



Linn County R-I Ledger



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Scholar Bowl 2022

Hunter Miller was named to the high school Tri-County Conference Scholar Bowl team.

Basketball Awards

First Team All-Conference

Morgan Livingston

Second Team - Alyssa Bukovac

Honorable Mention - Gage Seals

Defensive Team

Maddie Chapman and Gage Seals

All-District

Gage Seals, Morgan Livingston, and Alyssa Bukovac

Honorable Mention

Maddie Chapman



Title One Activity Night

The spring PAT, Preschool, and Title One activity night was held on March 15th. The evening started off with families enjoying pizza and drinks. Students were then divided into groups to participate in activities. The students that will be entering Kindergarten toured the Kindergarten room with Mrs. Seals. PAT/Preschool and Kindergarten students also participated in rotating stations with Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Seals.



Ms. Wood took students in grades 1-2 and they participated in a Scavenger Hunt. Students in grades 3-5 participated in a scavenger hunt and a skittle science project with Mrs. Dudley. Wal-Mart gift cards were given to the winners of each grade level. Jones Morris won the gift card for the PAT/Preschool/Kindergarten group. Hayden Kehr won the gift card for grades 1-2 and Westyn Neal won the gift card for grades 3-5.



Northwest Missouri State University Campus Tour

Twenty-five Linn County R-I students attended a campus tour at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville on March 24. Mrs. O'Kane, FTA sponsor, traveled with the students.



Senior Spotlight



Gracie Lynn Bell

“Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” -Dr. Seuss

What are your future plans?

After high school, I plan to go to college and become a Pediatric Nurse.

What activities are you involved in?

Yearbook, Student Council, FCA, and FTA.

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Determined, Inspired, Bubbly

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

My favorite thing about Linn County is that it's so small. Everyone is close like family, they take care of each other in times of need.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Several teachers and administrators have influenced me. It would be hard to just choose one. Each person holds a special place in my heart, and I will forever be thankful for all the time, advice, and memories each one has given me.



Silas William James Dodd

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”
-Walt Disney

What are your future plans?

Trade school, work

What activities are you involved in?

Baseball, Basketball, Track

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Hardworking, Loyal, Leader

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

My class.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Coach White, he has always lifted me up and stayed positive with me through sports and everything.

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. 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 a while so you don't miss out.

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 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.

Senior Awards/Scholarships

All Senior Awards/Scholarships will be given during Graduation. Graduation is May 15th at 2:30 pm. Baccalaureate will be held on May 8th at 2:30 pm.

Middle School/High School Academic Award Assembly

The Academic Award Assembly for Middle School and High School students will be Friday, May 20th. The assembly will begin at 8:15 am. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Elementary Track and Field

The Elementary Track & Field Day will be held on Friday, May 13th . The Elementary Classroom Award Ceremony will take place at 8:15 am that day. The Track & Field Day will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1:20 pm. Track & Field Awards will be given at 1:30 pm. The rain date for the Elementary Track & Field Day is Wednesday, May 18th. The Award Assembly times will remain the same on the rain date day. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

End of the year activities

The Elementary Spring Concert will be Thursday, April 21st at 7 pm.

Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th.

Grand March will be at 7:30 pm and the dance is from 9-11 pm.

The Athletic Award Ceremony will be held May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

The MS/HS Spring Concert will be Thursday, May 5th at 7 pm.

The FFA Awards Ceremony will be held on May 6th at 6:00 pm.

The school play will take place on the evening of May 16th .

Preschool Graduation will be Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.

The last day of school is May 20th and we will dismiss at 12:00 pm that day!!!

Parents As Teachers

Things That Go Night !!

Please join us for our Things That Go Night on April 27th at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Brookfield R-3 School. There will be Things That Go in the parking lot for children to look at and explore. We will also be serving hot dogs on a first come, first serve basis. Hope you can join us!

Linn County School Spelling Bee Winners

4th grade

1st Raegen Edwards

2nd Waden Gray

Runner up Abrianna Wood

5th grade

1st Rylee Rhoades

2nd Isabelle Dodd

Runner up Faya Gulley

6th grade

1st Lydia Grant

2nd Ellie Jennings

Runner up Kaden Depler

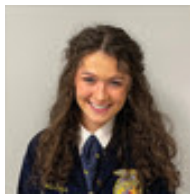
Overall - Grand Champion - Lydia Grant

Reserve Champion - Rylee Rhoades

The top 2 in each class will compete in the County Spelling Bee which will be held on April 20th at Linn County R1. The actual Spelling Bee will begin at 6 pm with each grade level in an individual classroom and the Grand Champion round will be held in the gymnasium at the completion of the grade level rounds. Grades 4, 5, and 6 will compete. Students from Brookfield, Bucklin, Marceline, Meadville and Linn County will be competing against one another.



Linn County R-I FFA News



The Missouri Department of Agriculture has selected 30 high school sophomores to participate in the 2022 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. Selected students will spend a week in June in Kansas City exploring careers in agriculture, building leadership skills and learning more about farming, ranching and food production. Congratulations to Mikaela Rojas for being selected to the 2022 Missouri Agribusiness Academy.

NCMC Campus Tour

Seventh and eighth grade students traveled to Trenton on March 30 to tour the NCMC campus. Student ambassadors showed the students around Barton Farm Campus and the main campus. They discussed the possibilities A+ offers students and answered any questions the students had about college.



Congratulations to Mikaela Rojas and Kelsie Lorton for winning at Area 3 contest in Division 2 prepared public speaking and Extemporaneous public speaking.



Congratulations to the Livestock Judging Team for advancing to state contests. Way to go Gage Seals, Katie Buswell, Jordan Gray, and Mason Small. Good luck at state!

Tri-County Conference Art Show Linn County Student Awards

Division II- Color Drawing

Honorable Mention: **Emily Jennings**

Division III- Watercolor Painting

1st Place: **Michela Ham**

Division IV- Painting

3rd Place: **Emily Jennings**

Division VI- Ceramics

2nd Place: **Brennon McConkey**

3rd Place: **Michela Ham**

Division XII-Graphic Arts

2nd Place: **Kasady Lorton**

For the next several months the ledger will be featuring several of Linn County R-I's teachers. The following pages highlight why they got into education and what they love about Linn Co. R-I.

Mrs. Banko

What's your education? Bachelor of Science in Elementary with an Emphasis in Early Childhood education from Missouri Western State University and a Master of Science in Administration through William Woods University.

What is your experience? I taught 4th grade at St. James Catholic School for 1 year, 2nd grade at St. James Catholic School for 1 year, and 2nd grade at Linn County R-1 for 16 years.

Why did you choose to teach? I fell into education by simply walking by the childcare facility at Missouri Western on my way to work at the fitness center. I had to walk by the playground from the criminal justice building to the fitness center. The children always were having a great time playing and their teachers seemed like they were enjoying themselves too. I enjoyed my criminal justice classes but they were not very hands-on at the time and I felt that I wanted a profession that can help people before they are in the criminal system. I took education classes for a semester and enjoyed all of them so I switched majors the next semester.

Why did you choose Linn County? When I completed my 2 year obligation to St. James, I applied at every school in Linn Co. I received call backs from all of them and interviewed with Linn Co first. I liked the interview process with a more personal interview style rather than with a team that other schools used. I also liked that at the time we were under the reading grant that would offer a structured routine to reading instruction. When I got the call back for a second grade split grade, it was exactly what I wanted. I called the other schools to let them know I had accepted the contract and the rest is history.

Mrs. Lisa Hostetter

1990 Graduate of
Linn Country R-1 High School

2000 Graduate of Graceland University with
a degree of Elementary Education

2004 Masters Degree in education with an
emphasis in writing
University of Missouri-St. Louis

I have taught 6th grade,
4th grade, and 5th grade

I have been in the classroom for 22 years.

To be a part of Linn County R-1 school, means to be a part of something special. We are a team who works together for improvement and success of our students and of each other. We come to school everyday with busy lives of our own and heavy burdens sometimes, but we put those aside so we can strive to give our best to our students. We know that all students can succeed. Success is measured differently in each person. We strive to instill positive values in our students to work toward their own success. OUR school is small but mighty, things happen within our school. Together, we can make a difference. A previous teacher once told me, "Once you began something, continue and never stop believing in yourself!"

For me, a career in education meant that I could help children learn not only from textbooks, but I could help them learn about real life through my example. Each student who has been a part of my class has left an impression on me. I want to be that positive impression left in the memory of my students. Each day is a new day with new experiences. Education begins in the home and the school building is an extension of that learning and is meant to enhance the learning experience.

Fifth Grade Teacher

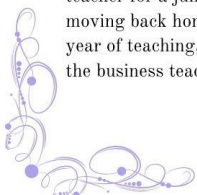
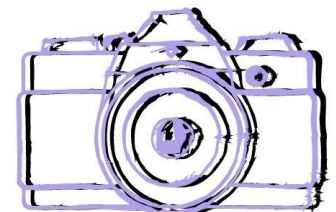
Mary Hoyt BUSINESS AND YEARBOOK

I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a bachelor's in Interactive Digital Media: New Media in May 2004. As soon as I graduated I started working on my master's in Instructional Technology. I graduated with my master's in August 2006 and began working in Liberty Public Schools as a junior high Learning Strategies teacher. I also worked two years as a full-time substitute teacher for a junior high in Liberty before moving back home. I am about to finish my 16th year of teaching, 13 of those years I have been the business teacher at Linn County R-1.

I chose to be an educator because I had so many influential people in my life that were educators that I wanted to try and do the same for students. My teachers taught me so many valuable lessons, besides just their content area, that are still with me today.

Linn County R-1 is the place to be because the administration is amazing to work for. They know we have a lot on our plate and they help in any way they can. They also lead by example and work hard every day to complete tasks, many that are not in their job description but they know it needs to be done.

There are also many staff members that are supportive and willing to help out when needed. We do as much as a bigger school, but with a smaller staff, so to see those staff members pitch in to get everything done sets a great example for students and makes being part of the Linn County family so special. I can't imagine working anywhere else.



Mrs. Jordan Maxwell

EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

B.S. DEGREE FROM MISSOURI IN AGRICULTURE
MASTERS: WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY
IN CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 7 YEARS
GRADE LEVELS/ SUBJECTS: AGRICULTURE-1 YEAR,
1ST GRADE-2 YEARS, 3RD GRADE-2 YEARS,
PRESCHOOL-2 YEARS

LINN COUNTY R-1 IS THE PLACE TO BE BECAUSE THE STAFF IS SO FRIENDLY, RELAXED, AND TRULY WANT TO SEE EACH OTHER SUCCEED. EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE THE SAME GOAL IN MIND WHICH IS TO HELP KIDS. I ALSO LOVE THE SMALL TOWN, SMALL SCHOOL SUPPORT WE GET FROM OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.



I CHOSE EDUCATION BECAUSE I LOVE KIDS AND LOVE TO SEE THEM LEARN! MY FAVORITE PART IS WATCHING THEM GET EXCITED ABOUT NEW THINGS WHEN THEY REALIZE THEY KNOW SOMETHING THAT THEY HAVEN'T LEARNED BEFORE.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Mollie Livingston

1st grade teacher ~ Linn Co. R-1 School

My earliest memories of wanting to become a teacher were when I was in 2nd grade. For my birthday, I remember asking for a chalkboard that I could actually hang on my bedroom wall. My granddad had given me a child-sized desk and chair that I also had in my bedroom and used as "the teacher's desk." I even had my own stapler, tape dispenser, and red pens. I would spend hours by myself "playing school" in my "classroom." Sometimes, I might be able to convince friends to play along, but I always wanted to be the teacher!

I earned my B.S. degree in Education (grades 1-6), with an emphasis in Early Childhood (PreK-3) from MWSU in St. Joseph, MO. After that, I started my first teaching job as the 1st grade teacher at Bucklin R-2 School, and taught there for 4 years. All my remaining years have been as a teacher at Linn Co. R-1 School where I've taught both 4th grade and 1st grade. So, I've been teaching elementary school for 22 years. I consider myself a social person. I enjoy interacting with people and helping when I can. I'm also fairly organized, all of which is useful when you're trying to help people learn. But, to me, people learn best when they feel safe and cared about. I do my best to create a classroom atmosphere where my students feel that way.

Teaching at Linn Co. R-1 has been a blessing to me for several reasons. My husband, Mr. Ryan Livingston, works here as our superintendent. Plus, all four of our children have attended school here. Our oldest daughter graduated in 2020. We also have a daughter that is a junior this year. As well as two sons who are in 8th grade and 2nd grade. I love being where my family is every day so I get to be really involved in things that are going on in their school lives. Also, living in this area has allowed us to be close to both of our families that live in Macon. Being a part of the Mustang Family has brought some great friends into my life, too!

Mrs. Sayre

After working in the healthcare industry for ten years, I decided to complete one of my original goals by returning to college and going into education.

Post-graduation from MWSU, I took a position at Laredo R-7, a VERY small K-8 school where I was tasked with teaching in a split classroom—meaning 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in the same room. This was a terrific learning experience for me and I treasured my time there.

After two years at Laredo, a middle school language arts position became available at Chillicothe Middle School. In addition to teaching 7th grade Language Arts, I also coached the middle school girls' volleyball and basketball teams. And, because I wasn't busy enough, I started and completed my Master's in Administration.

In the spring of 2012, Linn Co. R-1 posted an opening for high school communication arts and I jumped at the chance to return to my roots. Being able to return to the small, rural school that made me into a productive member of society has been the best experience I have had in the education world.

To me, Linn Co. R-1 means friends, family, and forever.

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

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Jack Green, 1 year

A promotional graphic for a school event. It features a dark blue background with a red vertical stripe on the right side. At the top, there is a dark blue ribbon with a red rose in the center. The text is written in a white, elegant cursive font. The event details are listed at the bottom in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

*The Junior Class of Linn County
R-1 Presents
Diamonds Are Forever*

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Grand March at 7:30 P.M.
Dance 9:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Eldon W. Tietsort Gymnasium
Linn County R-1 School



Children's Mercy
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Prepped and Ready:

Parenting into Teen Years

Are you ready for the teen years? Be ready with our new FREE parenting video series, specifically for caregivers raising teens. We understand this transition is a time of tremendous change for teens and it can be overwhelming as a parent to know how to help. "Prepped and Ready" aims to help you learn what steps you can take before a crisis develops with your teenager.

Location: Reel Time Cinema
620 W Lockling Ave, Brookfield, MO

Date: April 12th, 2022

Time: 6:30– 7:30p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided

NOTE: Presentation contains sensitive information. PLEASE do not bring students or children to the event.

- Representatives from North Central Missouri Mental Health, Preferred Family, and Compass Health will be at the event to share resources they have available.
- Sheriff Henke will be in attendance and demonstrate how to properly use gun locks.
- MOMS Breaking the Silence will be sharing resources.
- The health department will have a "Hidden In Plain Sight" table set-up for caregivers!



Presentation Topics-

- Substance use (including vaping)
- Suicide prevention
- Safe storage (including medications, firearms, etc)
- Eating disorder prevention
- Handling tough questions
- Understanding how teens think

**One caregiver per household raising children under 18 years old is eligible to participate in this research study and get a free safety toolkit mailed to them.*

Please RSVP using QR code!



SCAN ME

Summer School 2022

Summer School ---Linn County R-1

*****Due to the decrease in past summer school enrollment, Linn County R-1 is trying to determine whether summer school will be offered this summer based on student interest. If your child/children plan on attending summer school, please send this form back by April 12th. This date is important because we will need a count to determine whether summer school is feasible or not.**

Sign up now. Summer school will focus on Reading and Math, but other fun activities will also be incorporated into summer school. Summer school will begin on Wednesday, May 25th and end on Tuesday, June 14th. NO SCHOOL on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day).

The students will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day with the exception of **Tuesday, June 14th**. 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. that day. Summer school is an option for students entering Kindergarten – 5th grade.

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

Please complete and return to the school office by April 12th. *It is very important for us to have sign up information so we can determine whether or not Linn County R-1 will be having summer school.**

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade Level (During 2021-2022 school year): _____

Summer school will run May 25th – June 14th. NO SCHOOL on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day).

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

APRIL 2022 LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

NO

SCHOOL

Breakfast Burrito
Fresh Fruit
Chili / Hot Ham and Cheese
Broccoli / Cheese
Raw Carrots
Oreo Dessert

5th Grade's Pick

Tuesday

4
Pancake on a stick
Fresh Fruit

Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit

5
Breakfast Pizza
Fresh Fruit

Chicken Pot Pie
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Apples
Biscuit

6
Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Fruit

Chicken Nuggets
Mac. / Cheese
Pineapple
Chocolate Cake

1st Grade's Pick

Wednesday

7
Biscuit and Gravy
Fresh Fruit

B.B.Q. Pork on Bun
Fries
Baked Beans
Fruit / Cookie

8
Biscuit and Gravy
Fresh Fruit

Roast Beef
Potatoes / Carrots
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Fruit / Cupcake

9
Biscuit and Gravy
Fresh Fruit

Spaghetti
Corn
Garlic Toast
Fruit

10
Biscuit and Gravy
Fresh Fruit

Turkey / Cheese Wrap
Pasta Salad
Chips
Sidekicks

Thursday

11
Cherry Turnovers
Fresh Fruit

Pancakes w/ Toppings
Sausage / Potatoes
Oranges

12
Bacon and Toast
Fresh Fruit

Deli Sandwich
Chips / Dill Pickle Spears
Sidekicks

13
Muffins and Yogurt
Fresh Fruit

Cheeseburger on Bun
Fries
Carrots
Fruit

14
Pancakes
Fresh Fruit

B.B.Q. Ribs on Bun
Corn on the Cob
Pears
Ice Cream Sandwich

2nd Grade's Pick

Friday

15
Glazed Donuts
Fresh Fruit

Roast Beef Plate
Mashed Potatoes / Gravy
Carrots
Fruit Cobbler

16
Donuts
Fresh Fruit

Chicken Etti
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Bread Sticks
Fruit

17
NO

SCHOOL
GOOD FRIDAY

18
Mini Cinnis
Fresh Fruit

Chicken Alfredo
Tossed Salad
Cheesy Peas
Fruit

19
Sausage Biscuit
Fresh Fruit

COOK'S
CHOICE

DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY, CHEF SALAD
MILK, JUICE, AND SOMEKIND OF BREAD SERVED DAILY.