



# Linn County R-I Ledger



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## Prom Royalty

First runners-up

Michela Ham

Brennon McConkey

Queen Maddie Chapman

King Silas Dodd

Second runners-up

Gracie Bell

Landon Ward



## JH/HS Band Receives Exemplary 1 Rating

The Linn County R-1 JH/HS Band could not travel to the large group festival this year due to weather, so instead, the person in charge of organizing the festival came here. The students received a clinic from the festival director, and at the end of the clinic, the band was awarded a 1 Exemplary rating certificate! Congratulations to the Linn County R-1 JH/HS Band for this amazing accomplishment!



# Senior Spotlight



*Landon Cooper Ward*

"I would like to thank quizlet for this diploma."

**What are your future plans?**

Joining into an apprenticeship of Plumbers and Gasfitter of Local 8 in Kansas City

**What activities are you involved in?**

FFA, Skills USA

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Sweet, Sensitive, Kind

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

How everyone knows everyone

**Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?**

Ms. Jenkins has probably influenced me the most these past couple years because I have been able to talk to her about just about anything.



*Gage Seals*

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

**What are your future plans?**

Attend State Technical College of Missouri to become a lineman.

**What activities are you involved in?**

FFA, NHS, track, basketball, baseball, science Olympiad, academic bowl

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Driven, Passionate, Helpful

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

My favorite thing about Linn County is being a part of FFA and playing basketball.

**Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?**

Mr. Haley has influenced me the most because he has pushed me to do new things and to do my best.



*Brennon Matthew  
McConkey*

"The first chapter of my life I worried about having a lot of friends, until I realized they were the ones writing my ending."

**What are your future plans?**

Go to NCMC for 2 years and move away from here.

**What activities are you involved in?**

Baseball

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Outspoken, Funny, Outgoing

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

That everyone knows each other and is treated like family.

**Who at Linn County has influenced you the most?**

The teachers because they are all great and help anyone in need they are also good at pushing you to become better.

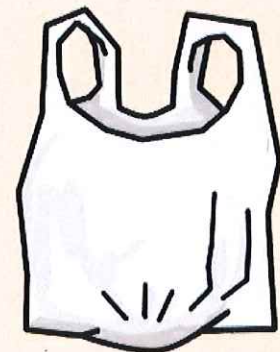
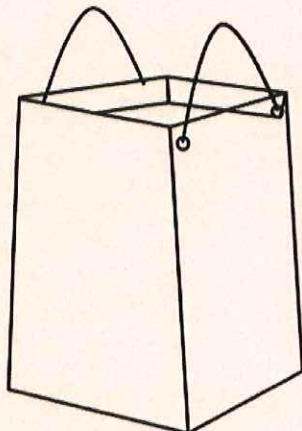
**Linn County R1 Presents  
Paper or Plastic?**

**A Comedy by Werner Trieschmann**

**Monday, May 16, 2022**

**At 6:00 PM**

**in the Linn County gymnasium**



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**High School:**  
Meadville R-4 School District  
**College:**

*Mrs. Wiles*

Bachelor's of Science in Pre K- 6 with a double major in Mild/Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education from Graceland University  
Master's Degree in Administration from William Woods University

**Years of experience:**

I was a paraprofessional for 6 years before I got my Bachelor's degree.  
10 years of teaching experience here at Linn County on the middle school and high school end.

**Grade levels/subjects that I have taught:**

MS/HS At-Risk (2 years)  
MS/HS At-Risk and Special Education (4 years)  
MS/HS At-Risk, Special Education, and HS Social Studies (4 years)

**Why you chose education:**

I chose education because I started out as a paraprofessional and realized that I wanted to make even a bigger difference than what I was doing. I saw education as being a way to help students become the best version of themselves and accomplish what they need to in order to succeed. I also wanted to make an impact in the students' lives and show them that they can be successful and ultimately be anything they want.

**Why Linn County R-1 is the place to be:**

Linn County R-1 is an amazing place to work because the administration is awesome and the teaching staff is just the same. I also enjoy working with the students and being able to have more one-on-one work due to the school environment here.

# Kerry Burkholder

## MATHEMATICS

**Education:**

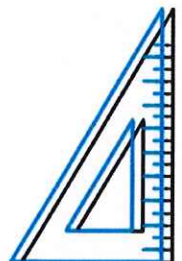
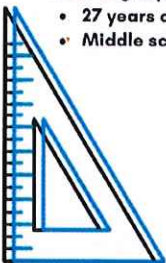
- Bachelor's degree in education from Northwest Missouri State University
- Master's degree in Administration from William Woods

Linn County R-1 is a great school to be involved with. We have very good students, faculty and administration. The School Board does a great job of working with us and providing what we need to succeed. Linn County R-1 is small enough that you get to know everyone very well and the classes are small enough that one-on-one interaction happens on a daily basis.

**Teaching experience:**

- 27 years of teaching at Linn County R-1
- Middle school math teacher for 27 years

I chose to become an educator because I have always enjoyed working with kids. What got me started was coaching t-ball, pee wee, little league and pony league when I was in high school and had a great experience. Seeing a student grow and succeed in school is one the most gratifying things a teacher can hope to see. To know that I may have had a very miniscule part in their success is why I am still teaching. I am both honored and humbled to have had such a long career in teaching and proud of what Linn County has become.



*Ms. Violet McClanroch*



- I started off with my bachelor of social work to work with children and make a difference in their lives.
- I was a paraprofessional at Bucklin for 5 years after graduating from college.
- I was a Preschool aide at Linn County for 7 years.
- I have been a paraprofessional at Linn County for 15 years.

**High School:** Bucklin R-2 School

**College:** Missouri Western State College,  
Bachelor of Social Work

Linn County is the place to be because the staff members and the administrators are awesome to work with. Our staff members are willing to help each other out in any way they can.

## MRS. ARIEL WILKERSON

I am a 2012 graduate of Linn Co. R-1.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Truman State University.

I am an ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. I have also earned my teaching certificate.

I have been employed in a school setting for four years now. My certification as an SLPA allows me to work as a speech therapist under the supervision of a certified SLP. My teaching certificate allows me to assist with other groups in the school setting as well. I have experience with all ages,

PreK-12, as an C-SLPA, an ELL educator, and other small groups for extra support.

I have provided speech and language services to students. I have also taught many subjects to students who are learning English. I have taken small groups for extra support in reading and math.



Speech Teacher

I chose to work in the education setting because I genuinely enjoy working with children and helping them in any way I can. Working in an education setting allows me to be involved in the education, and extra curricular activities of my own girls easily. Plus, I love having the summer to spend with my own children.

Linn County is the place to be for many reasons. I enjoy the comfort that comes with a small school. I enjoy knowing everyone and being able to make connections with most. Linn County offers those things.

## Brooke Allnutt THIRD GRADE TEACHER

### Education:

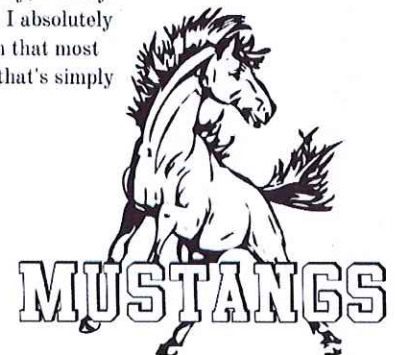
I have obtained a teacher certification untraditionally. After graduating from Central Methodist University with a Bachelors in Child Development, I then went on to do the ABCTE program, and obtained a Missouri Certification in Elementary. Later, I also got certified in Special Education.

### Experience:

This will be my third year teaching as a Certified Teacher. Currently I teach the Third Grade here at Linn County. For two years I was the Elementary Special Education teacher at Milan. Before being certified, I taught Preschool at Head Start for 5 years.

### Choosing Linn County:

From the beginning of my teaching journey, I always had the goal of teaching at Linn County. I absolutely love the school district! There is a reason that most teachers have been here for so long and that's simply because Linn County R-1 is the best!



## MRS. BLACK

*Education background- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Master of Arts in School Counseling K-12*

*Years of Experience- 2 years teaching third grade at Bucklin Elementary. 7 years as K-12 school counselor at Linn County.*

*I chose education as a career because I wanted to work with children. I loved being a classroom teacher and building relationships with my students. During my student teaching and the first year of being a third grade teacher, I quickly found myself drawn to the students that needed the most help in terms of making friends, fitting in, managing emotions, etc. This was all the work I saw our school counselor doing, so I was inspired to go back to school to get my masters in school counseling.*

*I know Linn County is the school for me to be and a great place for other educators as well because we have the best students, staff, administrators and community to work with. When describing our school, many people say it is like a family and I truly believe that as well. At Linn County, I feel supported to do what's best for our students and I know that our staff and administration have everyone's best interest in mind.*

# Mrs. Rehbein

**What is your experience?** I have been a paraprofessional for 22 years. I started as a para substitute which turned into becoming a full time para. I have a Paraprofessional Certificate.

**Why did you choose to teach?** I enjoy working with the kids and seeing them grow and learn. Through the years I feel like I have learned a thing or two from the kids also.

**Why did you choose Linn County?** Linn County R-1 School is the place to be because the staff is like family and they're always there for you. The administrators are very supportive and easy to talk with. The school board and community are also supportive. We may be a small school community but there are big hearts that will carry us through anything we encounter! I am grateful to work with such a great school district!



## Mrs. Christina Moore

### Why Linn County is the place to be:

I graduated from Linn County! My daughter would also be attending Linn County so I wanted to be in the same school she was. It's also a small district where we are able to provide what our students need in order to be successful. I feel like it is a very close knit group of people who work together to help our students achieve their goals.

### Education:

I received my Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Northeast Missouri State University (Now called Truman State University.) I received my Masters Degree from Central Missouri State University (Now the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.)

### Experience:

I have taught 27 years. 24 at Linn County R-1 and 3 at Marceline R-V. Grade Level/Subjects taught: I teach Pre-school through 12th grade Special Education. I teach all different subjects.

**I chose education** because I have always loved children. I wanted to help them to be able to succeed and be productive members of society. I specifically chose Special Education, because students with disabilities usually take longer to master concepts and when they are successful it is even more rewarding.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

# Miss Phinney

## Years of Experience

I have taught for 7 years, all at Linn County R-1

## Why I Chose Education

I was inspired by teachers that I had throughout my school experience. I wanted to inspire kids and be a positive influence for them. Linn County is the place to be because of the wonderful administrators, awesome teachers, amazing students, and overwhelming sense of community.

## Education

Putnam County R-1 Class of 2010  
Bachelor of Arts in Music Class of 2014  
Masters of Arts in Education  
Music Class of 2015 from Truman State University

## Grade Levels Taught

Preschool-6th grade general music  
5th-12th grade band  
JH/HS choir  
Color guard

## News From Mrs. Gray

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. We have been very busy here and the events on the calendar seem to multiply every day. The students have been EOC and MAP testing. The spring baseball and track teams had a shaky start to their season because of the weather. Hopefully, the weather will stay nice so the teams can finish strong. The conference track meet was held April 25th. District track is Saturday, May 7th. District Baseball begins May 13th. I urge you to come out and support our athletes. The Athletic award ceremony was held on May 3rd and the FFA award ceremony on May 6th.

The seniors will be finished with their high school classes on May 6th. They will travel to the Lake of the Ozarks for the senior trip May 8th-11th. I have enjoyed working with the seniors this year and wish them success throughout their lives. It has been exciting to watch them grow. Baccalaureate will be held May 8th with Graduation being held on May 15th. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

### Spring Music Concerts

The Elementary Spring music concert was held on April 21st and the MS/HS Spring music concert was held on Thursday, May 5th. Ms. Phinney and the students have worked very hard to prepare for the concerts.

### Senior Awards/Scholarships

All Senior Awards/Scholarships will be given during Graduation this year. Graduation is May 15th at 2:30 pm.

### Middle School/High School

#### Academic Award Assembly

The Academic Award Assembly for Middle School and High School students will be Friday, May 20th. The assembly will begin

at 8:15 am. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE AWARD CEREMONY.

### Elementary Track and Field

The Elementary Track and Field Day will be held on Friday, May 13th. The Elementary Classroom Award Ceremony will take place beginning at 8:15 am that day. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE AWARD CEREMONY.

The Track and Field Day will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1:20 pm. Track and Field Awards will be given beginning at 1:30 pm that day. The rain date for the Elementary Track and Field Day is Wednesday, May 18th. The Award Assembly times will remain the same on the rain date day.

### Last Day of School

Our last day of school is May 20th. We will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. that day. Please make sure your child has a backpack or some type of bag on that day. The students have a lot of end of the year things to bring home on that day and it is very helpful if they all have something to carry their things in. THANK YOU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

### Summer School

Earlier this year, the school district sent an interest form to find out how many students would be planning to attend summer school this summer. Unfortunately, there were not many forms received from students interested in attending. Due to the lack of interest shown from students to attend summer school, the Linn County R-1 School Board voted to not hold summer school this year. Thank you to those that showed interest in summer school. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact me at (660) 244-5035 or [cgray@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:cgray@linnr1.k12.mo.us) if you have any questions.

## FFA Leadership Day

Katie Buswell and Mason Small were selected to attend the Farm Bureau Leadership Day in Jefferson City on Thursday April 7.

This one-day seminar provides a unique leadership opportunity for high school juniors and seniors. Students gain a better understanding of our political system and the legislative process. The day's activities will include briefings by Farm Bureau staff members and a visit to the State Capitol. While at the Capitol, students interacted with their respective members of the Legislature and observed both the House of Representatives and Senate. The afternoon program convened at the Missouri Farm Bureau Center and included invited speakers.

Congrats to Katie and Mason for being selected to attend.

## May Calendar

8th	2:30 p.m.	Baccalaureate
13th	8:15 a.m.	Elementary Awards
13th	9:00 a.m.	Elem. Track & Field
13th	1:30 p.m.	Track & Field Awards
15th	2:30 p.m.	Graduation
16th	6:00 p.m.	School Play
18th	9:00 a.m.	Track & Field Rain date
19th	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Graduation
20th	8:15 a.m.	MS/HS Awards Assembly
20th	12:00 p.m.	Last Day of School





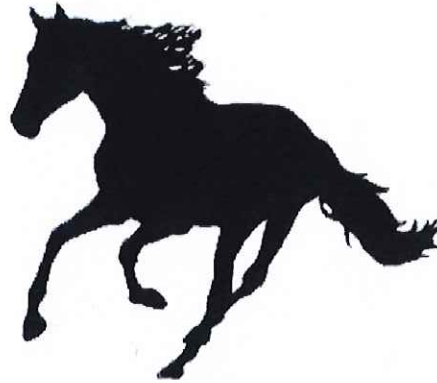
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**Elementary Awards and Track & Field Day  
May 13**

**Last Day of School  
May 20**