

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 22 Dismiss 12:20
Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 School Resumes
- Jan. 17 No School (Possible Snow
Make up Day)
- Jan. 19 Teacher In-Service
Dismiss 12:20
- Feb. 4 Mid Quarter
- Feb. 16 Teacher In-Service
Dismiss 12:20
- Feb. 21 No School (Possible Snow
Make up Day)
- Mar. 11 End of Quarter
- Mar. 17 Early Out
- Mar. 18 No School
- April 15 Mid Quarter
- April 21 Early Out
- April 22 No School
- April 25 No School
- May 4 Teacher In-Service
Dismiss 12:20
- May 6 Senior's Last Day
- May 9-12 Senior Trip
- May 20 Early Out
Last Day of School
- May 23 (Possible Snow
Make up Day)
- May 24 (Possible Snow
Make up Day)

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Education Foundation Night

The basketball game on Thursday, February 10, against Milan, has been designated Linn County R-I Education Foundation Night. There will not be a gate for admission to the game that evening and all donations made that night will go into the Linn County R-I Education Foundation.

The Linn County R-I Education Foundation was established in January 1994. The foundation has 501 (c)(3) status from the IRS, which allows individuals to take deductions on their income tax for the amount of their donation. At present time the Linn County R-I Education Foundation distributes more than \$5,500 annually to Linn County R-I graduates.

We hope you will be able to attend the game on the evening of February 10, 2011.

“The Night Before Christmas”

The communication arts classes all read “The Night Before Christmas” and were then asked to create a parody or a remake of it. More examples can be found in later pages.

Twas Black Friday Morning
By: Lauren Russell

Twas Black Friday morning and outside the mall
People were lining up wasting no time at all
Policemen were arriving to help keep some order
They knew people would fight over even a quarter

The excitement began as the doors crept open
Everyone rushed in there was no time for mopin'
Folks went pushing and shoving and screaming
As they thought of their kids in bed and dreaming

Two women raced to the baby doll aisle
Wanting nothing but their child's sweet smile
Only one left, oh no, it must be mine
Oh no it's not the other one whined

The chase was on, who will possibly win
One woman charged, the other one pinned
They wrestled, punched and even squawked
You're a dirty cheater the other one mocked

The officer arrived just in time
Before the women committed some crime
Give me the doll the officer cried
They handed it over with a stomp and a sigh

So now you see there's a lesson here
What's really important, tell me my dear
A cheap toy truck or a baby doll
None of it matters, none at all
What really matters is family and friends
And for me it's Christ, it really depends

Senior Spotlight



Canaan David Rehbein

" Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

-Sir Winston Churchill

Activities: FFA, NHS, Science Olympiad, and Academic Bowl.

Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives: Funny, Outgoing and Smart.

Future Plans & Goals:
Attend Missouri University of Science & Technology for a degree in Chemical Engineering.

What would you most want to be remembered for:
Being the guy that anyone could talk to about anything at anytime.

Advice to underclassmen
There may be times that you can get away with procrastination, but it is a habit that you need to get away from.

As a senior, what do you look forward to?
Senior Trip & Graduation.

Most memorable moment at Linn Co.
Driving the semi to school when no one believed I would do it.

"The future lies before you. Like a field of driven snow, be careful how you tread it, for every step will show."

-Unknown

Activities: Baseball and Science Olympiad

Describe Yourself Using 3 Adjectives:

Dependable, Easygoing, and Athletic

Future Plans & Goals:

Graduate, and go to college.

What would you most want to be remembered for:

All Conference Catcher

Advice to underclassmen

Don't procrastinate, and have fun while you're here.

As a senior, what do you look forward to?

Graduation

Most memorable moment at Linn Co.

When I hit my first homerun.



Blake Edward Woodside



Preschool Makes Cards for Local Troop William Jesse Foster

The preschool class made Thanksgiving cards for a local troop and his fellow troops to show our appreciation. Each student made a turkey out of their little hand, then a poem was added to the card. Our class then had a discussion on how the troops were overseas in another country protecting people and working for our country. We discussed how the troops would not get to be home with their family or friends during Thanksgiving. The students then came up with their own Thankful phrase to add to their card. We feel the students did a great job on the cards. The cards were then sent to Afghanistan to Jesse Foster and his fellow troops. Jesse then distributed the cards among fellow troops serving overseas with him. The troops took a picture of themselves holding the cards we made. The preschool class was excited to get back a picture of the troops holding our cards. The preschool class is Thankful to all who serve or have served our country.

It's that time of year, time to get your spirit on!

We have a really great group of cheerleaders this year! The squad consists of three seniors: Haylee Wallace, Leanne Lentz, and Shannon Moss, and three juniors: Hayley Wood, Kaitlin Liebhart, and Jamie Clark. The cheerleading team does such an awesome job and brings such great school spirit to the games! This is our first year having a male yell leader and we are excited! Our goal this year is to get the crowd more involved in showing school spirit and cheering on our teams. Please feel free to join in and show your school spirit and cheer on our basketball girls and boys!



2011
YEARBOOKS FOR SALE
\$27 without a namestamp
\$32 with a namestamp
Now through March 18

Contact Mary Hoyt at (660) 244-5035 or mhoyt@linnr1.k12.mo.us

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

LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO TACO SUPPER

JANUARY 7, 2011

LINN COUNTY PTO WILL BE HOSTING A TACO SUPPER ON JANUARY 7, 2011.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS FOR THE SUPPER.

Menu will be:

Taco Salad

Dessert

We are asking for donations from the following classes as follows:

Preschool-Shredded Cheddar Cheese

1st and 6th grade—Nacho Chips

2nd and 7th grade-lettuce or taco sauce

3^d and 8th grade-Hamburger

4th and 9th grade-tomatoes or sour cream

5th and 10th grade-pies, cakes, cookies or brownies

11th and 12th grade-Pies, cakes, cookies or brownies

The donations with the exception of the desserts need to be at the school by Wednesday, January 5th. Desserts should be delivered on January 7th.

WE WILL ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN.

PLEASE CHECK THE TIME YOU COULD WORK.

_____ 4:00-5:30 _____ 5:30-7:00 _____ CLEANUP AFTER 7:00

NAME _____

TELEPHONE # _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL BRENDA SEARCH AT 660-895-5576 OR 660-734-1325 OR KYM KNIFONG AT 660-244-3995 OR 573-823-8876.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET BACK TO MRS. WARD
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

THE MEAL WILL BE SERVED FROM 4:30-7:00

Cost of the meal will be a Free Will Donation

Please keep in mind all profits go back into the school for needed items. All classes benefit at some point. As we are approached by the faculty/administration for requests, we can only fill those requests if we have the appropriate funds. You can be a big part in helping your child get the necessary items needed to enhance their education.

WANTED

Dedicated and Cheering

Linn County Mustang Fans

at this year's basketball games

REWARD: School Pride

Linn County R-1 FFA News

The Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter has been very busy this fall with many activities. Fruit Sales are naturally one of our biggest fundraisers besides the hay project. This year from September 15th through the 30th the FFA members were hard at work selling from two different companies this year. These included the Seitz Company which we sold Cookie dough and meat products. The second company was Four Seasons and this is our traditional meats, cheeses, fruit, and candy. The Chapter as a whole sold right at \$21,000 of fruit and meat products. Out of the \$21,000 approximately 30-40% will be profited. We had 57 members sell 1,364 items which came in Dec. 1st and Dec. 8th. We thank all who helped support our chapter by buying fruit and that it was safely delivered!

Barnwarming for us was a spectacular event taking place on October 1st. This was especially a great year for the FFA Chapter because we were finally in our new building and were allowed to use it for the event. Our activities ranged from roasting hotdogs and marshmallows over the bon fire to musical cowboys which is always a big hit. Barnwarming King was Jeremy Frazier and Queen was Shelby Russell.

Every year the local Chapters of Linn County, Brookfield, Marcelline, and Meadville rent a charter bus together to take around 55 students to the annual FFA National Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our chapter took 12 members along with our advisor Ms. Blau. We left on October 21st and traveled as far as the University of Illinois to tour their Poultry Farm. While at convention we all participated in the Career Shows, Lady

Antebellum and Easton Corbin Concert, PBR Rodeo, Hypnotist, Keynote Speakers in Sessions, Indy Speedway Tour, Circle Center Mall, and then to Watch Jordan Russell receive her American Degree. All the students had a good time and were very tired by the time we all got home!

As an incentive for the fruit sales, if you reach certain requirements you are allowed to attend the rewards trip to the American Royal. On October 30th the Linn County R-1 FFA Chapter traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to partake in the experience of livestock shows, shopping, and the PBR Rodeo. We had in attendance several students with the chaperones of Tracy Buswell and Ms. Blau.

Our FFA Chapter would like to thank everybody who helped out physically and/or financially this year and hope you all have a Happy Holidays with safe travels!

-Brittni Buswell

News From Mrs. Ward

Christmas Program

The elementary Christmas program was held on Tuesday, December 14th. Mrs. Bolle and the elementary students worked very hard to prepare for the program. Their hard work paid off. The program was a huge success! Congratulations to all of them. Thank you to everyone that was able to come out and support the program. We appreciated your attendance.

Christmas Parties

This year for the elementary Christmas celebration each elementary student was asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the food pantry. We had a lot of donations which will help out several families. The students had a pajama movie day and were given popcorn and pop as a treat.

Christmas Raffle

The elementary students, faculty, and staff would like to thank everyone that supported our Christmas Raffle by buying raffle tickets and/or by donating an item for the raffle. This money goes toward different activities and rewards for the elementary students throughout the year. We really appreciate your support.

I can honestly say that the first semester has gone by in a hurry. The first half of school has flown by and now we are looking at starting the second semester. The High School Christmas program was very successful and I was very pleased with the concert that the band and choir put on. It is obvious that Mrs. Bolle has been working hard with the students and they are increasing in number.

The basketball teams are finished for the 2010 school year. They will open up the 2011 season against Milan JV on January 3 at Milan starting at 6 p.m. and then a home game with Meadville on January 4th at 6 p.m. I would encourage everyone to come out and support our teams. I wish everyone a great Christmas Holiday. Be extra careful when traveling and we will see all of the students back to school on January 4th.

Missouri Integrated Model (MIM) Meeting Notes

November 22, 2010

The MIM meeting opened with a description of the progress monitoring procedure for the new members of the team. The team evaluated progress toward meeting goals set in the 2010-2011 Action Plan. The team discussed and rated each of the ten goals for Communication Arts and for Math with an A for achieved, I for in progress, or an N for not addressed. Of the goals, in each area, all had been addressed. Four areas had been achieved and six are in progress. The team also appointed individuals or committees that will be responsible for monitoring the progress of the action goals that are in progress.

The PD calendar was discussed. There will be a Spring Regional Meeting March 2nd and 3rd. The 2011 Summer Institute will be July 13th, 14th, and 15th. A meeting time was set to address the Self Study for school improvement. It is scheduled on February 28th from 11:30-5:00 at the Purdin Community Center. The March meeting date will be set at that time. The time allowed for that meeting will be dependent upon progress achieved during the February meeting. Prior to the February meeting all staff members will complete a survey to help guide the Self Survey discussion.

It was decided that MIM team members will rotate the responsibility of facilitator. Kathryn O'Kane will be facilitating the next two meetings. Mrs. Ward will mentor her in the process. Kathryn will then mentor the next person in the rotation in order to educate all MIM team members in the Facilitator roll.

The next MIM meeting will be held January 24, 2010 at 3:30 in room 1 at Linn County R1.

Twas the Night Before a Hobo's Christmas
By Hayley Wood

Twas the night before Christmas, cold air making you chills
All the bums kept quiet, drinking their frills!

The hobos all gathered closely around the fire,
Only wishing for a washer and a simple clothes dryer!

Some hobos were nestled warmly in their tent,
Counting their change and saving up for a puny month's rent.

And I in my gloves, my bud in his beanie,
All settled around the fire to roast some Christmas weenies.

When out on the docks there was such a clatter,
I jumped from my box to see what was the matter.

I heard someone yelling about us "stupid tramps."
In fact she said, "go die or at least get some food stamps!"

But in fact we don't ask for much, we barely beg.
I would give anything for just a turkey leg.

When what to my little wandering eye should appear,
But Bob with his shopping cart and some festive Christmas cheer!

I got so excited, grabbing my coat of rags,
I nearly tripped over Bill and his possessions in trash bags.

I ran to Bob as he offered me soup,
We gathered to eat it in our little hobo group.

So as you can see, I'm coming to my finale.
I'll spend my Christmas in this cold dreary alley.
But we hobos are more than you think, we're not soulless.
We love simple pleasures; the only difference is we're homeless.

Twas the night before a cattle show (:

Twas the night
Before the cattle show
When all through the barn
Not a cow was awake
Not even Jake

With a little of love
So lively and dear
I knew in a moment
They were queer

The halters all hung
By the stable with care
In hopes
The showman
Would soon be there

More rapid than eagles
Our courses so came
As we whistled
And shouted
And called
Them by name

The cows were snuggled
All safe in their stall
While visions of ribbons
Appeared in their skulls

Now critter
Now Pedro
Now Yankee
Now Gordon
On Scooby
On Sadie
On Roxy
On missy

The showman in bed
And I in my chair
Had just settled down
And all snug like a bear

When out in the ring
There arose such a clatter
We sprang to the coliseum
To see what was the matter

Away to the truck
We flew like a flash
Tore open the doors
And ran like a dash

To the
Front of the stall
To the top
Of the rank
Now show away
Show away
Show away all!

Cammie Ward! (:

When what
To my wandering eye
Should appear
The show steers were out
Running with cheer

Twas the night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
The smell of gingerbread scurried like a mouse
I've been making cakes, cookies, pies and such
And they all will be groaning cause they ate way too much

After all the hard work and you called your cousin a jerk
It's all just for fun
We line up to the table carefully one by one

The children are anxious they've got sweet teeth too
You all run to the table but they seem to beat you
You get your ham and you fight for a roll
Then open your presents and hope not to find coal

We open the Christmas paper along with the bows
Santa had left us toys and some clothes
We then sat by the fires heat
Falling asleep because we were beat

The house is covered with paper and bows
As the day comes to an end everyone knows
The year was great, we know that too
Merry Christmas to me, and Merry Christmas to you.

Felicia Moore

'Twas the Night That I Lost You!

By: Brittni Buswell

'Twas the night that I lost you
When all through the barn
My father was choring
While we spun yarn

As the lights were all hung
In the barn with care
Your face lit up
With no despair

The family was all warm
Inside the house
While little footprints
We heard from the tiny mouse

While I in the living room
And mom slowly cleaning
Had realized that
All was wet and weeping

When out in the barn
There arose such a clatter
We sprang to the car
To see what was the matter

Away to the farm
We flew like a flash
Tore open the doors
And ran like a dash

The sun on the crest
Of the saddened horizon
Gave the luster of peace
To the people who wizen

When what to our wandering eyes
Should appear
But the loss of you
Had many tears

With lil ol grandpa
So cold and befriend
I knew in a moment
It must be the end

More rapid than breathes
Our prayers so came
As we whimpered and tried
To call us by name

Now Amy
Now Neslie
Now Weslie
Now Brittni
On Anthony
On Blair
On Grandma
On Grandpa

To the heavens he rose
Like a true spirit we know
Now let the sorrowfulness die
And keep his memories aglow

To the top
Of the chart
To the top
Of our hearts
Now fly away
Fly away Grandpa
Fly away

R.I.P. Marlin Dean Buswell 12/24/2000

'Twas the day of the hunt
Spencer Hostetter

It twas the day of the hunt
When all through the trees
Not an animal was moving
Not even the bees.

My gun was hung
On the rack with care
In hope that a big
Buck would soon be there.

I was all bundled
And safe in my stand
While dreaming of big bucks
While warming my hand

My hands in my pockets
And my feet quite warm
I was ready for a deer so I
Could take my form.

When out on the hill there arose a
Clatter, I looked through my scope to
See what was the matter.

The moon on the breast with a new
Fallen snow gave a luster of midday
To the deer below.

When what in my eyes appear
A great big buck with a bunch
Of little deer.

With my big ol gun
I was so lively and quick
I knew in a moment I had to
Shoot it.

A Farmer's Night Before Christmas
By Shelby Russell

'Twas the farmer's night
Before Christmas
When all through the barn
Only the cat was stirring
Chasing his yarn

His boot socks were hung
To the stall door with care
Nailed in with a hammer
Hanging crookedly there

The animals were nestled
All warm in the hay
Except for the kitten
Who wanted to play

And I in my overalls
And my old plaid shirt
Sat down on my milk stool
Because my back hurt

When out in the barn lot
Arose a great noise
I fell off my milk stool
And lost all my poise

I then dashed to the door
And peeked though the crack
As I looked all around
I reached for the gun rack

A full moon was out
And the lot looked normal
Then my eyes caught a glimpse
Of a sight informal

I lost all my breath
And neared a heart attack
When I saw Santa's sleigh
Parked on my haystack

Scared out of my wits
I beat Santa down
Then I untied his reindeer
With a thought and a frown

I ran to gate
And undid the latch
I reigned up my cows
Then the reigns I did snatch

Now Molly
Now Daisy
Now Lazy
Now Hazel
On Belle
On Spot
On Sally
An Mabel

To the top of the barn
To the top of the sky
Now dash away
Dash away
Away we will fly

News from Mr. Livingston

I am very pleased with the faculty, staff, and students at Linn Co. R-1 as we end the first semester of school. It doesn't seem possible for Christmas to be here already and I can tell that students and teachers were ready for the break. The first half of school has flown by and now we are looking at starting the second semester.

The Elementary and High School Christmas programs went very well thanks to the hard work by Mrs. Bolle and her students. It was obvious they have been working very hard to make it a success. We had a great turn out at each of the programs and I would like to thank each of you that were able to attend.

We have many activities going on in January and February so please try and view the calendar of events on the website and plan to attend.

I wish everyone a great Christmas Holiday and Happy New Year. Be extra careful when traveling and we will see all of the students back to school on Tuesday, January 4.

Sincerely,

Mr. Livingston

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK JANUARY 24- 28, 2011 DESIGNATED SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

Local school board members are dedicated citizens who carry out the truest form of representative government - volunteer public service. School board service is perhaps the purest expression of grassroots democratic principles upon which our nation was founded.

In these challenging times, school board members are called on to be the policy makers for our school district and are often called upon to make tough decisions. The week of January 24- 28, 2011 has been declared School Board Recognition Week by the Missouri School Board's Association. It's a time for educators and citizens across the state to salute these unpaid volunteers who serve public education on behalf of their communities. It seems fitting that at least once a year we thank them for their time and dedication.

Being an effective school board member is no easy task. Lay school leaders need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues. Board members govern individual school districts, establish local policies, approve educational programs, provide necessary physical facilities, hire the superintendent, and share in costs by raising necessary local funds along with state funds to operate district educational programs.

School board members' service ensures that decisions about our public schools are made as close to the needs of our children and communities as possible. Further, our local board members serve as examples for our young people of the excellent tradition of volunteering that is a hallmark of our society.

School board members face challenges every day. For their untiring personal dedication and commitment to public service, let's give our school board members a hand.

The local board members serving the Linn County R-I School District and their years of service are listed on the back page of the Ledger every month.

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

LEARNING FOR TODAY,
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

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Steve Hardy, Pres., 7 yrs
Trevor Stillwell, V.P., 12 yrs
Dean Buswell, 2 yrs
Tom Creason, 3 yrs
Jim Fitzgerald, 17 yrs
Doug Palmer, 7 yrs
Dean Sayre, 3 yrs

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Basketball Schedule

January 3	Milan (JV)	
January 4	Meadville	Home
January 6	Brookfield (JV)	
January 7	La Plata	Home
January 10-15	Milan Tourn.	
January 18	Novinger	Home
January 21	Grundy Co.	Home
January 24-29	Meadville Tourn.	
February 1	Bucklin	
February 3	Bevier	Home
February 8	Green City	
February 10	Milan	Home
February 17	Tina-Avalon	
February 22	Northwestern	
February 25	Hale	

All games start at 6 p.m. unless noted

January 2011

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1
No school
Christmas
Break

2
No school
Christmas
Break

3
No school
(Teacher Workday)
6:00 PM JV BB LC
@ Milan

4
6:00 PM Varsity
BB Meadville
@ LC

5

6
6:00 PM JV
BB LC @
Brookfield

7
6:00 PM Varsity
BB LaPlata @
LC (Fan Appreciation Night)

8

9

10
Varsity BB
Milan
Tournament
All week

11

12

13

14

15

16

17
No School
(Martin Luther
King Jr. Day)

18
6:00 PM Varsity
BB Novinger
@ LC

19
Early Dismissal
12:20 PD in
service

20

21
6:00 PM Varsity
BB Grundy Co. @
LC (Homecoming)

22

23

24
Varsity BB
Meadville
Tournament
All week

25

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Salad Bar available daily

White and Chocolate milk
served daily

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast	Monday: Cereal, Toast or Bagel	Tuesday: French Toast Sticks, Sausage Link	Wednesday: Biscuits and Sausage Gravy	Thursday: Pancakes and Sausage Pattie	Friday: Breakfast Pizza	1
2	3	4 <i>Mini Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Pineapple Chunks</i>	5 <i>Turkey Breast on hamburger bun Mozzarella Tator Tots Frozen Peaches</i>	6 <i>Spaghetti & Meatballs Texas Toast Applesauce</i>	7 <i>Bean Burrito Mixed Vegetables Apple Crisp Mild Taco Sauce</i>	8
9	10 <i>Chicken Strips Corn Brownies Peaches</i>	11 <i>Chilli or Potato Soup Crackers American Cheese Carrot & Celery Sticks Ice Cream Cool Tubes</i>	12 <i>Mr. Rib Pattie on Hamburger bun Tri-Tater Pears</i>	13 <i>Lasagna Mixed Vegetables Vanilla Ice Cream</i>	14 <i>Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Green Beans Pears</i>	15
16	17 <i>No School</i>	18 <i>Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Peaches No Baked Cookies</i>	19 <i>Pork Fritter French Fries Pears Pickles</i>	20 <i>Chilli or Potato Soup Crackers American Cheese Carrot & Celery Sticks Apple Sauce</i>	21 <i>Hot Dog on a bun Cheese Potatoes Chocolate Chip Cookies Fruit Cocktail</i>	22
23	24 <i>Fiestada Pizza Corn Apple Crisp</i>	25 <i>Tater Tot Casserole Peas Vanilla Ice Cream</i>	26 <i>Hamburger on a bun French Fries Mixed Fruit</i>	27 <i>Beef Stew Cottage Cheese Quick Rolls Apple Sauce Jelly</i>	28 <i>Cheese Fajitas American Cheese Lettuce Chocolate Chip Cookies Peaches</i>	29
30	31 <i>Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Pineapple Chunks Tarter Sauce</i>					