



### FFA Public Speaking

Congratulations to Mikaela Rojas, Gracie Small and Isabela Rojas on their recent performances in the FFA Area III and District Public Speaking Contests. All three girls advanced to the District Competition in Monroe City. At Districts, Mikaela and Gracie qualified for the State Competition.



**Gracie Small**

Pet Breeders Association

**Mikaela Rojas**

Missouri Cattlemen's Association

**Isabela Rojas**

Young Farmers/ Young Farmwives

### A Golden Fleecing Performance

On November 16<sup>th</sup> Linn County RI students performed A Golden Fleecing play.

**Directors:** Mrs. Julie Bagley and Mrs. Kathryn O'Kane

**Performers:**

Jonathon Batista as Sly Scavenger, Anna Lovett as Miss Twinkle Toes, Hunter Miller as Tumbleweed, Anika Shoemaker as Sarah Sweetflower, Riley Dyer as Crazy Clara, Conner Giebe as Stanley Stoutheart and Emily Jennings as Big Bad Granny.

**Stage/Lights/Sound:**

Kaylie Weisel, Taylor Jasinski, Morgan Scheib, Callum Shoemaker and Penelope Banta.

### Mark Your Calendars

- 12/7- Winter Concert for 5th-12th Grade Band/MS&HS Choir/6th Grade Music @ 6:30PM
- 12/12- ASVAB Testing
- 12/14- Elementary Christmas Program @ 6:30PM
- **12/18- School In Session**
- 12/20- Early Dismissal @ Noon
- 12/21-1/2- Christmas Break
- 1/3- Classes Resume

**2023-2024 Homecoming has been moved from December 19<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>**



### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Composed Figures

Ms. Wood's 4th/5th grade math class has been learning about calculating the volume of combined prisms. We used different size boxes to create Minecraft inspired animals. Minecraft animals are boxed type animals used in the Minecraft game. Each student created their own animal and figured the volume of each section and then the total volume of their animal. Addison Hollon created a pig, Westyn Neal and Hayden Kehr created cows.



### Preschool Fall Activity

In Preschool we have been talking about turkeys being the main course for Thanksgiving. Preschool students used their imaginations to disguise their turkeys to keep them safe.



## News from Mr. Shrum

The time has really flown by and we are now in December. We have almost made it through an entire semester in what seems like the blink of an eye. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Winter concerts and programs. As always, thank you for your continued support that you provide the school, staff, and teachers. We greatly appreciate it.

**Winter Dress Code-** As we dive deeper into winter, the temperatures are sure to plummet, so be sure that you are dressing your children appropriately. Keep in mind that sometimes in colder weather, the buses might not be as warm as we would like. In addition to this, I am encouraging our Elementary Staff to take students out for recess whenever possible. Please make sure that students have winter coats, hats and gloves so that they can participate in outdoor recess.

## **All-District Choir Contest**

Emily Jennings participated in the All-District Choir on Saturday, November 4th in Moberly, MO. The students rehearsed all day and finished off with an amazing concert in the evening. Being chosen to be part of this group is an honor, and we are super proud of Emily for being chosen! Congratulations Emily!



## **Marching Mustangs**



The Marching Mustangs participated in their last parade of the year in Chillicothe on November 18th. The Mustangs placed 1st in the parade! Congratulations on a great finish of the marching season!



## **Family Science Night**

We had a great turnout for Family Science Night. Each student had the opportunity to make a bouncy ball, playdough, and ooblek. We finished the night with popcorn and toppings.

## **FAFSA Completion Night**

Attention senior families- The FAFSA has undergone many changes including the opening date being pushed back to December. To help navigate the FAFSA process, NCMC Financial Aid representatives will be onsite for a FAFSA Completion Night on February 7th from 5:30-7:00 at Linn County school in Room 8. In order to submit your student's FAFSA that night you **MUST** complete the following steps:

1. FSA ID for student and contributor set up at least 72 hours prior to February 7th.
2. Bring all contributors' 2022 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
3. Bring all asset information including value of cash, savings, checking and records of net worth investments and any net worth of business/farms
4. Bring amount of child support received in past year (if applicable)
5. Bring list of any federal benefits received

More information will be sent out closer to time. Please contact Mrs. Black with any questions you may have.



# Principal Shrum's Student Spotlight

"Miss Lizbeth sits with me at lunch and helps me open my food." -Cyrus Rehbein

## Lizbeth Reyes

Lizbeth is a Freshman that serves as a Cadet Teacher in our preschool. She is always smiling and it is clear that the preschool kids love her! I'd like to extend a personal thank you to Lizbeth for being such a huge help to our preschool staff and students.



"We have the delight of having Miss Lizbeth to help with the preschool students while they are at lunch and getting ready for rest time. She is friendly with all students and will always attend to their needs or wants. We are so grateful to have an awesome helper that keeps our day running smoothly!" -Ms. Lambert

"Miss Lizbeth is my best friend!" Blake Anne O'Kane

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# Senior Spotlight



**Anna Lovett**

“Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down.”

**What are your future plans?**

Attend college at NCMC and work towards becoming an RN.

**What activities are you involved in?**

Color Guard, Cheerleading, FCA, FTA, FFA, NHS

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Friendly, Outspoken, Outgoing

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

My favorite thing is that there is never a dull moment and you are always allowed to be included.

**What is a hobby you enjoy outside of school?**

Watching my favorite TV shows which include Stranger Things and Heartland



**Emily Jennings**

“Would I rather be feared or loved? Um, easy. Both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me.” Michael Scott –The Office

**What are your future plans?**

I plan to attend North Central Missouri College and graduate with an Associates of Arts Degree and then transfer to a university and finish out my major in Illustration/Directorship.

**What activities are you involved in?**

NHS, ASAP, FTA, FCA, Choir, Band, Drama, Science Olympia and Skills USA

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Introvert, Artistic, Sarcastic

**What is your favorite thing about Linn County?**

I appreciate all the support and encouragement that I've received at Linn Co R-1.

**What is a hobby you enjoy outside of school?**

Sketchbook drawings



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INTO THE HANDS  
OF ENOUGH  
**CHILDREN**”  
*Dolly*



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# DECEMBER 2023

LINN CO. R-1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL	CINNI MINIS FRESH FRUIT  BEEF STEW COTTAGE CHEESE FRUIT / HOT ROLL	BISCUIT and GRAVY FRESH FRUIT  TACO'S Lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa REFRIED BEANS / CORN FRUIT	EGG CASEROLE FRESH FRUIT  CHICKEN PATTIE MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY / GREEN BEANS FRUIT	BACON and TOAST FRESH FRUIT  COOK'S  CHOICE  CINNAMON ROLLS FRESH FRUIT  BAKED POTATO BAR or HOT DOG BEANS w/ HAM / SLAW CORN BREAD
NO SCHOOL	FRENCH TOAST FRESH FRUIT  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY GREEN BEANS / FRUIT	BISCUIT and GRAVY FRESH FRUIT  POTATO /HAM / CHEESE SOUP w/ CRACKERS RAW VEGGIES / FRUIT	SCRAMBLED EGGS w/ TOAST FRESH FRUIT  PIZZA PEAS and CARROTS FRUIT / COOKIE	CEREAL FRESH FRUIT  CHRISTMAS DINNER
MUFFINS FRESH FRUIT  TENDERLOIN on BUN FRIES / BROCCOLI FRUIT	PANCAKES FRESH FRUIT  CHILI TOASTED CHEESE RAW VEGGIES / FRUIT	BISCUIT and GRAVY FRESH FRUIT  TURKEY SANDWICH CHIPS / CARROTS APPLES / CANDY BAR	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL	ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS BREAK	SEE YOU BACK ON JANUARY 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2024		

DAILY CHOICES INCLUDE: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY, CHEF SALAD.  
MILK and JUICE SERVED DAILY – PLUS BREAD OF SOMEKIND  
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.

# December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1 Northwestern Tournament FCA Meeting	2 Northwestern Tournament
3	4	5 HSBB @ LC vs Brashear Color Guard Performance @ BB Game	6 ASAP- 4th & 5th Grade Class Party	7 Winter Concert for 5th-12th Band/MS&HS Choir/6th Grade Music 6:30 PM	8 HSBB @ LC vs Atlanta	9
10	11 HSBB @ LC vs Northwestern	12 ASVAB Testing HSBB @ Meadville	13	14 Elementary Christmas Program 6:30PM	15	16
17	18 School In Session HSBB @ LC vs Mercer	19 HSBB @ LC vs Keytesville	20 End of 2nd Quarter Early Dismissal @ Noon FCA Meeting	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break
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PREPARING FOR  
TOMORROW

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