

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 11 Elementary Christmas Concert
- Dec. 12 Early Dismissal
- Dec. 13 Band/Choir Concert
- Dec. 19 End of Second Quarter
End of First Semester
Early Dismissal
- Dec. 20 - Jan. 1 Christmas Break
- Jan. 2 Teacher Workshop
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 16 Early Dismissal
- Jan. 21 No School
- Feb. 13 Early Dismissal
- Feb. 18 No School
- Mar. 8 End of Third Quarter
- Mar. 14 Early Dismissal
P/T Conferences
- Mar. 28 Early Dismissal
- Mar. 29 - April 1 Spring Break
- May 1 Early Dismissal
Mustang Relays
- May 5 Baccalaureate
- May 12 Graduation
- May 15 End of Fourth Quarter
End of Second Semester
Early Dismissal
- May 16 Teacher Workshop
- May 17 Teacher Workshop



Go Mustangs!

Linn County FFA members, Alex Snyder, Canaan Rehbein, Colton Hardy, Jeremy Frazier, received their American FFA Degrees on October 27, 2012. Each of their families were present and joined the other FFA members who attended National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. These four outstanding young adults graduated from Linn County R-1 in 2011.

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Local FFA Members Received National Honor

INDIANAPOLIS - Each year, the National FFA Organization is proud to honor the FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. That honor, the American FFA Degree, is bestowed upon a select group of individuals for years of academic and professional excellence.

Alex Snyder, Canaan Rehbein, Colton Hardy, and Jeremy Frazier, FFA members representing the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter in Missouri was selected to join that exclusive list and were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 85th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis. The convention is known as the largest student gathering in the United State and was held on October 24-27, 2012.

The American FFA Degree is sponsored by Case IH, Farm Credit, Elanco, Dupont Pioneer and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. It recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, or service programs. To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$7500 through a supervised agricultural experience program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Recipients must also complete 50 community services hours, as well as demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

Each recipient of the American FFA Degree received a gold American FFA Degree Key plus a certificate after being on stage at convention. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 540,379 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,489 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Senior Spotlight

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” -Isaiah 40:31

Activities:

Basketball, Baseball, Track, NHS, FFA, FCA

Describe Yourself Using 2 Adjectives:

Athletic, Outgoing

Future Plans & Goals:

To attend college and major in mathematics and physical education.

What’s your favorite thing about Linn County?

The baseball field and the basketball court.



Ty Colton Stillwell

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

Joel Fields and Mrs. Parn, they both have pushed me to be the best in sports and in school. Also, they both have preached to be about never settling in life and to achieve my goals no matter how small or big they may be.

“You either love or you hate. You live in the middle, you get nothing.” -Charlie Sheen



Lucas Ryan Woodside

Activities: Baseball, Basketball, Track, FFA, NHS, Hunting, Farming, Fishing

Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives:

Laid back, Ingenuity, Whimsical

Future Plans & Goals:

Go to work.

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

The coaches have influenced me the most by pushing me to try hard.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

I don’t get embarrassed, I do the embarrassing.

Local Members Participate in FFA Rally Against Hunger

The FFA members who attended National FFA Convention from Linn County R-1, Brookfield, Marceline, Keytesville, and Northwestern participated in the Rally Against Hunger. The members packed meals for children in Haiti. They worked alongside FFA members and FFA advisors from across the country to package nutrient packed meals of rice, soymeal, vitamins, and vegetables. Pictured above are the members in their hair nets and feeling good about their community service.



The Linn County FFA Chapter rewarded 14 members for fruit sales with a trip to a Kansas City Chiefs game on November 18. The following members attended: Holly Burkholder, Savanna Scott, Destinee Cordray, Kyle Ward, Micky Snyder, Alec Finney, Aaron Spainhour, Sydney Moore, Jack Lambert, Bryar Bookout, Bryan Havens, Joslyn Seals, Brett Fitzgerald, and Trent Gray. Marching Mizzou performed at halftime and the some students had the opportunity to eat at IHOP for the first time. The rest of the students will be rewarded with a trip to the Carrie Underwood Concert on December 15.

Submitted by Cammie Ward, Reporter

Linn County R-1 FFA Members Attend National FFA Convention

Nine members from the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter attended National FFA Convention, October 24-27, 2012. The members were Lucas Woodside, Ty Stillwell, Bryan Havens, Bryar Bookout, Lauren Russell, Hannah Hoskins, Kimberly Taylor, Micky Snyder, and Reagan Briegel. Mrs. Foster, advisor accompanied them on the three night, four day trip with the Brookfield, Marceline, Keytesville, and Northwestern FFA Chapters. Members attended the Opening Session with Scott Hamilton as the keynote speaker, a concert featuring Brantley Gilbert and The Band Perry, visited Indy Speedway, participated in Rally Against Hunger, Courtesy Corp in the FFA Mega Store and attended other sessions and talents. It was a trip packed full of fun, laughter, rewards, community service, and life lessons. The members are pictured above.



Linn County R-1 FFA members, Reagan Briegel, Micky Snyder, Mrs. Foster, Hannah Hoskins, Kimberly Taylor, and Lauren Russell pose after packing meals for children in Haiti in the Rally Against Hunger at National FFA Convention.

News From Mrs. Gray

We have been very busy around school as usual. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. With the month of December approaching, students will no longer be allowed to wear shorts to school.

The Junior High basketball season just finished and the High School has started their season. I would like to thank everyone that has been out to support the school in anyway so far this year and I would like to encourage the continued support of parents and community members at all events that take place.

The Elementary concert will be held on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. and the Junior High and High School concert is scheduled for December 13th at 7:00 p.m. The second quarter will end on Wednesday, December 19th. I encourage all students to continue to work hard in all classes. You can access the Linn County R-I homepage and click on the calendar link to see a schedule of activities that take place.

Veteran's Day

A big THANK YOU to all of the Veteran's that were able to join us on Friday, November 9th. We sincerely appreciate their service.

Elementary Celebration

The elementary celebration will be held Wednesday, December 19th. School will dismiss at 12:20 p.m. that day. The students will be traveling to Brookfield to watch a movie. Letters about the movie were sent home with the students before Thanksgiving break. If you did not receive a letter or you have questions, please contact Mrs. Gray or your child's teacher.

Elementary Raffle

The elementary students will be selling raffle tickets for a fundraiser. The raffle tickets will be for items that will be given away at the elementary concert. This fundraiser helps support the movie day and a few other programs and incentives for the elementary. We appreciate your support.

PTO

The Linn County R-1 PTO is selling Mustang Lanyards. The lanyards are red and they say Linn County Mustangs and have a horseshoe on them. The lanyards are \$4.00 each. They make great stocking stuffers. They can be purchased in the high school office.

From the Library

Students who are working toward Honors Reading trophies (Grades 2-12) or Honors Math trophies (Grades 2-5) should be about halfway finished with those goals. These requirements must be met by early May. Overdue and fine notices for library books will be given to students the first week in December. We encourage parents to make students take responsibility for their own library issues. Books can be checked out for 21 school days and can be renewed by the student anytime at the check-out computers (up to 10 renewals).

GRTS STAR Student of 1st Quarter

Fifteen students from Grand River Technical School (GRTS) have been recognized as "Students of the Quarter" for the 1st quarter of the 2012-2013 school year. GRTS instructors selected students for this honor based on the following criteria: outstanding work ethic, excellent attendance, good manners, and superior grades. Students received certificates of excellence, specially-designed sweatshirts recognizing their achievements, and are pictured on the GRTS "Wall of Fame." Deloris Bright, a student at Linn Co. R-1, was selected by her instructors, Jamie Sullivan and Sonja Daley, as Student of the Quarter for the GRTS Health Science Technology Department. Star Students for each quarter may be viewed online at www.grts.org.

FFA Calendar

December

- 4 - FFA meeting during Homeroom
- 4 - FFA fruit is delivered (Mrs. Foster will be here Dec. 4&5 until 6pm for students to pick up their fruit)
- 11 - Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Ag Room
- 15 - Carrie Underwood Concert - Rewards Trip #2
- Leave 3:30pm from school and return at 12:30am.

January

- 8 - FFA meeting 3:20 - 3:45
- 10 - NE District Greenhand Motivational Conference. Freshmen FFA members in official dress. Leave 8:10am and return 2:30pm.
- 15 - State FFA Degree Applications are due to Mrs. Foster for review.
- 31 - FFA Canteen Duty

School Cancellations/Early Dismissals

Winter is right around the corner, and with that in mind, it is in our best interest to keep our staff and students safe. If we receive a fair amount of snow please listen to the radio for school cancellations. We will still call the radio stations as soon as we know school will not be in session, and will try to do so by 6:30 a.m. If it starts snowing or getting slick during the day, list to the radio to see if we are letting out early. Remember, this is a big district with long bus routes and we have the safety of all of the students as our primary interest. Please have plans in place as to where you want your children to go in case we do let out early and you are at work. Do they know what to do? Does the school know what they are supposed to do? Do they need to ride a different bus, go to a different house, or stay with a friend? In the excitement of letting out early, it is hard to get to all of the phone calls that come in, so please make your plans now. In the case of small children, please let us know what the plans are so that we can insure that the students go where they are supposed to. It is much easier to have these plans ahead of time so the phone lines are not being used to make arrangements during the early dismissals.

The radio stations that we will be announcing on are:

KTVO Kirksville - Channel 3

KZBK Brookfield AM 1470 FM 96.9

KIRX Kirksville AM 1450

KRXL Kirksville FM 94.5

KRES Moberly FM 104.7

KCHI Chillicothe AM 1010 FM 103.9

KMZU Carrollton FM 100.7

KTTN Trenton AM 1600 FM 92.1

KDWD Marceline 99.1

Linn Co. R-I Info Line (660) 895-1234

If you are signed up for Mustang Alert text messages you will receive a text as well.

Board Election

The Linn County Board of Education has its annual election on April 2, 2013. The election this year will be for two board seats. The seats are presently held by Steve Hardy and Doug Palmer.

Membership to the board is open to residents of the Linn County R-I District who have resided in the state for one year prior to the election, and are at least twenty-four years of age. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and resident taxpayers of the District.

To run for a seat on the board an individual must file for office. The Board filing dates are between Dec. 11, 2012 and Jan. 15, 2013. Filing is in the superintendent's office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and until 5:00 PM on January 15, 2013.

The district's offices will be closed starting at 12:00 p.m.. on December 19, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

Junior Class News

Juniors are selling raffle tickets for a Western Smokehouse whole ham and a whole smoked turkey. They will be raffled off during halftime of the boys basketball game on December 18. Tickets are \$5 and the money raised will go towards the junior/senior prom.

There will be a junior parent meeting on December 18 from 5-6 p.m. in Ms. White's room (10).

The juniors will be having a chili supper on Friday, January 4 during the basketball games from 4:30-8:00 p.m. It will be a free will donation. Proceeds will go towards the junior/senior prom.

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Home of the Mustangs**

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

**Sign up for text alerts at
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

Board of Education

Steve Hardy, Pres., 8 yrs
Chad Gooch, V.P., 2 yrs
Jim Fitzgerald, 18 yrs
Doug Palmer, 8 yrs
Racheal Neal, 1 yr
Brenda Search, 1 yr
Janis Guyer

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**Varsity Basketball Schedule
December-January**

Dec. 3	Marceline (JV)	Home
Dec. 4	Brashear	Away
Dec. 7	Atlanta	Away
Dec. 10	Northwestern	Away
Dec. 18	Meadville	Home (5 p.m.)
Dec. 27	N. Central MO Holiday Hoops	
Jan. 4	LaPlata	Home
Jan. 7	Milan Tournament	Away
Jan. 15	Novinger	Home
Jan. 21	Meadville Tourn.	Away
Jan. 28	Milan (JV)	Home
Jan. 29	Bucklin/Macon Co.	Away
Jan. 31	Bevier	Home

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

2012-2013 Yearbooks Are on Sale

Now through **December 22**

**Yearbook \$25 w/o a namestamp and Yearbook with a
namestamp \$30**

After this, yearbooks will increase by \$2

Linn County Mustangs -

Senior Update



December 2012

ACT Test Dates

February 9, 2013

Registration Deadline:
January 11, 2013

April 13, 2013 *required

Registration Deadline:
March 8, 2013

June 8, 2013

Registration Deadline:
May 3, 2013

ACT Prep

www.actstudent.org/qotd/

www.number2.com

www.4tests.com

www.testpreppractice.net

College Visit Days!

Reminder that all seniors have two college visit days to use at their discretion. You must complete the required College Visit Verification Form found outside my office in order for the day absent not to count against your attendance. If you would like for me to arrange a visit for you, I would be glad to set it up for you.

Apply for your PIN TODAY!!

The PIN Application is for students who want to apply for a Federal Student Aid. You and a Parent need to apply for a pin at www.pin.ed.gov Keep it in a safe place for next year! Your PIN will be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The first step in applying for financial aid is to complete the FAFSA. This form is updated annually and is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Completing the FAFSA is the beginning of the financial aid process. Its purpose is to determine your need for student financial assistance.

You will be asked on the form to provide information about you and your family's income, which will be used to determine your Expected Family Contribution, the amount of money you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. The difference between your Expected Family Contribution and the costs of attending school will be your financial "need".

You should complete and return the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible of the year in which you want to attend school. Colleges and universities have a specific deadline by which the FAFSA must be completed in order to be considered for financial aid awarded from each college. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA for the State Aid Programs is April 1 of each year.

If possible, both the student and parent should complete their income taxes before completing the FAFSA. **Most importantly - don't forget to sign it!**

FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. By providing some basic information FAFSA4caster will *estimate* your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the College Cost Worksheet where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education.

Financial Aid Myths - *My family makes too much money to qualify for financial aid...*

This myth is a showstopper for many families. In the 2006 College Gold survey, 55% of respondents who did not apply for financial aid used this reason. Don't assume that because you're a member of the middle class, you can't get financial aid. Many factors beyond annual income, such as family size, number of children in college, age of the older parent and the market value of your family's net assets are considered. You may also qualify for education tax benefits. The unsubsidized Federal Stafford loan and the Federal PLUS loan are also available without regard to financial need. Even families earning more than \$100,000 a year have qualified for need-based grants, depending on their financial circumstances. Unusual circumstances such as unreimbursed medical expenses, providing support to an elderly grandparent, and impending job loss can lead to changes in financial aid.

I'm not an A student, so I won't get any aid...

Although there are many academic scholarships, there are also many grant, employment and loan programs that depend on financial need, not grades. Also, there are many private scholarships that look for students who excel in other ways, such as community service, artistic or writing ability, math and/or science skills, or leadership and extracurricular activities.

Information needed to complete the FAFSA - As you begin to plan for completing the FAFSA, you will need to gather various forms of information to complete the form. You will need the following information:

- Income tax return or a close estimate
- W-2 & other records of money earned
- Current bank statements
- Business and farm records
- Records of investments
- Current mortgage information
- Drivers license and social security card
- Records of untaxed income such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance, welfare, or veterans benefits records

The American Legion Need a Lift? - The American Legion is proud to help young men and women reach their dream of going to college. Numerous scholarship applications and answers to several questions are available at www.legion.org/needalift This is an excellent resource!

12/07/2012 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - This scholarship is available to all graduating Seniors. The application contains very implicit instructions as to what is required for this application and what students have the best chance for qualifying. You must use the official 2013 MVS application. It must contain your Social Security number and be dated and signed by you, your parent(s) or guardian, your guidance counselor and Lodge official(s). Typewritten applications are preferred. An electronic version is available at <http://elks.org/enf/scholars> Any high school senior who is a US citizen is eligible. The completed form must be to Richard Techau 242 High Street Brookfield, MO 64628 on or before December 7, 2012

01/10/2013 Burger King Scholars Program - applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. Application can be found online at www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram

02/01/2013 Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards - Any child or grandchild of a living Elk who joined and has been a paid up member of the Elks for at least the last two years, is eligible to apply. The applicant must apply through the related member's Elks Lodge, regardless of where the applicant resides. Legacy Awards Application is on the Elks website, <http://elks.org/enf/scholars> The completed form must be to Richard Techau 242 High Street Brookfield, MO 64628 on or before February 1, 2013.

02/01/2013 ESA Foundation Scholarship - ESA Foundation offers a number of scholarships for Missouri students and adult learners. The application must be submitted online at the Foundation website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarship. Applicant must be: a senior high school student who will be an incoming college freshman with a minimum non-weighted cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, OR a minimum score of ACT 22.

02/08/2013 KFC Colonel's Scholars Program - KFC Colonel's Scholars awards can be up to \$5000 per year. The scholar could receive up to \$20,000 over four years to help complete a bachelor's degree. Requirements to apply - have a GPA of 2.75 or higher, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university (start date no later than 9/30/13), be a US citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate financial need. The application process begins December 1st. On this date, visit <http://www.kfcscholars.org/scholarships/> to apply. Application is due February 8, 2013

02/15/2013 FFA Scholarships - Each scholarship has specific criteria that are defined by the sponsor when the scholarship is established. Please read through each scholarship to see which one(s) you may be eligible for. Criteria that apply to all scholarships are: Current FFA member unless otherwise stated, high school senior or currently enrolled in college, and a full-time student if enrolled in a post-secondary institution. The application must be postmarked by February 15, 2013. Scholarships are available on their web site www.ffa.org.

REMINDER: LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS are located on your student drive. These scholarships will not be due until this spring, but it is a good idea to start filling them out as you find time. Also, feel free to search for additional scholarships online or through your parents/families place of employment.

DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Breakfast Pizza Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs, Tots, Fruit	4 Mini Cinnis/Fruit Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit	5 Biscuit/Gravy Veg. Soup/Broccoli & Cheese Soup Orange Sherbet Peanut Butter Sandwich	6 Eggs/Cheese/Toast Nachos, Mixed Veggies, Tri Tater, Cookie, Fruit	7 Bacon & Egg Biscuit Mr. Rib, Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Fruit	8
9	10 French Toast/Fruit Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Brownie	11 Oatmeal Bar/Applesauce Tater Tot Casserole, Peas, Rolls, Fruit	12 Biscuit/Gravy B.B.Q Chicken, Potato Wedge, Corn, Fruit	13 Yogurt/Muffin Christmas Dinner	14 Pancake Chicken Pot Pie or Beef Stew, Cottage Cheese, Fruit	15
16	17 Cereal Hamburger Fries Corn	18 Eggs/Sausage/Toast Chicken Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit	19 Biscuit/Gravy Sack Lunch	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					





DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*= Games starting @ 6:00 p.m.						1 Varsity BB Northwestern Tourney
2	3 FFA Fruit Delivery *JV BB Vs. Marceline	4 FFA Meeting @ 2:50 *Varsity BB @ Brashear	5 Art Club Meeting @ 2:50	6	7 *Varsity BB @ Atlanta	8
9	10 *Varsity BB @ Northwestern	11 Elementary Christmas Concert 7 p.m.	12 Early Dismissal @ 12:20 p.m.	13 Winter Band/Choir Concert 7 p.m.	14 2nd Quarter AR Party @ 12:30	15
16	17	18 *Varsity BB Vs. Meadville	19 End of Second Quarter Early Dismissal @ 12:20 p.m.	20 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				TBD-Varsity BB in Trenton @ Ketcham Center		
30	31 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break			School Resumes January 3		

