#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb. 7 Pink Out Basketball

Feb. 8 Bus Attendance

Feb. 13 Financial Aid Meeting

Feb. 15 Early Release

Feb. 20 No School

Feb. 25-29

District Basketball

Mar. 9 End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 15 Early Release
Parent/Teacher Conf.

Mar. 16 No School

April 5 Early Release

April 6 & 9 Easter Break

May 2 Early Release/Mustang Relays

May 6 Baccalaureate

May 7-10 Senior Trip

May 13 Graduation

May 18 End of 4th Quarter Early Release 11:20

#### LAST CHANCE

#### 2011-2012 Yearbooks are on sale

Now through **March 28** 

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#### National FFA Week February 19-25, 2012 I Believe

Linn County R-1 FFA Week Activities:

Sunday: Attend Church at the First Baptist Church in Linneus @ 11am.

Attire is Official Dress. We will go to lunch afterwards.

Monday: No School – Ice Skating in St. Joseph. (If we have school...we

will not be going this day). Attire is FFA apparel.

Tuesday: 20 Years of Tradition – Wear 20 items of clothing.

Wednesday: Official Dress Day and Food for America in the elementary.

Thursday: Above and Beyond – Dress as your favorite super hero

– Dress Code does apply!

FFA Alumni Open House in the Agriculture Building from 3:30pm to 7pm. Come see how we have grown and changed over the past 20 years! Friday: FFA T-Shirt Day (this year's shirt). FFA Breakfast at the Purdin Community Building from 6am to 8am.

Saturday: Make up day for the Ice Skating Trip

The Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter will be hosting a FFA Alumni Open House for all Linn County R-1 FFA Alumni and everyone else in the community who would like to help us celebrate 20 years of traditions. We will have finger foods, slide shows, twenty years of scrapbooks, and you can tour the new agriculture building. We hope to see many alumni and hear their stories and traditions they have set throughout the years.

Help Find a Cure for Breast Cancer
Come help us PINK OUT
Eldon Tietsort Gymnasium
Tuesday, February 7
Linn County Mustangs
vs.
Green City Gophers

# Senior Spotlight

"I'm old enough to know better, but young enough not to care."



**Erich Marlin Belzer** 

**Activities:** Baseball, FFA, Track

**Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives:** 

Athletic, Popular, Charismatic

**Future Plans & Goals:** 

College at Maryville to play baseball

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

Joel Fields motivates me to be the best I can be.

"The road goes on forever, but the party never ends."

#### **Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives:**

Quiet, Stubborn, Funny

**Future Plans & Goals:** 

To get a job.

Who at Linn Co influenced you the most and why?

Mr. Livingston because he taught me work ethic.

What's your most embarrassing moment? I do not get embarrassed.



**Blake Austin Collis** 

# Senior Spotlight

"Whoever said 'It's not whether you win or lose that counts,' probably lost."



### **Bryant Patrick O'Kane**

**Activities:** Baseball, Basketball, FFA **Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives:** 

Hard worker, Funny, Persistent

**Future Plans & Goals:** 

To go to college and major in Ag Business

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

Phyllis Wilson because she has always believed in me.

What is your most embarrassing moment? When I tackled Lucas in right field chasing a fly ball against Brashear.

#### News from Ms. Ward

#### **Valentine Parties**

The elementary classes will have their Valentine's Day parties on Tuesday, February 14th beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the parties, please check with your child's teacher or Ms. Ward.

#### **Boxtops**

Please be saving your boxtops. The boxtops can be sent in at any time. Have your child turn them in to their teacher. The deadline for this year is the beginning of February. We would like to have all the boxtops collected by January 27th. Please start saving for next year. We appreciate all the boxtops that we can get. The PTO receives a check each year for turning in the boxtops.

The month of February has many activities going on. The basketball teams have had a busy past couple of months and will be wrapping up their season at the end of the month. We have a few home games left. The PTO will be sponsoring a Lasagna supper during the home game on February 16th. I hope to see everyone out to support our teams. Our home page is a great way to stay up to date on activities taking place around school. The numbers are up a little for the second quarter ineligibility list. Many times this can be avoided if students are responsible and get their work completed in a timely manner. The ineligibility list is compiled of students who do not maintain a C average or received an F for the quarter or semester. Please take interest and check your student's progress often. The teachers are always willing to help and provide feedback.

Financial Aid Night
February 13 at 6 p.m.
All juniors and seniors
are encouraged to attend.

# Parent/Teacher Conferences March 15, 2012

#### **NHS**

Save Your Trash to Earn Us Cash

National Honor Society is collecting recyclable items and would appreciate the communities support. Cleaned items can be dropped off in the trailer located at the Northeast corner of the school grounds.

Things you can put in the trailer include:

- any type of plastics
- aluminum cans (pop cans)
- steel cans (canned goods)
- clothes or shoes
- paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, old books)
- cardboard

However, no oil containers or farm chemical containers can be accepted.

School Spelling Bee March 22 at 1:30 p.m.

# REMINDER Students may not wear shorts to school between December 1 and March 1

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#### Preschool Classes for 2012-2013

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective preschool students for the 2012-2013 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

| Child's Name   | Birth date |
|--|------------|
| Parent Names (Both)  |            |
| Address, City and Zip  |            |
| Describe Location of the House   |            |
| Telephone Number To enter preschool a child must be 3 years of Please mail this form back to Mrs. Ward at I 130, Purdin, MO 64674. |            |

#### Kindergarten Students for 2012-2013

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013**

| Child's Name                   | Birth date |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Parent Names (Both)            |            |
| Address, City and Zip          |            |
| Describe Location of the House |            |
| <br>Telephone Number           |            |

To enter kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age before August 1, 2012. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Ward at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

#### Linn County FFA News

Over 4500 first year FFA members from more than 310 Missouri High Schools had the opportunity to learn about being positive role models, learning to get involved, making sound choices, becoming active team members and making a positive difference in their lives, school and community at the annual Greenhand Motivational Conferences. These conferences presented by the State FFA Officers and sponsored by MFA Incorporated were held January 3-6, 2012 throughout Missouri. On January 5, 2012, the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter first year members attended in Kirksville, MO. The members in attendance are as follows: Makayla Bontrager, Holly Burkholder, Tristen Creason, Alec Finney, Makayla Hudson, Matthew Jungles, Micky Snyder, Aaron Spainhour, Patricia Stanphil, and Kimberly Taylor.

Through interactive workshops and skits, the State FFA Officers encouraged first-year FFA members to explore and reach outside their comfort zone for the opportunities provided through FFA membership. They helped the new agriculture students set goals for their education, careers, and FFA experience.

Nineteen conferences were held at 13 different locations throughout the state: University of Central Missouri, Bowling Green High School, Truman State University, Sullivan High School, Three Rivers Community College, Missouri State University, Waynesville High School, Southeast Missouri State University, Lincoln University, Missouri Western State College, University of Missouri, North Central Missouri College.

The FFA is a national youth organization of over 540,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 326 chapters and more than 25,000 members in Missouri. The FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Linn County R-1 FFA members attend National FFA Convention. They are wearing their National FFA Courtesy Corp arm bands. The members are as follows: Back Row: Mindy Hayes, Lucas Woodside, Derek Wilson, Lauren Russell, Hannah Hoskins, Cammie Ward, Micky Snyder, and Savanna Scott. Front Row: Arieal Rinehart and Kaitlin Liebhart.



Linn County R-1 FFA members, Hannah Hoskins, Micky Snyder, Savanna Scott, and Kaitlin Liebhart are awaiting Blake Shelton's grand entrance at the 84th National FFA Convention Concert.

#### Linn County R-1 FFA Members Attend Rodeo and Reba Concert

On October 29th, 2011 the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter went to the PRCA American Royal Rodeo. The trip was a reward for students who met their fruit sale quota the previous month. Attendees arrived at 2:00 pm to load the bus and head to Kansas City, Missouri. They stopped at Taco Bell outside of Kansas City for supper. Students divided up between lower level and upper level seats for the American Royal, depending on their volume of sales. Following the rodeo ended attendees had the option of purchasing wrist bands to stand in front of the stage for the Reba McEntire concert. The adult chaperones and Mrs. Foster commented on how they could see students who bought wrist bands hit the arena floor running to get to the front of the crowd to see Reba.

Submitted by Lauren Russell, Chapter Reporter

#### **Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter Attends 84th National FFA Convention**

Submitted by Lauren Russell, Chapter Reporter

On Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter took a charter bus with Brookfield, Keytesville, Marceline, and Northwestern FFA Chapters to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the 84th National FFA Convention. Applicants who attended included; Skyler Creason, Mindy Hayes, Hannah Hoskins, Kaitlin Liebhart, Arieal Rinehart, Lauren Russell, Savanna Scott, Micky Snyder, Derek Wilson, and Lucas Woodside.

They arrived around 4:00 PM at Days Inn to unpack and prepare for the night session. At 6:00 PM they arrived at opening session.

The morning of October 20th, 2011, they went back to the Sprint Center to work the Courtesy Corps around 6:00 AM. The students helped bag customers' items, and stock shelves till 12:00 PM. They dispersed for lunch, and shopping at Indianapolis shopping mall. That afternoon, they attended the career show where they talked to colleges and companies collecting information and all sorts of cool items. That night they stopped to eat a quick meal before getting ready for the concert. They arrived at Lucas Oil Stadium shortly afterwards to see Blake Shelton, Steel Magnolia, and Lady Antebellum perform.

Friday October 21st, 2011 the attendees had the privilege of sleeping in and ate lunch across the street at Ruby Tuesdays. They prepared for another session that afternoon. Students then were allowed to go back to the Career Show to finish visiting booths. They had a few hours to finish shopping and relax before meeting to attend the hypnotist show. At 7:00 students enjoyed seeing Arieal Rinehart and Hannah Hoskins briefly become hypnotized from their seats in the crowd. They went back to their hotel for their final night to pack up and prepare for the trip home tomorrow.

On Saturday October 22nd, 2011 they pulled out of Days Inn to head to the Sprint Center for morning session around 5:30 AM. The American Degrees were being awarded this session and they watched a few familiar faces cross the stage. Megan Linah Finney was among the Missouri members who received their American FFA Degree. This degree is the highest honor an FFA member can earn. Megan Linah Finney is the daughter of Jeneil and Cheryl Finney and is a 2010 graduate of Linn County R-1.

The journey home began and their first stop was Subway and a Love's Gas Station for changing and lunch. Around 7:00PM the charter bus reached Brookfield High School to gather luggage and head back to school. The National FFA Convention trip was exciting, fun, and educational for all who attended.

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

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#### **Administration:**

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

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#### **Board of Education**

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#### **High School Basketball**

| Feb. 2     | Bevier              |      |
|------------|---------------------|------|
| Feb. 7     | Green City          | Home |
|            | (Fan Appreciation)  |      |
| Feb. 9     | Milan               |      |
| Feb. 16    | Tina Avalon         | Home |
| Feb. 21    | Northwestern        | Home |
|            | (Foundation Night)  |      |
| Feb. 23    | Hale                | Home |
|            | (Senior Night)      |      |
| Feb. 25-29 | District Basketball |      |

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

## February 2012



| Sun                  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|----------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|                      |  |  | 1  | 2<br>8:30 AM<br>Healthcare Career<br>Day<br>6PM BB LC @<br>Bevier | 3<br>Mid-Quarter<br>10 AM Bus<br>Inspections    | 4   |
| 5                    | 6  | 7 3:20 PM<br>FFA Mtg.<br>6PM BB G.C. @<br>LC (Fan<br>Appreciation<br>Night) Pink Out | 8<br>8AM<br>Bus Attendance                                   | 9<br>6PM BB LC @<br>Milan   | 10  | Regional Science<br>Olympiad  |
| 12                   | 6PM Financial<br>Aid Mtg.<br>(Jr's & Sr's) | Valentine's Day  | 15<br>12:20 PM Early<br>Dismissal<br>(Teacher In-<br>Service | 16<br>6PM BB T.A.<br>@ LC<br>Organizational<br>Pictures           | 17  | 18<br>National FFA<br>Week<br>Jr. High Honor<br>Band<br>Rehearsal (7th,8th) |
| 19                   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| National FFA<br>Week | No School<br>(President's Day)             | 6PM BB North-<br>western @ LC<br>(Education<br>Foundation Night)                     |  | Sophomore<br>Visit (GRTS)   | FFA Breakfast<br>6PM BB Hale @<br>LC (Sr Night) | District BB   |
| 26                   | 27 TBD — District BB                       | 28   | 29   |   |   |   |

# February 2012



| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|-----|
| Juice, milk, and<br>fruit served daily<br>with breakfast | Juice, milk, and<br>salad bar served<br>daily with lunch                                 |   | Biscuits & Gravy Tater tot casserole, oranges, peas, brownie Student menu                 | 2 Scrambled eggs, sausage links Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese                               | Pancake, sausage patties Goulash, lettuce salad, garlic bread, fruit                           | 4   |
| 5  | 6 Yogurt/muffin. Chili cheese fries, green bean, choc. chip cookie, peaches Student menu | 7 Scrambled eggs, toast Hot dog, fries, baked beans   | Biscuits & gravy BBQ meat balls, buttered potato, mixed vegetable                         | Pancake on a stick Chicken crispitos, tossed salad, corn, fruit/ cookie   | 10 Bacon, egg, cheese biscuit Nacho supreme, green beans, cottage cheese, brownie Student menu | 11  |
| 12   | Waffles/ sausage Mr. Rib, onion rings, cauliflower & cheese, fruit                       | Breakfast pizza Roast beef, mashed potatoes gravy, noodles, cherry cobbler                            | Biscuits & gravy Pizza, deep fried green beans, tossed salad, oreo pie Cassie Miller menu | 16<br>Cereal/ muffin<br>Fried chicken,<br>mashed potatoes,<br>gravy, broccoli &<br>cheese, roll, straw-<br>berry cheesecake | Pancake & sausage Beef stew, cottage cheese, fruit, hot roll                                   | 18  |
| 19   | No school  | Breakfast burrito Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit                                  | Biscuits & gravy Nachos, green lima beans, cottage cheese, or- ange, fruit bar            | Pancake/ sausage Taco burger, tater tots, green beans, jello cake Ms. Moore & Ms. Fields menu                               | Cereal<br>Fish, potato<br>wedges,<br>Slaw, cornbread   | 25  |
| 26   | 27 <u>Cinni minis</u> Cheeseburger, fries, peas  | 28 Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast Chili or Potato soup, grilled cheese, rice krispie treat Student menu | Biscuits & Gravy Burritos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, chocolate cake                     | Donut sticks, 1/2 banana Chicken quesadillas, carrots, apple slices, brownies Amelia Creason                                | Pancake, sausage<br>Cheese pizza,<br>onion rings, fruit  |     |