

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb. 4 PTO Meeting  
Feb. 7 Basketball Senior Night  
Feb. 11 Board Meeting  
Feb. 13 Early Dismissal  
Feb. 17-23 FFA Week  
Feb. 18 No School  
Feb. 23 Regional Science Olympiad  
Mar. 1 Stu-Co Blood Drive  
Mar. 8 End of Third Quarter  
Mar. 11 Tri-Co All Conf Band Tour  
Mar. 14 Early Dismissal  
P/T Conferences  
Mar. 15 No School  
Mar. 21 School Spelling Bee  
Mar. 28 Early Dismissal  
Mar. 29 - April 1 Spring Break  
April 22 HS Band/Choir Concert  
April 27 Prom  
April 30 County Spelling Bee  
May 1 Early Dismissal  
Mustang Relays  
May 5 Baccalaureate  
May 6-9 Senior Trip  
May 7 Elementary Concert  
May 10 Athletic Banquet  
Awards Ceremony  
May 12 Graduation  
May 14 Preschool Graduation  
May 15 End of Fourth Quarter  
End of Second Semester  
Early Dismissal  
May 16 Teacher Workshop  
May 17 Teacher Workshop



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## NHS Initiation

On Friday, January 18, 2013 three Linn Co. R-I students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Senior, Josh Allen, and sophomores, Kerstin Wilson and Logan Brinkley were inducted after guest speaker, Kate Brown, gave a warming welcome address. Pictured are new and current members: (front row) Brittini Buswell, Hannah Hoskins, Lauren Russell, Kerstin Wilson, and Ty Stillwell, (back row) Jacob Wood, Anthony McCollum, Logan Brinkley, Josh Allen, and Lucas Woodside. Not pictured is Minidy Hayes



## Junior Class News

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in anyway with the Junior class Chili supper; students, parents, staff and patrons for your support. We deeply appreciate everyone's help.  
Jr. class & Sponsors

## Junior Parent Prom meeting

Thursday, February 7th at halftime of the girl's basketball game

Meet in Miss White's room #10

Topic of discussion ~ banquet

# Senior Spotlight

*“Nothing lasts forever so live it up, laugh it off, take chances, and never have regrets because at one point everything you did was exactly what you wanted.”*

**Activities:**

Basketball and Softball

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Athletic, Spontaneous, and Outgoing

**Future Plans & Goals:**

Go to NCMC and get a degree with something in the nursing field.

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

Being able to play sports and do other activities. Everyone is always there to help.

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

Mrs. Parn has influenced me the most at Linn County. She always pushes me to do my very best and when I feel I can’t do something or need help she is always there to help me believe I can or help me with anything I need help with.



**Kelsey Renae Barker**

*“Who are you to judge the way I live. I’m not perfect and don’t have to be so before you start pointing fingers make sure your hands are clean.” -Bob Marley*



**Deloris Elaina Rose Bright**

**Activities:**

Skills USA, Basketball, and Colorguard

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Loud, Short, Bouncy

**Future Plans & Goals:**

I plan to go to college for nursing.

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

Coach Rex, because she has been there for me since I was in 7th grade. She has influenced me to never give up no matter how hard things get.

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

Getting to see my friends.

*"There is more to living than being alive."*

**Activities:**

Basketball, Softball, and Votech

**Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:**

Stubborn, Fun, Caring

**Future Plans & Goals:**

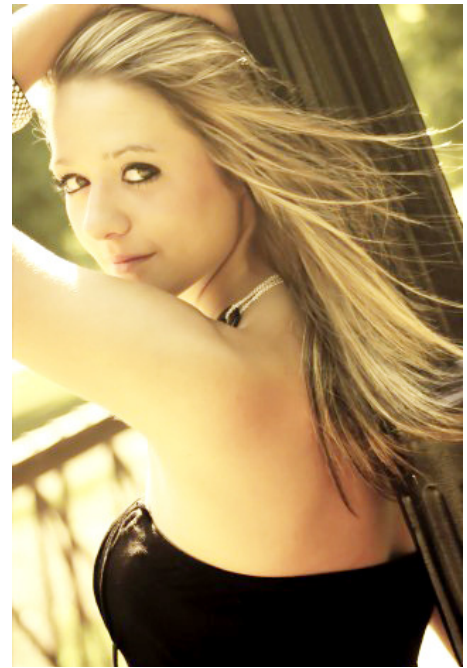
Go to NCMC and get a teaching degree.

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

Weights class or early out Wednesdays.

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

My mother and Mrs. Parn. My mom because even whenever we are not getting along I still know I can go to her for anything at anytime. Mrs. Parn because she pushes me to go further than what I believe I can and she listens to me and lets me know that anything you set your mind to, you can do!



**Maci Lyn Hullinger**



On Tuesday, December 11, Brittni Buswell accepted an athletic scholarship and signed a letter of intent to play softball at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. Pictured above are Dean Buswell, Brittni Buswell, and Tracy Buswell. Back row is superintendent Mr. Ryan Livingston, Linn County softball coach Megan Parn, principal Candi Gray, and Central Methodist coach Pat Reardon.

## News From Mrs. Gray

### Valentine Parties

The elementary classes will have their Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, February 14th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Anyone helping with the parties or attending the parties will need to enter the building through the east doors (glass doors by the high school office) and sign in at the office. Each person will also need to get a visitor's name tag. If you have any questions about the parties or procedures, please check with your child's teacher or Mrs. Gray.

### 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 end of February. We would like to have all the boxtops collected by January 28th, but you can still send them in during the first part of February. 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 rapping up their season at the end of the month. We have a few home games left. 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.

## From the Library

Students who are working toward Honors Reading trophies (Grades 2-12) or Honors Math trophies (Grades 2-5) should be over halfway finished with those goals. These requirements must be met by early May.

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 2nd 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." Bryar Bookout, a student at Linn Co. R-1, was selected by his instructors, Don Dennis and Chris Todd, as Student of the Quarter for the GRTS Building Trades Department. Star Students for each quarter may be viewed online at [www.grts.org](http://www.grts.org).



**Lion's Vision Screening**  
**March 7th in Room 1 at Linn County R-1**  
**Children 6 months to 6 years**  
**Contact the school nurse with questions**  
**(660) 244-5045**

# 2012-2013 Linn County Ag Program Successes & Activities

## September

- o Fruit Sales totaled a little over \$24,000. We profit \$7000-\$8000 from this sale.
- o These funds help pay for National FFA Convention, State Convention, Barnwarming, Banquet, FFA Week Activities, Rewards Trips, State Fair Trip, National Officer Visits, Community Service Projects, and other activities for the students.
- o National FFA Officer Visit
- o Area III Leadership Conference 20 students attended from Linn County
- o Ag Science I Class learned about the Horse Industry this month
- o Ag Science II Class started out in the shop this year in a wood unit.
- o Exploring Ag were learning about the basics of Animal Science
- o Ag Construction Class was taking safety tests and drawing plans for their projects
- o Ag Structures Class was learning how to work with plans for buildings and farmstead layouts.
- o Advanced Plant Science class was learning about Crop Science.

## October

- o Ag Science I Class learned about FFA, leadership and recited the FFA Creed successfully.
- o Ag Science II Class were in the shop building door mats, planter boxes, wood duck boxes and lawn chairs.
- o Exploring Ag were learning about the basics of Animal Science
- o Ag Construction Class were taking safety tests and drawing plans for their projects
- o Ag Structures Class were learning about farmstead planning
- o Advanced Plant Science class was learning about Crop Science & Floriculture
- o Barnwarming – “Truck Yeah”
  - Obstacle Course
  - Bonfire & Hot Dog Roast
  - Crowning of King & Queen and Prince and Princess
    - Lucas Woodside & Brittini Buswell
    - Trent Gray & Joslyn Seals
- o National FFA Convention
  - Four former students received their American FFA Degrees with their families in attendance.
  - Nine current students attended from Linn County
  - We ride a charter bus along with four other FFA chapters
  - The students participated in National Courtesy Corp, working in the FFA Mega Mall. They receive national FFA points on their state degree and proficiency applications for this.
  - The students participated in the FFA Rally Against Hunger. They packaged food which would feed 5 people for a week. These were sent to Haiti.

## November

- o Ag Science I Class started the Dairy Unit
- o Ag Science II Class was learning about the Forestry Industry
- o Exploring Agriculture class was learning about Natural Resources
- o Ag Construction Class was working on their individual projects
- o Ag Structures class was learning about electricity and concrete
- o Advanced Plant Science class was learning about Floriculture
- o Chief’s Game for a rewards trip from fruit sales
  - 15 students showed up to attend
- o Hams and Turkeys were delivered to those who ordered them in September.

## **December**

- o The Ag Science I Class took a field trip to Shatto Dairy.
- o The Ag Science II Class is finishing up the Forestry Unit.
- o Exploring Agriculture Class is finishing up the Natural Resource Unit.
- o Construction class is finishing up projects for the semester.
  - Cattle divider panels, double lawn chair, potted plant stand, bbq pit grill,
- o Structures class is finishing up their stepping stones and clocks
- o Advanced Plant Science Class is finishing up holiday wreaths.
- o Fruit Delivery
  - All students who sold, have picked up their fruit and it should be delivered
  - We have a little extra if anyone would like to purchase some.
- o Officer team delivered fruit bags to elderly community members tonight after school. This is a tradition we started a few years ago and each officer team seems to enjoy this project.

## **January**

- o We will have a student teacher again this year. Her name is Lauren Weiker and she will be here until April.
- o Greenhand Motivational Conference for all first year members on the 10th in Kirksville, MO. 13 First Year students attended: Reagan Briegel, Taylor Coram, Austin Cordray, Destinee Cordray, Cole Hullinger, Courtney Johnson, Dallas Lantz, Sydney Moore, Shaina Russell, Megan Schreiner, Kiley Stillwell, Elisha Waltz and Lakota Williams.
- o State Degree Applications are due this month. Area III teachers will meet two times this month in Kirksville to go over each application for the Area for the final approval to be sent to the State office for further scoring and approval.
- o The Construction class is constructing at least 5 picnic tables for the surrounding community parks, as well as a cattle back rub, cattle panels, and other small projects for persons in the community.
- o The Ag Science I and II classes will have the opportunity to go out in the shop later this year to construct double seated lawn chairs and metal boot scrappers.

## **Upcoming Months:**

### **February**

- o FFA week (16-23)
  - Daily events for students to participate in
  - We will attend church at the Browning Methodist Church on Sunday as a chapter.
  - Snow Skiing on Monday
  - Wednesday the 20th – Greenhand and Chapter Degree Ceremony
    - 6pm – 7pm all members in official dress
    - Cake and punch
    - Awarding the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees this evening and not at banquet this year.
  - FFA Breakfast is on Friday, Feb. 22, for 6am to 8am.
- o Proficiency Award Applications are due
  - Area III teachers will meet once this month to view and award the winners in each proficiency award areas for Area III
  - The first place winners will proceed on to state competition

### **March**

- o Area III Officer Interviews in Kirksville on the 4th.
- o Contest Season in full swing
  - Area III Leadership Development Events are the 19th in Kirksville
  - Creed Speaking, Knowledge, Speeches, etc
- o Practice Contest – at least on each week of March for students to participate in.

- o TSA – Technical Skills Assessment – Statewide & mandated test for all 3rd and 4th year students in ag classes.  
Acts like an EOC for ag students  
Plays a part in the state reports the school turns in for funding
- o State Degree Selection Committee – Mrs. Foster is one of two teachers in Area III on this state committee.  
Meet in Jefferson City on March 1 at 9am  
Will look over the 750+ state degree applications sent to the state by the areas.  
Will check for correct scoring and wording and rescore if necessary.

## April

- o Northeast District Career Development Events – (contests they are preparing for)  
April 3 in Columbia, MO
- o Chapter Officer Interviews  
April 10 at 5pm  
Will approve at the chapter meeting on the 11th during homeroom
- o State FFA Convention the 18th and 19th
- o Area III Banquet the 24th in LaPlata.

## May

- o Chapter Banquet & Labor Auction on the 3rd at 6pm



The 2012-2013 Linn County FFA Chapter: Front Row: Mrs. Foster, Advisor; Lauren Russell, 1st Vice President; Skyler Creason, 2nd Vice President; Hannah Hoskins, President; Lucas Woodside, Parliamentarian; Tristen Creason, Historian; Brittini Buswell, Treasurer; Miss Weiker, Student Teacher. Second Row: Justin Waltz, Alec Finney, Aaron Spainhour, Kimberly Taylor, Historian; Dylan Harvey, Sentinel; Mindy Hayes, Secretary; Cammie Ward, Reporter; Elisha Waltz. Third Row: Shaina Russell, Micky Snyder, Makayla Hudson, Kiley Stillwell, Megan Schreiner, Destinee Cordray, Syndey Moore, Taylor Coram. Fourth Row: Lakota Williams, Cole Hullinger, Brett Fitzgerald, Matt Jungles, Dallas Lantz, Austin Cordray, Taylor Page, Courtney Johnson. Fifth Row: Eli Withey, Jack Lambert, Alexis Miller, Emily Schreiner, Lindsey Brinkley, Savana Coke, Joslyn Seals. Sixth Row: Franklin Wyant, James Davis, Cameron Creason, Dustin Coke, Trent Gray, Kyle Ward, Bryan Havens. Seventh Row: Virginia Johnson, Rachel Moore, Dalton Liebhart, Tristen Miller, Cole Liebhart, Blair Buswell.

## Missouri FFA Members Thirst for Leadership

Over 4000 first year FFA members from more than 300 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 8-11, 2013 throughout Missouri.

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, Warrensburg, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green; Truman State University, Kirksville; Sullivan High School, Sullivan; Three Rivers Community College, Poplar Bluff; Missouri State University, West Plains; Lincoln University, Jefferson City; Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau; Waynesville High School, Waynesville; Missouri State University, Springfield; Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph; University of Missouri, Columbia; and North Central Missouri College, Trenton.

The FFA is a national youth organization of over 550,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture with 330 chapter and more than 25,500 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.

On, January 10, 2013, thirteen freshmen Linn County R-1 FFA members attended the Greenhand Motivational Conference in Kirksville, MO. These members are pictured along with the State FFA Officers. The members are: Cole Hullinger, Megan Schreiner, Kiley Stillwell, Elisha Waltz, Sydney Moore, Lakota Williams, Reagan Briegel, Shaina Russell, Austin Cordray, Destinee Cordray, Dallas Lantz, Courtney Johnson, and Taylor Coram. The State FFA Officers are seated in front, from left to right are: Past Vice President Cody Jones, North Callaway; 1st Vice President Courtney Spencer, Aurora; Vice President Anna Eftink, Bloomfield; Secretary Sonja Perry, Bowling Green; Vice President Sarah Bastin, Carthage; and Vice President Kenny Swope, Boonville.





## Preschool Classes for 2013-2014

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective preschool students for the 2013-2014 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

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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, 2013. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Gray at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

## Kindergarten Students for 2013-2014

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 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 2013-2014

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Child's Name

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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, 2013. 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**

P O Box 130  
15533 Hwy KK  
Purdin, MO 64674

Phone: 660-244-5035

Fax: 660-244-5025

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**

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  
February**

Feb. 5	Green City R-I	Away
Feb. 7	Milan C-2 (Senior Night)	Home
Feb. 12	Hale R-I	Away
Feb. 14	Tina-Avalon R-II	Away

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

**2012-2013 Yearbooks Are on Sale**

Now through **March 1**

**Yearbook \$27 w/o a namestamp and Yearbook with a  
namestamp \$32**

After this, yearbooks will increase by \$2

# February 2013

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

					1 <b>French Toast/ Fruit</b> Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peas and Carrots	2
3	4 <b>Cereal/ Fruit</b> Hamburgers Fries Fruit	5 <b>Hash browns Eggs/ Toast</b> Chicken Patties Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	6 <b>Biscuit and Gravy</b> Beef Stew Cottage Cheese Fruit Hot Roll	7 <b>French Toast/ Sausage</b> Chili Cheese Tots Corn White Cake w/ Strawberries	8 <b>Biscuit Sausage Sandwich</b> Sloppy Joes Chips Fruit	9
10	11 <b>Yogurt/ Scooby Grahams</b> BBQ Chicken Buttered Potatoes Corn on the Cob Fruit	12 <b>Pancake and Sausage</b> Lasagna Tossed Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread	13 <b>Biscuit and Gravy (Lent Starts)</b> Pizza Onion Rings Carrots Oreo Dessert	14 <b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Noodles Lima Beans Cherry Cheesecake	15 <b>Waffle Stick/ Fruit</b> Nachos Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fruit	16
17	18  NO SCHOOL	19 <b>Pancake on a Stick / Fruit</b> Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Ice Cream	20 <b>Biscuit and Gravy</b> BBQ Ribs Fries Carrots Fruit	21 <b>Eggs and Toast</b> Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Hot Roll Pineapple	22 <b>Danish/ Fruit</b> Fish Fried Potatoes Cole Slaw Hush Puppy	23
24	25 <b>Cereal</b> Hot Ham and Cheese Carrots Fruit	26 <b>Mini Cinnis / Applesauce</b> Fried Chicken Cheesy Potatoes Black Eyed Peas Fruit	27 <b>Biscuit and Gravy</b> Ravioli or Ham Salad Peas Applesauce	28 <b>Yogurt/ Poptarts</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	1 <b>Pancakes</b> Tuna Casserole Peas No Bake Cookie Fruit	

# February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Band/Art Pizza Sales PTO Meeting @ 6:30	5 FFA Meeting @ 2:50 Varsity Basketball @ Green City	6 Bus Inspection Art Club Meeting 2:50	7 Varsity Basketball vs Milan Senior Night	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting @ 7:00	12 Varsity Basketball @ Hale	13 Early Dismissal @ 12:20	14 Varsity Basketball @ Tina Avalon	15	16 JH Honor Band Rehearsal/Concert (7th & 8th)
17	18 FFA Week  No School President's Day	19	20	21	22	23 → Regional Science Olympiad
24	25	26	27	28		*All Basketball Games Start @ 6 PM

## Notes From The Nurse

### Immunization Requirements for 2013-2014 School Year.

**STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN need a second dose of**  
varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

If the kindergarten child has had varicella (chickenpox) disease, a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of the previous varicella disease as satisfactory evidence of having had the disease. Parental or guardian statements of disease will no longer be accepted. Please visit with your physician or the nurses at County Health to see if your child needs any of his/ her 4-6 year old immunizations.

#### **PRESCHOOL Students will need:**

1. Age appropriate pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for children attending preschool.
2. For all children who have had varicella (chickenpox) disease, a licensed doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may sign and place on file with the child care facility a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella disease as satisfactory evidence of having had the disease. Parental or guardian statements of disease has not been acceptable since July 1, 2010.
3. All preschool students will need to be up-to-date with their immunizations and provide the school with record of proof of immunizations before being able to attend school.
4. Missouri Legislation requires that all children age 6 months to 6 years attending a licensed daycare or preschool program provide documentation of a **recent lead screening. This test must have been done within the last year.** If a parent/guardian refuses to have the child tested, they must provide a written statement explaining why they do not want the child tested.

#### **Attention All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students/ Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required for students enrolling in the eighth grade for the 2013-2014 school year. State health regulations dictate that students cannot attend school unless they are properly immunized and can provide satisfactory evidence of the immunization or unless they are exempted. Documentation of immunization must include month, day, and year of administration. There is no grace period for compliance to state requirements. If your child is not in compliance they will not be allowed to attend school in the fall. We need proof of immunization before school starts.

**Linn Co. R-1 and the Linn Co. Health Department are working together and have scheduled a Immunization clinic for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Linn Co. R-1 will take students by bus to Linn Co. Health Department the day of the immunization clinic on March 22, 2013. A consent form from Linn Co Health was sent home with students on January 18<sup>th</sup> and parents will need to complete the form and return it to the school prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>. If your student did not make it home with the form, please use the attached form.**

**If you have any questions, please call me at 244-5035.**

**Sarita Coffman R.N.**

**Linn Co. R-1 School Nurse**

## Free Vision Screening

I am very happy to announce that the Linn Co. R-1 School has a tentative date of Thursday, March 7 to offer free auto refractive vision screening for children 6 months to 6 years of age in our school district and includes our current students in Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation will be conducting the free screening. This screening involves taking a scan of your child's eyes with the Plus Optix auto refractor.

Auto refraction vision testing can detect the presence of six possible eye disorders, nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, anisometropia (equal refraction), strabismus (misaligned eyes) and cataracts. All of these conditions if left undetected can or may lead to Amblyopia (blurred or lazy eye). Amblyopia can be successfully treated if detected early.

The screening requires no physical contact with your child, parents can hold the child during the screening and poses no risk to their health. A trained technician will conduct the vision screen, and you will be notified of the results. This is to be considered a preliminary procedure, and does not constitute a diagnosis of vision problems. The costs of this program are being covered by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

### **Benefits of Amblyopia Vision Screenings**

- All screenings are performed by trained technicians
- Screenings are completely non-invasive
- Screenings will not disrupt classes, technicians require just a darkened room and two to three minutes of a child's time
- The Foundation will provide educational materials and consent forms for parents to sign prior to the screening
- All children screened receive a results card
- Parents are encouraged to schedule an eye exam if any vision abnormalities are found.
- At our last screening, 4 children were referred and all needed glasses to correct a found condition. It is so much easier on a child to have the problem corrected before they fall behind due to a vision problem.

We encourage anyone with a child 6 months to 6 years in the Linn Co. R-1 District to contact the school and let us know that you would like for your child to participate in this free vision screening. We are working with the Lions and should have a date for the screening in the next few days. If you know any children 6 months to 6 years that are new to the district please let me know so that we can contact their parents for this free screening. Please call 660-244-5035 to set up your child's appointment for the free vision screening or if you have any questions.

Sarita Coffman RN  
Linn Co. R-1 School Nurse

# Linn County Mustangs -

# Senior Update



January 2013

## ACT Test Dates

**April 13, 2013** \*required  
Registration Deadline:  
March 8, 2013

**June 8, 2013**  
Registration Deadline:  
May 3, 2013

## ACT Prep

[www.actstudent.org/qotd/](http://www.actstudent.org/qotd/)  
[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)  
[www.4tests.com](http://www.4tests.com)  
[www.testpreppractice.net](http://www.testpreppractice.net)

## College Visit Days!

Reminder that all seniors have two college visit days. 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 (requirement to receive A+ funding). You and a Parent need to apply for a pin at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and 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](http://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 (EFC), the amount of money you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. **The difference between your Expected Family Contribution and the cost of attending school will be your financial "need".**

You should complete and return the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 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 Missouri 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!**

\* \* \* \* \* **WATCH OUT DEADLINES AHEAD** \* \* \* \* \*

**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: *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.

## Federal student aid includes:

**Grants:** financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)

**Loans:** borrowed money for college or career school; you must repay your loans, with interest

**Work-Study:** a work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school

**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](http://www.legion.org/needalift) This is an excellent resource!

## Information needed to complete the FAFSA - As you begin to complete the FAFSA, you will need to gather:

- 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

- 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, [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.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](http://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 Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship (NEMR Telecom)** - parents or guardians of applicants must be members of NEMR Telecom. Applications can be found outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Completed application and accompanying documents are to be mailed to NEMR Telecom, P.O. Box 98, Green City, MO 63545. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2013.
- 02/15/2013 Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship (GRM)** - parents or guardians of applicants must be members of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation. Please note that preference will be given to students expressing an interest to return to a rural area to work following graduation. Applications can be found at [www.grm.net](http://www.grm.net) or outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Applications are to be mailed to Grand River Mutual, Attn: Mrs. Amy Clapham, 1001 Kentucky Street, Princeton, MO. 64673
- 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](http://www.ffa.org).
- 02/27/2013 Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma** - Senior girls enrolling in an accredited college, majoring in a field related to teaching, qualify. Applications can be found outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Completed applications are to be mailed to Terri Willard, 1604 Morningside, Chillicothe, MO 64601
- 03/01/2013 MAMIC (Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.)** - 8-\$1000 scholarships statewide to MO high school seniors (one in each MAMIC district). The scholarship is for any high school senior advancing to college, regardless what field of study they are pursuing. Senior or their families are not required to be policyholders of the local Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. Applications are outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Completed applications need to be mailed to PO BOX 218 Meadville, MO 64659 before March 1st.
- 03/15/2013 Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship** - Students should be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a major in a field related to banking. The application form must be signed by an officer of a Missouri Bankers Association member bank. Applications are available on your student drive.
- 03/29/2013 Linn County Memorial Unit 538, American Legion Auxiliary** - Any senior who is planning to attend schooling beyond high school is eligible to apply. Selection process is based on scholastic standing, need, kinship to a veteran, and patriotism. Applications are outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Completed applications are to be mailed to Eudora Fitzpatrick, 18718 Bow Drive, Linneus, MO 64653.
- 03/31/2013 Missouri Insurance Education Foundation Scholarship** - majoring in insurance, risk management or actuarial science. Applications can be found at [www.mief.org](http://www.mief.org). Mail completed applications to Scholarship Administrator, MO Insurance Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1654, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
- 04/01/2013 Laclede Chapter R, PEO** - Applications can be found outside Mrs. Kehr's office. Completed applications are to be mailed to Barbara Richmond, 1000 Cole Street, Laclede, MO 64651.
- 04/12/2013 2013 Project 21 Scholarship** - Missouri Gaming Association (MGA) is the trade organization of casino companies in Missouri. MGA is pleased to announce its 2013 Project 21 Scholarship program for Missouri high school seniors. The program is intended to raise awareness among underage individuals that gambling under the age of 21 is illegal. Applications are available on your student drive.
- 04/15/2013 Brookfield Elks Lodge Scholarships** - This scholarship is available only to graduating Seniors who has a Parent, Step-Parent or Legal Guardian that is a member in good standing of the Brookfield Elks Lodge. The form requests that it be typewritten. See Mrs. Kehr for an application. The completed form must be to Richard Techau 242 High Street Brookfield, MO 64628 on or before April 15, 2013.
- 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.