



Linn County R-I Ledger



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1,000 Points Scored

Alyssa Bukovac recently scored her 1,000th career point in a Lady Mustang win over the Brunswick Lady Wildcats. It was the last home game and she scored it on the final basket of the night. Alyssa plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in Physical Therapy. Alyssa has lettered in Softball and Basketball all four years at Linn Co.



JH/HS Students of the Month

Congratulations to Conner, Isaiah, June, and Emery D. (not pictured), on being named February's students of the month. Students are nominated by teachers and must also meet several educational requirements.



February's Responsible Students

Kindergarten - Luella shows responsibility by keeping track of her supplies and putting them away in the room without being told.

1st Grade - Hattie is very organized and does a great job of doing what she's supposed to do when she's supposed to do it. She likes to help her teacher and others in her class.

2nd Grade - Kasen is very aware of what needs to be completed in the classroom. He comes in ready to start the day and knows what work to start without being told. He knows what activities can be done in his spare time and takes care of the most important tasks first. Kasen takes responsibility for his actions and works hard to meet his goals.

3rd Grade - Hayden comes to class prepared and ready to learn everyday. He maintains organization of his personal items. He also stays on task and is focused.

4th Grade - Nevaeh shows responsibility by getting all her work done, keeping her desk organized, and always being prepared.

5th Grade - Raegan has shown responsibility in the classroom by always coming to class prepared. She also has shown responsibility with her extracurricular activities by attending rehearsals and making sure to have all her assigned work done on the due date. She doesn't make excuses, she finds a balance to get all required work done.



District Basketball

Congratulations to the Lady Mustangs on a great season. The Lady Mustangs took second place in the district tournament.



Music Events & Awards

Ellie Jennings was selected to participate in the 2023 JH All-District Honor Band. This band is composed of students from all over the area, including Columbia, MO. The students had auditions and rehearsals at the beginning of January, and then had more rehearsals and a concert on February 18th. Congratulations to Ellie on a huge accomplishment!



Shoes from the Heart

For Veterans Day, the teachers of Linn County R-1 purchased veterans t-shirts to wear to the assembly. Junebug Embroidery donated 100% of the profits (\$340) to Shoes from the Heart in Macon. This money was donated in memory of Jonathon Hostetter and will be used to supply shoes/boots to veterans and their families. If you are interested in donating to Shoes from the Heart or want more information, you can view their website at shoesfromtheheart.org



Elementary students are having a blast learning to do dances during music class!



PE Activities

What a wonderful month it has been in my PE classes! February brought the introduction of basic football skills such as throwing and catching. Students also have had the opportunity to get out the scooters. We have played scooter handball and even soccer bowling. I am hoping March brings at least a few warm days for outside class time! Pictured are students in my high school PE class enjoying some scooter time.



Prepped and Ready for Parents

The linked videos help parents talk to kids about important topics.

[Prepped and Ready](#)

The 5th-12th grade band, choir, and color guard did a fundraiser selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, and we raised over \$1,700, thanks to the generous support of the community! Brantley Armstrong was the top salesperson, and he was also the winner of the raffle for the fundraiser. Thank you for your continued support!



News from Mrs. Gray

Yay, Spring is right around the corner. The school calendar has many events on it from now until the end of the year. Spring baseball and track will soon begin. The academic bowl season will be getting started soon also. Thank you for your continued support of the Linn County School.

Valentine Parties

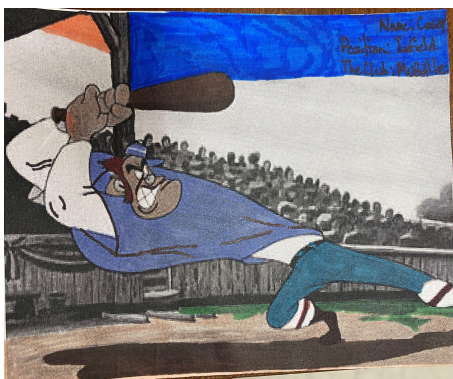
The elementary held their Valentine Parties on Tuesday, February 14th. The students exchanged valentine cards, had snacks, and participated in games. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend, send treats and/or supplies for the parties.

Linn County In-School Spelling Bee

The Linn County school spelling bee consists of the top 5 spellers from 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The spelling bee will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd at 1:30 p.m. in the Linn County gymnasium. The top two spellers from each grade will then move on to the county spelling bee. Good luck to all that participate. The County Spelling Bee will be held at Meadville this year. The date for it is April 20th .

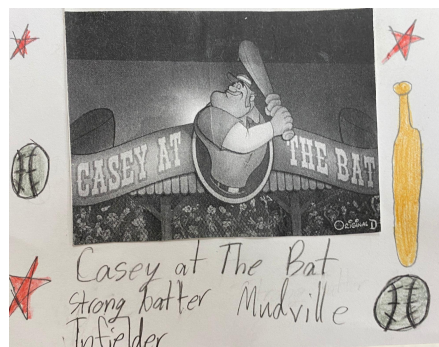
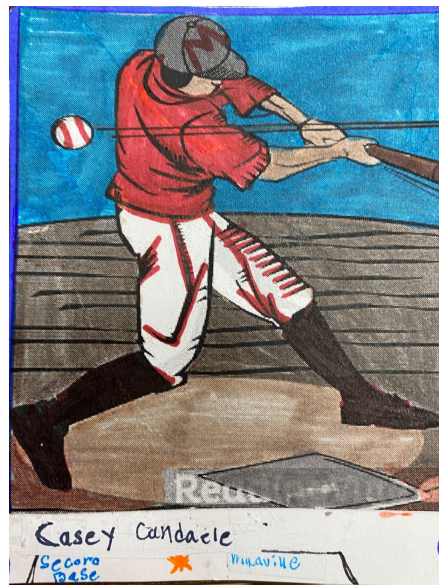
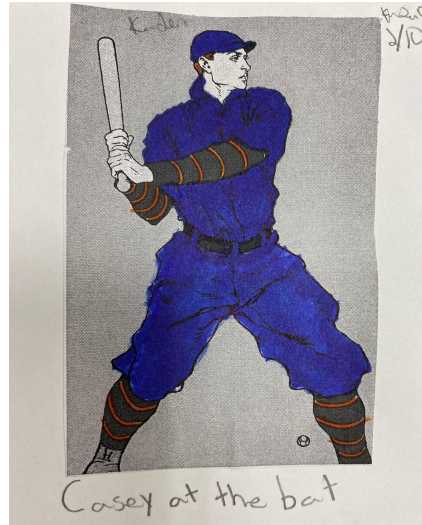
End of 3rd Quarter

The end of 3rd quarter is March 8th which is quickly approaching. Please keep up to date on your student(s) progress by checking SIS and by contacting the teachers if you have any questions or concerns.



Seventh Grade Poetry Unit

The 7th graders completed their study of poetry by creating baseball cards that reflected the poem Casey At The Bat.



Inside the Third Grade Classroom

In Mrs. Allnutt's class, the third graders learned about expository writing. For their writing, the students wrote an essay over how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The third graders presented their essay to the class as Mrs. Allnutt followed their steps on how to make the sandwich.



Visit www.linnr1.k12.mo.us to see all the upcoming events on the calendar.

Meet Your School Board Candidates

Racheal Neal

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a 2001 Linn County R-1 graduate & have been married to my husband Shawn for 21 years. We have three children who currently attend Linn County; Wyatt, Waylon and Westyn. I work for the University of Missouri-Northern Missouri Research, Extension and Education Center.

Why are you seeking a position on the Linn County R-1 school board?

I love our School District and it is our responsibility as community members to be public servants. I care about the quality of education our kids receive and want Linn County R-1 to continue to be a respectable and desirable place that administrators, teachers and staff want to work.

What is your vision for education in this community?

Produce students who leave our district with a quality education, opportunities to better themselves, and are well prepared for life all while giving them a safe and comfortable learning environment. Obtaining quality teachers, staff and administrators so we can be successful in fulfilling the above.

What attributes do you have that are essential to be an effective school board member?

I know the importance of our school district in the community & take pride in serving on the board; I value and respect our students, employees and the patrons of our district; I am fair and impartial in decision making and keep things confidential, and I work well with others even in difficult situations.

Brittanie Palmer

I have lived in Linn County my whole life. I was raised on a cattle farm south of Brookfield. I grew up in a rural community and graduated from Brookfield High School. I married Linn County Alumni Aaron Palmer and we currently live on his family farm east of Purdin where we run a cow/calf operation and raise our 4 & 2 year old little girls with another baby on the way. I am currently the county assessor. I love fishing and being outside with my family on the farm.

I feel it is important to be involved in the school we send our children to. My oldest will be starting preschool at Linn County this fall. I believe in quality public education. While appreciating the school's unique and shifting needs, I'd like to ensure all voices heard and solutions reached through collaboration.

Education is so important to me. I want to meet the students where they are and help them excel in the best way possible for them. Education is something no one can take away from you, which is why I feel it is important to have the best teachers and educators in our school system to help our students succeed.

I work with the public daily in my job which has helped better my people skills and strengthened my problem solving abilities. I feel it is also important to work together as a team for the best interest of the students and staff at Linn County. All of these things are essential to being an effective school board member.



Heather Phillips

My name is Heather (Brinkley) Phillips. I'm a 2001 graduate of Linn County R-1. I am married to my husband BJ and we reside in Linneus, Missouri, with our two sons, Avery (Freshman) and Nolan (6th grade). I have been employed with Cleveland, Macoubrie & Cox for the last 17 years.

I am seeking a position on the School Board because I am a very involved parent in the school and I would like the opportunity to be part of the school in a more meaningful way. It's always good for some new faces on the School Board to bring new ideas to meetings.

My vision for education in this community is to find ways to get the students excited for school again. I would also like to see some life skills brought back into teaching, such as cooking or organizational skills.

Working in a law firm, I deal with confidential information and am a very organized person. I have been on the Linneus City Council for nine years. In both of these roles, I possess key skills in communicating with frustrated people and am able to handle the situation professionally. I also currently serve as the PTO President and have for several years. I believe all of this past experience would make me a good candidate for our school board.

See the next page for another candidate's response.

School Board Candidates Continued

Bryon Rojas

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a Linn County Alum, who graduated in the class of 1992. While attending Linn County, I enjoyed many extracurricular activities, which included FFA and athletics. I am proud that I was one of the founding members of the FFA chapter at Linn County. Upon graduation, I continued my education receiving degrees from North Central Missouri College, The University Of Missouri, and Central Missouri State. I am the proud husband of Alicia Rojas and together we have 3 daughters, Mikaela, Isabela, and Gabriela. We live on a family farm and enjoy raising our kids and a few cattle in a rural setting. My parents are Bill and Karen Rojas, and I am the grandson of the late Harold and Lois Foss, who were diehard supporters of the district.

Why are you seeking a position on the Linn County R-1 School Board?

I truly believe that our kids are the greatest treasure that we have as a society. Our children are our future, and we must all take some time to focus on what, and how we are teaching our children and how we are supporting the administration. Four days a week, nine months a year, we trust the faculty and staff to educate, and watch over our children. Our community is truly blessed to have a school district like Linn County R-1, that in challenging times, does it's best to protect and educate our greatest resource. We have a responsibility to our children, to ensure that our school district has the resources it needs to help our children grow, develop, and thrive. I believe that without community involvement and volunteerism, our rural school districts will suffer. Seeking an

appointment to the school board is my attempt to provide support and oversight to our school district. Our administration has an incredibly difficult job and I want to make sure that they are fully empowered, with the resources needed to help our children succeed. Financial resources are being stretched further than ever before at home, and in our schools. I would like the opportunity to ensure that our tax dollars are being used as judiciously as possible. Finally, I think that a new perspective can stimulate innovative ideas and possibilities to help our school district flourish.

What is your vision for education in this community?

I am proud that my children go to school at Linn County R-1. I am confident that our children have a solid educational base. As a rural school district, we are consistently competing for talented staff, funding, and many other resources. We must find ways to recruit, retain and empower our administration and teaching staff. Our kids deserve the best! I believe that a solid, educational foundation begins with the core subjects of Reading, Math, and Science. We need to do what ever it takes to make sure that our kids are solid in these areas, first! With a solid foundation in these areas, our students can follow wherever their interests take them. I have a strong belief that a wide range of educational opportunities, through electives leads to a well-rounded individual. I am interested in learning about how our community can provide the most well-rounded education for our children. Extracurricular activities such as athletics, band/choir, FFA competitions, Scholar Bowl and numerous others, provide invaluable

learning opportunities, for our students. None of these things can happen without recruiting, empowering and retaining the best administrators, teachers, and support staff available.

What attributes do you have that are essential to be an effective school board member?

I am a straightforward honest communicator. I have a deep conviction that public education is important. I am willing to devote time and effort to fulfill the responsibilities that are required of a board member. I know that rural school districts can and must compete for resources and talent by daring to innovate. Finally, I have the ability to assess complex situations and use logic to make sound decisions.



School Board Elections will be Tuesday, April 4

Five candidates will be running for three spots. Those five candidates are:

Chad Gooch
Racheal Neal
Brittanie Palmer
Heather Phillips
Bryon Rojas

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Ryan Livingston, Superintendent
Candi Gray, Principal

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PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

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Board of Education

Brenda Search, Pres. 11 years
Chad Gooch, V.P. 11 years
Racheal Neal, 11 years
Shannon Murrell, 9 years
Rodney Seals, 5 years
Daniel Singleton, 2 years
Jack Green, 1 year

Mendenhall's Prom Announcement

Mendenhall's will not be taking orders for corsages and boutonnieres
for the prom activities this year.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are Friday, March 31
Everyone will take a photo. A proof and ordering information
will be sent home at a later date.

Immunization Clinic

March 17 @ 1:00 pm.
7th, 11th and 12th grades

Senior Spotlight



Alyssa Jaylynn Bukovac

"Hannah Montana said nobody's perfect, but here I am."

What are your future plans?

Will be attending Mizzou.

What activities are you involved in?

Student Council, Softball, Basketball, A+, Health Sciences, National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Yearbook

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Confident, Competitive, and Driven

What is your favorite thing about Linn Co.?

My class, we're really close, almost like our own little family.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

In eighth grade I had to move, it caused a lot of us to cry and we made a big deal about it all day, only for me to move back two weeks later.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Tough decision between Sayre and Gray. I look up to and respect both of them a lot. They help me perform at my highest potential.



Danika Kristen Daugherty

"But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength." 2 TIMOTHY 4:17

What are your future plans?

My future plans are to possibly think about college in the future instead of right after school, and get a good-paying job that I like.

What activities are you involved in?

Band, Colorguard, and Art

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Silly, Funny, and Gifted

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

My favorite thing about Linn County would have to be all the fun days like Christmas and the last day of school!

What is your most embarrassing moment?

I always thought that when I accidentally got hit with a basketball during gym class or something, I would probably fake laugh it off when I was really embarrassed because people probably saw me.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Jennings have influenced me the most because when I was having a rough year when I was a Junior, Mrs. Dodd would help me with the math I struggled with. That same Junior year, Mrs. Jennings would talk to me when I needed to talk to someone.

Senior Spotlight



Jordan Nicole Gray

"There are no accidents, only some purposes we haven't understood."

What are your future plans?

Attend college.

What activities are you involved in?

Basketball, softball, cheer, track, FFA, NHS, band, choir, color guard

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Kind, Caring, and Compassionate

What is your favorite thing about Linn Co.?

My favorite thing about Linn Co. is that the classes are small which makes us close.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Ms. Wiles because she is always there when you need her and you can talk to her about anything.



Emerald Kay Jones

"Life is like a book. Some chapters are sad, some are happy, and some are exciting, but if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter has in store for you."

What are your future plans?

Attend NCMC then transfer to a 4 year college. Where I plan to receive a degree in English.

What activities are you involved in?

Softball, cheer, track, academic bowl, band, NHS

Describe yourself using three adjectives.

Sarcastic, Soft-heart, Intuitive

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

The Christmas spirit we show all year long... kidding!! It's actually the close community and the bonds I've made.

Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?

Mrs. Sayre. She challenged and encouraged me to be the best that I could be.



BeAlert® is the awareness and prevention strategy of The Stop Trafficking Project® to end domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) before it starts by disrupting the exploitation of vulnerability.

THIS ADULT ONLY COMMUNITY PRESENTATION FOCUSES ON THE ROLE OF "LIFE ONLINE" FOR STUDENTS

ONE IMAGE & THREE WORDS WILL CHANGE YOUR PARADIGM!

The Who - caring adults invited to attend:

- Law enforcement
- Firefighter's and EMT's
- Medical professionals
- Counselors
- Faith community leaders
- School personnel
- Parents, guardians, and all other adult family members

The What - educate and empower caring adults in our community:

- Students are enamored with social media and "life online"
- Name apps and provide practical advice to guide caring adults
- Unpack vulnerabilities that can be exploited: loneliness, isolation, depression, suicide, sexting, sextortion, pornography, cyberbullying, exploitation, sexual exploitation, and domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST)

The How - the approach: Fast-moving Power Point presentation designed for maximum impact

The presenter – an active abolitionist: Has command of the topic and speaks with energy that grabs and keeps the attention of attendees.

The presentation – fast paced with appropriate images and videos:

- Provide insight into the role of technology in exploiting vulnerabilities
- Identify the demand in this high demand business of sexual exploitation
- Provide the option to engage with the BeAlert® Strategy, the Stop Trafficking App, and the "top ten practical steps" for adults to keep students safer

LOCATION: Linn County R1 Gymnasium

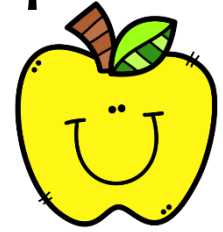
SPONSOR: Linn County R1 School District

DATE & TIME: April 4th at 6:00 pm

OTHER DETAILS: ADULT ONLY PRESENTATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Candi Gray (660)244-5035 or cgray@linnr1.k12.mo.us

Attention Linn County R-I Residents!



We are looking for 3 and 4
year old children eligible for
Preschool!

The Linn Co. R-I Preschool will enroll a maximum of 15
students

First spots will be given to Full Time 4 & 5 year olds.

Waiting list will be determined by the DIAL-4 test
given at the Preschool Screenings on
April 5th & 6th

Criteria:

Must be 3 years old before August 1st

Provide the school with up-to-date immunization
records

Proof of residency

MUST be potty trained

Must bring Physical form, birth certificate and S.S.
number

Our Preschool Program follows the Linn Co. R-I
School Calendar, Tuesdays-Fridays

Please call the School at 660-244-5035 or email:

jwoodside@linnri.k12.mo.us to sign up today or for
more information!

MARCH 2023

LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL



Monday

NO
SCHOOL

NO
SCHOOL

NO
SCHOOL

NO
SCHOOL

Tuesday



6
FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT 7
WALKING TACO
CORN
STRAWBERRIES / CHOC. CAKE
1st grade menu

13
SAUSAGE and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT 14
CORN DOGS
MAC/CHEESE
PEAS and CARROTS
FRUIT / COOKIE

20
PANCAKE ON STICK
FRESH FRUIT 21
HAMBURGER on BUN
POTATO WEDGES
BAKED BEANS
FRUIT

27
SMOOTHIE /DONUT STICK
FRESH FRUIT 28
B.B.Q. PORK on BUN
CURLEY FRIES
CARROTS
FRUIT

Wednesday

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT 1
FISH
MAC/CHEESE
COLE SLAW
FRUIT/COOKIE

8
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT 8
CHILI
TOASTED CHEESE
FRESH VEGETABLES
BAKED APPLES

15
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT 15
CHICKEN ALFREDO
SALAD / FRUIT
BREADSTICKS

22
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT 22
HAM
POTATO CASSROLE
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT SALAD

29
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT 29
MEATBALLS
SCALLOPED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

Thursday

2
GREEN EGGS and HAM
FRESH FRUIT 2
HOT BEEF PLATE
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

9
BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT 9
TURKEY POT PIE w /
MIXED VEGETABLES
COTTAGE CHEESE
FRUIT / BISCUIT

16
CHERRY TURNOVER
FRESH FRUIT 16
B.B.Q RIB ON BUN
FRIES / CORN
STRAWBERRIES
3rd and 5th grade menu

23
BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
FRESH FRUIT 23
CALZONES
PEAS and CARROTS
PEACHES / CAKE

30
BISCUIT SANDWICH
FRESH FRUIT 30
SUB SANDWICH
CHIPS
BROCCOLI w/ CHEESE
FRUIT / BROWNIE

Friday

3
LONGJOHN
FRESH FRUIT 3
CHEESE PIZZA
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRUIT

10
MINI CINNIS
FRESH FRUIT 10
FRIED FISH
FRIES / CORN
ORANGE WEDGES /SIDEKICKS
2nd grade menu

17
BANANA BREAD
FRESH FRUIT 17
NACHOS
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRUIT / BROWNIE

24
COFFEECAKE
FRESH FRUIT 24
BISCUIT/GRAVY
SCRAMBLED EGGS w/ CHEESE
V 8 JUICE / ORANGES

31
GLAZED DONUTS
FRESH FRUIT 31
TUNA CASSEROLE
PEAS / FRUIT
ICE CREAM

DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY, CHEF SALAD
MILK, JUICE, BREAD OF SOMEKIND. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 5 pm Scholar Bowl @ Brashear	1 3:30 pm ASAP Grades 6-12 4 pm Scholar Bowl @ LaPlata	2 Science Olympiad Practice	3 9 am FFA Brunswick Judging Day FCA Meeting Science Olympiad Practice	4 Region 2 Science Olympiad Competition Truman State Univ. 8 am Conference Band Auditions/Rehearsal @ LaPlata
5	6 1 pm Conference Choir Rehearsal @ LaPlata 4 pm FFA Area 3 Officer Interviews @ LaPlata	7 Conference Choir/ Band Tour	8 End of 3rd Quarter 3:30 pm ASAP Grades 6-12 4 pm Scholar Bowl @ Linn County	9 7:30 am FTA Trip to Missouri Western	10	11
12	13 Teacher In-Service	14 3:30 pm ASAP Grades 6-12 4 pm Scholar Bowl @ Linn County	15 Conference Art Show Delivery of Items 4:30 pm Area 3 FFA & LDE Contests @ Macon	16 9 am FFA NCMC Judging Day Bus Inspection— No Field Trips	17	18 9 am Conference Scholar Bowl @ LaPlata 1 pm Conference Art Show Pick-Up
19	20 Possible Snow Make-Up Day 5 pm BB @ Mendon vs NW/Bruns/Keyt	21 5 pm BB @ LC vs Brookfield	22 1 pm FFA Judging Day @ Shelbyville 1:30 pm School Spelling Bee 3:30 pm ASAP Grades 6-12	23 5 pm BB @ Atlanta	24 3 pm HS Track @ Salisbury Open Meet	25
26	27 4:30 pm NE District FFA LDE Contest @ Monroe City	28 5 pm BB @ Brashear	29 9 am FFA NE District CDE Contest Day-1 @ Columbia 3:30 pm ASAP Grades 6-12	30 5 pm BB @ Marceline	31 Spring Portraits & Spring Sports Photos 3 pm JH Track @ Salisbury Open Meet 5 pm BB @ LC vs N Shelby	