



# Linn County R-I Ledger



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## Third Grade Authors

The third grade students are now published authors! Mrs. Allnutt's class wrote their story about getting a class pet. Each student chose one pet to write about and tried to persuade Mrs. Allnutt to get their chosen pet for the class.



Congratulations to Jordan Gray and Emily Jennings for each achieving an Outstanding (2) rating for their vocal solos at district solos and ensembles festival on April 1st! Congratulations also to the MS/HS Band for achieving an Outstanding (2) rating at the large group festival on April 22nd!

## JH/HS Students of the Month

Congratulations to the April students of the month. Students are nominated by teachers and must also meet several educational requirements.

Junior High:  
Kenadi Head  
Leland Grismore

High School:  
Jordan Gray  
Jonathon Batista



## April's Responsible Students

**Kindergarten** - Luella does a good job at carrying out what I request her to do in class. She is a good team leader because she gets along with everyone to get a task done.

**1st Grade** - Ezabella always does what she's asked to do by her teacher. She's very good about offering help to her classmates to get things ready or get things cleaned up around our classroom. Ezabella likes to work with students who need to get caught up on their work when they get a little behind.

**2nd Grade** - Lydia Sparks is our cooperative student in second grade. She strives to complete any task that is asked of her. She is cooperative with all students in the class and comes to school ready to work every day.

**3rd Grade** - Addison constantly shows cooperation in our classroom. Addison does what she is asked. Addison also volunteers to help wherever is needed. She cooperates in group settings by participating and making sure everyone has a say.

**4th Grade** - Westyn is always cooperative when working in groups. She always leads her group members and makes sure everyone is participating when answering questions. She also works really hard to help students in the classroom that need help with anything.

**5th Grade** - I nominate Quincy Tornow for being cooperative. Quincy always follows instructions and guidance. She is willing to work with others and do whatever task is given to her. She cooperates with all the teachers as well as other students.



### **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 taking EOC and MAP tests.

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 24th. District track is Saturday, May 6th. District Baseball begins May 13th. I urge you to come out and support our athletes. The Athletic award ceremony will be held on May 2nd and the FFA award ceremony will be held on May 5th.

The seniors will be finished with their high school classes on May 5th. They will travel to the Lake of the Ozarks for the senior trip May 7th -10th. 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 7th with Graduation being held on May 14th. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

### **Spring Music Concerts**

The Elementary Spring concert was held on April 25th and the MS/HS Spring music concert will be held on Thursday, May 4th. Mrs. Phinney and the students have worked very hard to prepare for the concerts. Please come out and support the students.

### **Senior Awards/Scholarships**

All Senior Awards will be given during Graduation on May 14 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 19th. 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 12th.

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 Tuesday, May 16th. The Award Assembly times will remain the same on the rain date day.

### **KONA ICE**

KONA ICE will be here on May 12th during track and field day and the elementary students and parents will be able to make a purchase beginning at 11:30 am. They will be set up somewhere over by the Preschool building. The cost for elementary students will be \$4.00. Please send the money with your child by May 5th if you would like for them to purchase from KONA ICE. Please have the money in a ziplock bag with your child's name on it and they will turn it in to their teacher. Also, KONA ICE has a pay it forward option where you can send an extra \$4 or more to cover the cost for another child/children. If you would like to do this, please put the money in a ziplock bag and let the teacher know who/how many extra you are purchasing for. The MS/HS students can purchase KONA ICE beginning at 12:30 pm that day. The cost for them is either \$4 or \$5 depending on the size they get. They can only purchase 1 time. MS/HS students can just bring their money with them on May 12th.

### **Last Day of School**

Our last day of school is May 19th. 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.

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The Linn County retired teachers (Local Unit of MRTA) visited the Linn County R-1 district on Tuesday, April 25th. They brought the entire staff treat bags. The members who delivered the snacks were Pamela Hardy, Teresa Doss, and Lori Bredehoft. Pictured L-R, Ryan Livingston, Pamela Hardy, and Natalie Harris.





### Scholar Bowl

Congratulations to Ms.Wiles and the High School Scholar Bowl team on winning Districts! They did an amazing job this year and I cannot wait to see what next year brings. WAY TO GO TEAM!!!!



### FFA Accomplishments

Congratulations to Mikaela Rojas! She finished 4th in the state in employment skills LDE!

Mikaela was also recently selected to lead the Area 3 FFA serving as President for the 2023-2024 school year.



### REC Youth Tour Essay Winners

Congratulations to Mikaela Rojas and Emily Jennings on their 1st and 2nd place wins in the REC Youth Tour Essay Contest.

Mikaela will receive an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. where she will participate with more than 100 students from Missouri and over 2000 students nationwide to tour museums, visit America's most cherished monuments such as the Washington Monuments, the US Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and the Vietnam Wall. In addition, they will have the opportunity to meet with their home state's elected officials; as well as take an evening cruise on the Potomac River. These students have the time of their lives and create friendships that last a lifetime.

Emily will receive an all expenses paid trip to Jefferson City to attend the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE). This conference is a three day event held annually where students from across Missouri learn about electric cooperatives, practice leadership skills, and experience Missouri state government.



### NHS Initiation

Linn County National Honor Society held its Initiation Ceremony on April 13th where seven new NHS members were inducted. This year's new initiates are pictured below on the front row L to R: Emily Jennings, Courtney Heaney, Emma Browder, Chelsea Morris, Hunter Miller, Kasady Lorton, Anna Lovett. Back row L to R: Cooper Ballinger, Megen Sharp, Anika Shoemaker, Alyssa Bukovac, Morgan Livingston, Martia Brosdahl, Harley Gaudet, Emerald Jones, Jordan Gray, and Mikaela Rojas.



### End of Year Notes

If your child brings their lunch and wants to purchase milk or juice from school they will need to bring .35 or they will be charged for a full meal, there is not an option in the computer to charge .35.

Lost and Found - Parents please have your child(ren) check the lost and found if they are missing any jackets or clothing items. Anything not picked up by the last day of school will be going to SB40.

Immunizations - If your student needs any immunizations before school starts next year, please contact your doctor's office or the health department as soon as possible. They get very busy in August and may not be able to get you in if you don't schedule early.



## K-1st Grade Field Trip

### Watkins Mill Museum & One-Room Schoolhouse in Kearney

What better way to help our students understand life in the 1800s than to immerse them in the time period? Students in the Kindergarten class of Mrs. Seals and the 1st Grade class of Mrs. Livingston got to see what school was like in the 19th century as costumed interpreters taught short lessons in several subjects of the day including history, reading, spelling, and arithmetic. Students got to write on slates and read from 19th century readers. They also enjoyed playing games during "recess" that day from the same time period.



## Summer Custodians

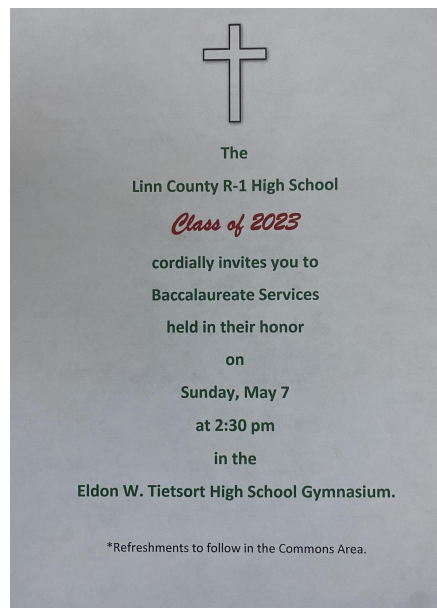
The Linn Co. R-I School District is now accepting applications for summer custodians. There are two positions available. The position will start on Monday, May 29th and continue through the first of August.

Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office located at 15533 Hwy. KK, Purdin, MO. The application is also on the district website: [www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us) and is located under "Non-Certified Application". Please contact Ryan Livingston 660-244-5045 with any questions.

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, May 11th with an anticipated hiring date of Thursday, May 17th.

The Linn Co. R-I School District is an equal opportunity employer.

All are invited to baccalaureate services.



## Prom Royalty



Aydan Pasley and Vera Ford  
King and Queen Connor Murrell and  
Morgan Livingston  
Brandon Jefferson and Alyssa Bukovac



## FFA State Competition

The poultry evaluation team qualified for the state contest at the NE Missouri District CDE Contest. They competed April 20-21 at Columbia. Team members include Cooper Ballinger, Jordan Gray, Mason Small, and Mikaela Rojas. As you can see, the FFA students have had many successes this spring. Their hard work is paying off.





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the right side of the homepage.



Postal Patron

**Administration**

Ryan Livingston, Superintendent  
Candi Gray, Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY,  
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

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**Board of Education**

Racheal Neal, Pres. 12 years  
Chad Gooch, V.P. 12 years  
Shannon Murrell, 10 years  
Rodney Seals, 5 years  
Daniel Singleton, 4 years  
Jack Green, 3 years  
Bryon Rojas

**Last Day of School  
Friday, May 19  
Noon dismissal**

# Senior Spotlight



*Kaylie Casteel*

"If you want to get things done you have to do it yourself."

**What are your future plans?**

Go to a police academy and become a police officer.

**What activities are you involved in?**

Play and FTA

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Joyful, Helpful, Hardworking

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

The teachers.

**What is your most embarrassing moment?**

The time Vera locked me and a couple others in the locker room.

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

Ms. Wiles and Mrs Jennings.



*Cooper James Ballinger*

"Don't let the doubt of others keep you from being great."

**What are your future plans?**

Go to NCMC for the PTA program and after that I want to help with athletes when I get through the program.

**What activities are you involved in?**

Basketball, Baseball, NHS, and FFA

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Outgoing, Reliable, Determined

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

How everyone is always there for you.

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

Ms. Wiles because even when she is having a bad day she makes sure she doesn't take it out on others.



# Senior Spotlight



*Kenneth Mason Small*

“The difference between the possible and impossible lies between a person’s determination.”

**What are your future plans?**

To attend college and earn my business degree.

**What activities are you involved in?**

FFA, Student Council, Baseball, Basketball, Track

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Hardworking, Competitive, and Genuine

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

My favorite thing about Linn Co is the small community and knowing everyone.

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

Mr. Livingston has influenced me the most as he shows a great example of being a leader while also having a great sense of humor!!



*Connor Lee Murrell*

“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”

**What are your future plans?**

Get a job.

**What activities are you involved in?**

Baseball and Track

**Describe yourself using three adjectives.**

Honest, Simple, Impatient

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

The baseball field.

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

Mr. Haley because he taught me and showed me things I never thought I’d need to know.

# MAY 2023

## LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

**NO  
SCHOOL**

**NO  
SCHOOL**

**NO  
SCHOOL**

Tuesday

1  
MINI CINNIS  
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER on BUN  
FRIES  
BAKED BEANS  
FRUIT

8  
PANCAKE on a STICK  
FRESH FRUIT

9  
RAVIOLI or BEEF STEW  
COTTAGE CHEESE  
FRUIT  
HOT ROLL

15  
MINI CINNIS  
FRESH FRUIT

16  
**COOK'S  
CHOICE**

Wednesday

2  
BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

3  
SPAGETTI  
TOSSED SALAD  
FRUIT  
GARLIC BREAD

10  
BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

11  
MR. RIB on BUN  
SCALLOPED POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT

17  
BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

18  
TURKEY WRAP  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
CHIPS / FRUIT

Thursday

4  
FRENCH TOAST  
FRESH FRUIT

5  
SENIOR MENU:  
TENDERLOIN on BUN  
FRIED POTATO CHIPS  
CORN – SIDE KICKS

12  
**PANCAKES  
FRESH FRUIT**

13  
**HOT HAM and CHEESE  
CURLEY FRIES  
CARROTS  
FRUIT**

19  
FRESH FRUIT

20  
**COOK'S  
CHOICE**

Friday

6  
SAUSAGE and BISCUIT  
FRESH FRUIT

7  
TACO WEDGE PIZZA  
SPANISH RICE  
BLACK BEAN and CORN SALAD  
FRUIT

14  
SAUSAGE and TOAST  
FRESH FRUIT  
Elementary sack lunch / track day

15  
CLUB SANDWICH  
PASTA SALAD  
FRUIT

21  
CEREAL  
FRUIT

22  
SACK LUNCH  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

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



## Calendar Events May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Possible Snow Make-Up Day  1:30pm: HS Track @ Brookfield (NW Relays)  5:00pm: BB @ Novinger	2 6:00pm: Athletic Awards Ceremony	3 2:00pm: HS Track @ Glasgow Larry Littrell Relays	4 Spring Concert Grades 5-12  5:00pm: BB @ Bevier	5 FCA Meeting Seniors' Last Day  6:00pm: Chapter FFA Banquet	6 District Track
7 Senior Trip  FCA @ Baccalaureate  2:30pm: Baccalaureate	8 Senior Trip	9 Senior Trip	10 Senior Trip	11	12 Elementary Track & Field Day  5:00pm: BB Class 1 Distict 14 First Round	13 Sectional Track
14 2:30pm: Graduation	15 5:00pm: BB Class 1 Distict 14 Semifinals	16 Elementary Track & Field Day Raindate  6:00pm: BB Class 1 Distict 14 Championship	17 8:00am: FFA Fun Trip @ KC	18 6:00pm: Preschool Graduation	19 Early Dismissal @ Noon  End of 4th Quarter  State Track	20 State Track
21	22 Teacher Workday	23 Teacher Workday	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			