has brought us, I decided it was worth sharing. Happy New Year to you and yours!

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death ... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful ... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder ... you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Have a good day, and count your blessings! -- Author Unknown

## ***VIEW FROM THE FRONT OFFICE***

Hope, as defined by Webster, is “to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true.” It seems that at times, we “hope” to win the big game or win the lottery, Lately hope has definitely taken on a different view - hoping to just play the game or make it another week in school,

What we hope to happen changes with our perspective. Everyone’s perspective now is vastly different from a year ago. Last year at this time I was more focused on making sure students were making up their absences and being on time for school. This year, the focus has been on what can we do to keep our students and staff safe while trying to keep everything as normal as possible and still provide all of the opportunities that school affords.

With all the negativity that has come about due to the recent elections and COVID-19, it seems like we are surrounded by darkness. It’s hard to see hope when all is dark. It is natural to have doubts, but that is where hope (and faith) come into play. Our oldest son is a Navy rescue swimmer, spending over two years training before he was assigned to the fleet. He explained his job this way - his best day (making a save) would be the result of someone else’s worst day. His perspective of the situation as a rescue swimmer is totally different than the perspective of the pilot or person he would need to save.

So maybe through all this, it boils down to our own perspective. We can look at hope as a GOOD four-letter word. If we change our view (perspective) from instead of

seeing the glass as half-empty to seeing it half-full, then we can see the hope it brings. If we change our “have to’s” into “get to’s”, then this helps change the outcome. Our perspective helps determine the outcome. A positive perspective may more than likely result in a positive outcome.

A few weeks ago, we helped Haylee celebrate her college graduation and had the opportunity to attend church with her before we left. The message that morning was SPOT ON! In essence, hope is an expectation. We shouldn’t be afraid to make it a priority - there is an urgency, a responsibility and a decision. To put it in Christmas time lingo: don’t leave anything in your cart; be committed. Changing our perspective can change the outcome - be a sliver of light during this dark time. I’m ready - are you?

Thought to wrap up the year:

Be a Light by Thomas Rhett

“In a place that needs change, make a difference

In a time full of noise, just listen

'Cause life is but a breeze, better live it

In a place that needs a change, make a difference

In a world full of hate, be a light

When you do somebody wrong, make it right

Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine

In a world full of hate, be a light”



## Exeter-Milligan School Calendar - January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School	2
3	4 No School  Teacher Inservice	5 BB (H) Diller-Odell  JHBB @ Giltner	6	7 Coding Club  FCCLA Meeting 6:15pm	8 BB @ Shelby-RC	9 E-M JVBB Tourney  FCCLA STAR Workday
10	11 Makerspace- Exeter  MUDECAS BB	12 Makerspace- Milligan  MUDECAS BB	13 Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm-Exeter	14 Coding Club  JHBB @ McCool  MUDECAS BB	15 MUDECAS BB	16 MUDECAS BB
17	18 JHBB (H) Cross County	19 BB (H) Meridian	20 District LDE-York	21 BB @ Davenport  Coding Club	22	23 CRC BB Tourney
24	25 CRC BB Tourney	26 CRC BB Tourney	27 CRC BB Tourney (snow day)	28 CRC BB Tourney  Coding Club  JH Boys BB @ Friend	29 CRC BB Tourney	30 MUDECAS Speech  WSC Honor Band

# Exeter-Milligan School Breakfast Menu – January 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	<i>Breakfast</i> <i>Choice of Entrée or</i> <i>Cereal w/Yogurt</i> <i>Fruit, 100% Fruit</i> <i>Juice and Milk served</i> <i>daily</i>	5 Mini French Toast and Go-Gurt Stick	6 Biscuits & Gravy	7 Bagel and Omelet	8 Eggo Waffles and Little Smokies	
	11 Pancake Power Sandwich	12 Homemade Blueberry Oatmeal Bar and Yogurt Cup	13 Ham, Egg, & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich	14 French Toast and Sausage Links	15 Triple Berry Yogurt Parfait and Mini Blueberry Loaf	
	18 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Croissant	19 Caramel Apple Yogurt Parfait and Cinnamon Toast Crunch Soft Bar	20 Bacon-Grilled Cheese Sandwich	21 Homemade Breakfast Pizza	22 Cinnamon Roll and Omelet	
	25 Berry Smoothie and Apple or Cherry Frudel	26 Homemade Breakfast Burrito	27 Waffle Power Sandwich	28 Mini Pancakes and Little Smokies	29 Uncrustables Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Go-Gurt Stick	

# Exeter-Milligan School Lunch Menu – January 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	<i>*Provided by the Purple Ribbon Meat Program</i>	5 Mac & Cheese, Popcorn Chicken, Vegetable, Fruit	6 Quesadilla, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrots & Celery, Fruit, Peanut Butter Bar	8 <i>*Lasagna</i> , Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit	
	11 Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce & Cheese, Onions & Peppers, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Cookie	12 <i>*Sloppy Joes</i> , Potato, Vegetable, Fruit	13 Fiestada, Vegetable, Fruit, Éclair Dessert	14 Creamed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Biscuit	15 Turkey-Bacon- Cheese Flatbread Sandwich, Sun Chips, Vegetable, Fruit	
	18 Pizza Sticks, <i>*Meat Sauce</i> , Vegetable, Fruit, Bar	19 Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Baked Potato (Regular or Sweet), Vegetable, Fruit	20 Hot Dog on a Bun, Nacho Chips & Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit	21 <i>*Chili Soup</i> , Cinnamon Roll, Carrots & Celery, Fruit	22 Mandarin Orange Chicken, Rice or Noodles, Stir-Fry Veggies, Fruit, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie	
	25 Chicken Strips, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Southern Style Biscuit	26 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit	27 Pepperoni Bosco Sticks, Vegetable, Fruit, Smore's Bar	28 <i>*Hot Beef Sandwich</i> , Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit	29 Rotini, <i>*Meat Sauce</i> , Salad, Fruit, Breadsticks	