

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

- April 9 Mid-Quarter  
Mustang Relays  
Early Dismissal at 12:20 p.m.
- April 12 State Science Olympiad  
District Academic Bowl  
ACT
- April 17 Early Dismissal
- April 18-21 Spring Break
- April 26 Prom
- April 29 County Spelling Bee
- May 1 Elementary Spring Concert
- May 4 Baccalaureate
- May 5-8 Senior Trip
- May 9 MS/HS Awards Ceremony  
FFA Banquet
- May 10 District Track
- May 11 Graduation
- May 13 Sports Banquet
- May 15 Preschool Graduation
- May 16 Elementary Track & Field Day
- May 17 Sectional Track
- May 20 Elem. Track & Field Raindate  
Elem. Awards Ceremony
- May 23-24 State Track
- May 21 End of Fourth Quarter  
End of Second Semester  
Early Dismissal
- May 22-23 Teacher Workshop
- May 27-June 13 Summer School
- May 31 Drive One for Your School  
Fundraiser sponsored by  
Smith Motor



This year the high school girls basketball team was district champs, sectional champs, and were one basket away from going to the Final Four. Congratulations on a great season!

# Linn Co. Ledger

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## Linn County Athlete Achievements



On Wednesday, March 19 Derek Wilson signed a letter of intent to run track and cross country at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. Derek also received a scholarship from Indian Hills.



# Senior Spotlight

*"Be happy, life is short."*

**Activities:**

Class activities

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Funny, Happy, Pretty

**Future Plans & Goals:**

Work

**What's your favorite thing about Linn County?**

Walking the halls in the morning.

**Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?**

My grandma Jean. She has always been there for me.



**Amber Marie Renshaw**

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*"Without struggle there is no progress."*

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Funny, Caring, Tough

**Future Plans & Goals:**

My future plans are to attend college and go into the Nursing Program. Then eventually specialize in Pediatric Nursing.

**Who at Linn Co. influenced you the most and why?**

Coach Knight because he has influenced me the most because he has given me confidence in what I do best.

**What is your favorite thing about Linn Co.?**

I get to graduate.

**Tiffany Le Ann Hall**



*“Live for something rather than die for nothing.”*

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Outgoing, Persuasive, Awesome

**Future Plans & Goals:**

Military and Diesel Mechanics.

**What activities are you involved in?**

FFA, TSA Contest, Track, and Baseball.

**Who at Linn Co. influenced you the most and why?**

Coach Rex, coaches that push me, and Ms. Garrison.

# Justin Thomas Waltz

## All Library Books Due May 7th



Library Fines Reminder: Parents will be billed for the replacement cost for overdue books that are not turned in by the end of the year. We encourage students to take care of their own overdue library books and fines. If a book is paid for, then found, the money will be returned. **The last day to quiz for Trophy reading is May 5th .**

## April is the last chance to get your 13-14 Yearbook

### Order Form

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Namestamp to appear on book (if purchased) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Yearbooks \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# \$30

**w/o a namestamp**

# \$35

**w/ a namestamp**

# Summer School 2014

## Summer School ---Linn County R-1

Sign up now. Summer school will focus on Reading and Math, but other fun activities will be incorporated into summer school. Summer school will begin on Tuesday, May 27th and end on Friday, June 13th. The students will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day with the exception of Friday, June 13th. On that day, we will travel to Chillicothe to play in the park, eat lunch, and then swim at the Chillicothe Aquatic Center. We will return around 4:00 p.m. on that day. This year the fifth grade will be participating in the transition program which will help prepare them for Junior High and their last day will be celebrated at a water park.

COME ONE, COME ALL. JOIN THE FUN AND SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER SCHOOL.

Please complete and return to the school office.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (During 2013-2014 school year): \_\_\_\_\_

Summer school will run May 27th-June 13th

Please refer questions to Mrs. Gray (660) 244-5035

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## Fellowship of Christian Athletes Selling Seroogy's Chocolate

The day we've all been waiting for has finally come. SEROOGY'S CHOCOLATE IS HERE! In addition to the traditional favorites peanut butter, chocolate meltaway, crisp, mint, mocha and almond bars, we'll also be offering dark chocolate and a brand new flavor, shock rocks chocolate (similar to pop rocks). Candy bars can be purchased in Mrs. Morelock's room before and after school.

FCA members are also taking orders for Easter Chocolate. Those orders are due April 1st. If patrons would like to purchase candy bars or order Easter Chocolate, contact Robin Morelock or an FCA member.  
[rmorelock@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:rmorelock@linnr1.k12.mo.us)



## News from Mrs. Gray

The school year continues to move very quickly. Spring baseball and JH/HS Track have been working hard to be ready for their spring competitions. Our Mustang relays will be held on Wednesday, April 9th this year.

With the end of school closely approaching, I would like to remind you that you can access the school calendar hyperlink from the Linn County R-1 homepage. This will allow you to look at the various activities taking place around school. The calendar is very full this time of year so check once in awhile so you don't miss out.

### Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, March 13th. I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend the conferences. I feel like we had a very good turnout. It is always important to communicate with your child's teacher. Thank you again for your attendance and support.

### End of Year Testing

That time of year is nearing. All students will be taking end of the year tests very soon. Please pay close attention to the testing dates that are on the school calendar and that your child's teachers put in their newsletters. It is very important that the students get plenty of rest each night and eat a good breakfast each morning. It is also important for the students to be here during the testing times. We

urge our students to perform to the best of their potential while taking these tests. We are also offering the ACT test this year at our school on Saturday, April 12th.

### McTeacher Night

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend McTeacher Night on March 11th. We really appreciate your support. We brought in \$506.79.

### Calendar Changes for Elementary

The Elementary Track and Field Day was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 8th but due to having to add days on to the end of the year because of the weather, the date is being changed. The NEW DATE for ELEMENTARY TRACK AND FIELD DAY IS FRIDAY, MAY 16TH. The RAIN DATE IS TUESDAY, MAY 20TH.

Another change for Elementary for the end of the year is the ELEMENTARY AWARD CEREMONY. THE ELEMENTARY AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20TH AT 2:00 PM. The award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 2:00 pm even if we have Track and Field day that day. We will adjust the times of Track and Field day to be able to proceed with the Award Ceremony at 2:00 pm.

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the Linn County R-1 Spelling Bee winners. 5th grade-Zephyr Palmer and Cody Murrell; 6th grade-Nicole Bell and Melissa Stanphill, and 4th grade-Conner Spainhour and Gracie McCollum. The Overall School Spelling Bee winners were Cody Murrell and Melissa Stanphill. The County Spelling Bee will be Tuesday, April 29 at Father McCarten in Marceline.

## Linn County R-1 Spelling Bee Winners



## McTeacher Night



On Tuesday, March 11 Linn County teachers helped take orders, work the drive-thru, and serve food at McDonalds to raise money for the school. Thank you to the Brookfield McDonalds. Linn County received a check for over \$500.

Elementary  
Track & Field  
Friday, May 16  
9 a.m.

Elementary  
Track & Field  
Raindate  
Tuesday, May 20  
9 a.m.

Elementary Awards  
Ceremony  
Tuesday, May 20  
2 p.m.

## School Board Elections are on Tuesday, April 8 Support Your School and Vote Meet the Candidates

### Neslie Allnutt

**Name:** Neslie Allnutt

**Spouse:** None

**Children:** None

**Occupation:** Great Western Bank

**Residence:** Shelby

**1. What motivates you to want to become a board member?**

The kids are the biggest motivator for me. I am alumni and was very active in school and currently still am. It makes me proud when I help kids and they learn from it and it boost their ego and confidence level. I would like to help keep our school positive and help it continue to grow.

**2. How would you handle community concerns about school related issues that are brought to your attention?**

I would listen to their concerns and respond to the best of my ability in a very professional way and then take those concerns to the other board members at the meeting.

**2. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?**

I feel it is the board's responsibility to back and support the teachers, administration, students, etc at the school. With that support, faculty is hired for a reason and they should let me do their job unless they are not doing what is in their job description then that should be handled very professional with all angles looked at. There are two sides to every story and both need to be addressed. I think they are to make the final decisions on what will help better the school in every aspect.

### Chad Gooch

**Name:** Chad Gooch

**Spouse:** Christie Gooch

**Children:** Taylor Page 18 and Remington Gooch 8

**Occupation:** District Tech for Sullivan Co. Soil & Water

**Residence:** Browning

**1. What motivates you to want to become a board member?**

To serve and be helpful to the school and the community.

**2. How would you handle community concerns about school related issues that are brought to your attention?**

Listen to people with concerns about all school related issues and find a fair and productive solution.

**3. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?**

To serve and see that all students and faculty are treated equally and that our school is functioning efficiently as possible.

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## Meet the Candidates Continued

### Racheal Neal

**Name:** Racheal Neal

**Spouse:** Shawn Neal

**Children:** Wyatt 8, Waylon 6, and Westyn 18 months

**Occupation:** Appraiser for the Linn County Assessor

**Residence:** Linneus

**1. What motivates you to want to become a board member?**

I love our School District and I have such wonderful memories of the years I spent at Linn County R-1. I believe our school system is the center of our community. As a parent with children in the District, I am passionate about working together with others to find solutions that will strengthen our school system and improve opportunities for our children. Our community's well-being and future prosperity depend upon this.

**2. How would you handle community concerns about school related issues that are brought to your attention?**

As a present member of the board, I have made sure that I understand the problem completely. I have done my best to get as much information as I can in order to make an informed decision about the problem. Communication is key, so I have worked to speak with those involved, kept emotion out of the conversation and focused on the facts so I could remain as fair and impartial as possible. I have had to remember that when dealing with problems, you cannot please everyone. After taking everything into careful consideration, I feel I have done my best at making a fair and responsible choice for the Dis-

trict. I have taken pride in serving the District through the easy times, as well as the hard, and hope to continue to do so for the next three years.

**3. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?**

The school board is responsible for setting policies to keep the school on track. We set goals as a board for the betterment of our District, and we keep working towards those goals until we reach them. Along with that, we hire and evaluate the Superintendent, adopt and oversee the annual budget, which includes everything from managing the salaries and benefits for the employees, to choosing the companies that provide our students with bread and milk. Last but not least, a major responsibility of a board member is to always be available to listen when patrons of the community have concerns.

### Brenda Search

**Name:** Brenda Search

**Spouse:** John Search

**Children:** Derek, 23 and Ariel, 15

**Occupation:** Walsworth Publishing Company, Customer Service Supervisor

**Residence:** Linneus, MO

**1. What motivates you to want to become a board member?**

Both of my children have gone to Linn Co R-1, starting in kindergarten with my son graduating in 2009 and my daughter being a freshman now. Going through their school years, I have always looked at our school as being successful in educating our children and I am very interested in helping to continue

that success. I have always been involved in my children's activities at school and now that they are older, I feel this is yet another way I can be involved. I work with schools around the country in my everyday job and I witness many of the small schools closing due to the economy. I want to be a part of keeping our school operating successfully.

**2. How would you handle community concerns about school related issues that are brought to your attention?**

Those concerns would be brought back to be presented to the board and discussed accordingly. I have a strong commitment to working with others on the board toward the goal of providing the best possible education for our children. We have to be sure we are researching the concern and have all the necessary information on the issue to make good decisions and that we keep the children in mind first and what would be best for them. It is important that we treat all involved with respect.

**3. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?**

Our role as an effective board first and foremost is having the right person in the superintendent's seat. Without the right person in this seat, the day to day operations would not run smoothly. Our other responsibilities are setting the vision for education in our community and developing, implementing, and monitoring Linn County R-1's policies and procedures. Decisions we make now will influence what happens in our school district well into the future.

# Linn County R-1 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

## Honor Roll 3.5-3.999

### Seniors

Skyler Creason  
Tiffany Hall  
Mindy Hayes  
Derek Wilson  
Jacob Wood

### Juniors

Tristen Creason  
Alec Finney

### Sophomores

Destinee Cordray  
Cole Hullinger  
Shaina Russell  
Megan Schreiner  
Kiley Stillwell  
Jena Warren

### Freshmen

Alexis Miller  
Krista Ratliff  
Ariel Search  
Kyle Ward

## 8th Grade

Lindsey Brinkley  
Blair Buswell  
Mattie Dean  
April Wood

## 7th Grade

Levi Barker  
Leticia Bright

## 6th Grade

Abby Herring  
Madison Livingston  
Kaia Miller  
Lainey Miller  
Michael O'Kane  
Hope Singleton  
Melissa Stanphill

## 5th Grade

Jenna Hoerrmann  
Cody Murrell  
Nathan Palmer  
Brendan Ratliff

## Principal's Honor Roll 4.0-4.8

### Seniors

Hannah Hoskins  
Lauren Russell

### Juniors

Logan Brinkley  
Anthony McCollum  
Kerstin Wilson

### Sophomores

Britane Hubbard  
Sydney Moore

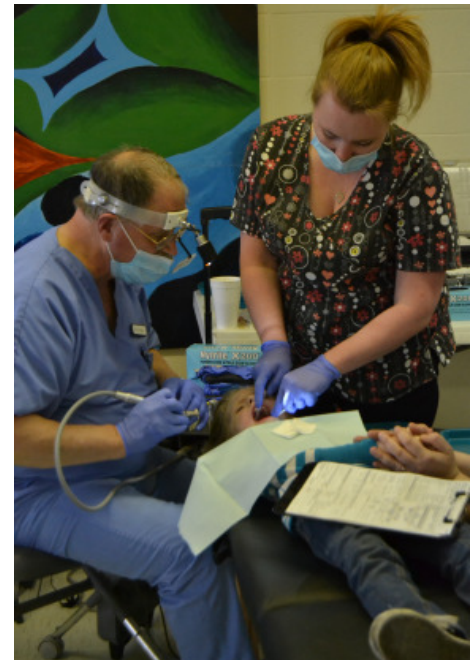
### Freshmen

Emily Schreiner  
Joslyn Seals

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## Big Smiles

The Big Smiles dental program visited Linn County R-I and over two days they saw 29 kids. They performed: dental exams, oral hygiene instructions, cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants to all 29 kids. 83 fillings were places, 108 extractions and 5 referral for orthodontics. Linn County R-I is hoping to have this company return next year. Our students did AMAZING!!!





## Preschool Classes for 2014-2015

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective preschool students for the 2014-2015 school year. We will still be having our screening in early May, which is a time to see how ready the students are for preschool. This enrollment will give us the names and addresses of prospective students and parents so that we can mail them information about the screening when that time comes. We will also get information we can use now in planning for the instruction of the students next year. **Openings will be filled first by 4 year old students, any extra spots may be filled by 3 year old students.**

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

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Child's Name (First, Middle, Last)

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Birth date

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Parent Names (Both)

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Address, City and Zip

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Describe Location of the House

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Telephone Number

To enter preschool a child must be 3 years of age before August 1, 2014. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Gray at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

## Kindergarten Students for 2014-2015

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective kindergarten students for the 2014-2015 school year. We will still be having our kindergarten roundup in late April, which is a time to see how ready the students are for kindergarten. This enrollment will give us the names and addresses of prospective students and parents so that we can mail them information about the roundup when that time comes. We will also get information we can use now in planning for the instruction of the students next year.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2014-2015

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Child's Name (First, Middle, Last)

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Birth date

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Parent Names (Both)

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Address, City and Zip

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Describe Location of the House

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Telephone Number

To enter kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age before August 1, 2014. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Gray at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

**Linn County R-1  
Home of the Mustangs**

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Email: [school@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:school@linnr1.k12.mo.us)

**Linn Co. R-1  
Message Line  
660-895-1234**

**Sign up for text alerts at  
[www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)**

**Look for the Mustang Alerts  
button on the right side of the  
homepage.**

**Administration:**

Ryan Livingston - Superintendent  
Candi Gray - Elem./HS Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY,  
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

[www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)

**Board of Education**

Janis Guyer, Pres., 1 yr  
Chad Gooch, V.P., 3 yrs  
Jim Fitzgerald, 19 yrs  
Steve Hardy, 9 yrs  
Racheal Neal, 3 yrs  
Brenda Search, 3 yrs  
Shannon Murrell

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Purdin Fall Festival  
September 5-7

Linneus Old Settlers  
September 26-28