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**Bond election:
what you need to
know before you
vote**

Thank you Disney

New principal is a familiar face



Lincoln Junior/Senior High School (LJSHS) math teacher Christi Walter helps eighth grader Paige McBride on her homework. Walter was approved by the USD 298 Board of Education to be the next LJSHS principal. She will take over the position in the beginning of July. (photo by Kaile Young)

**TANNER O'BANNON
AND TYLER KEATHLEY**

**EXTRAS EDITOR
AND FEATURES EDITOR**

Lincoln Jr/Sr High School (LJSHS) has hired a new principal and she's no stranger to most students and the community. Christi Walter has been a teacher at LJSHS for 21 years. Walter will take over the position in the 2017-18 school year due to the previous principal, Kenneth Huff, resigning in January after being the principal for one semester.

Daughter of Walter, Freshman Carson Walter said, "When my mom told me she was going to take the principal's job and resign from teaching, I was really sad that I wasn't going to be taught math from her

anymore. But I think she will be a great principal, so I'm also glad she decided to change things up."

Walter has been working toward getting her master's degree for three years now. A master's degree usually only takes two years when a student is enrolled full-time but can take longer when enrolled part-time. In Walter's case, she had to balance being a student along with being a full-time teacher, mother and wife.

"My intention when I started my master's program was not necessarily to be principal," Walter said. "I started because I needed a challenge. I was feeling stagnant in my position and started to think about my future as an educator once my own children graduated. Since we have had so much turnover in the principal position, I decided

I had an opportunity to begin to build continuity in the school. I am committed to this district and its students, staff and community."

In the time since Walter began teaching at LJSHS, there have been five different principals.

Walter said, "I feel like there is a strong lack of trust not only from the students but the faculty as well. Since we haven't had consistent leadership, it is difficult to pull together and work towards a common goal. We are fragmented and we have great things going in different directions. It seems like as soon as we get something good going another principal shows up and we start over. Lack of that consistency has not given us a sense of unity or pride."

Some students are skeptical given the

recent situations. Many are also excited for the new change in leadership. A few students who are excited have ideas and thoughts to help start next year off right.

"I hope to see that we get a longer passing period," Junior Kaleb Russell said. "Three minutes is not enough time to go to your locker and the restroom. The lockers are always crowded and it takes up most of the time just to get to your locker."

Someone who would be understanding to the students is a quality that the school board looked for while searching for a qualified internal candidate earlier this year.

"She is/was the best candidate for the position and I have the utmost respect and confidence that she will be an excellent principal," Superintendent Kathy Robertson, said.

Local grant gives LES playground a new look



Pictured above are photos of new playground equipment, wood chip surfacing and edging at the Lincoln Elementary School playground. These updates were made possible with a grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation. (photos by Joseph Foulke)

ALLISON CRIST

SPORTS EDITOR

Lincoln Elementary School students had a well deserved surprise coming back from spring break to see that their playground got a new and improved look. All of the new equipment along with the wood chip surfacing and new edging was made possible by a grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation. Staff members and several people in the community helped out with putting it all together and making it happen - Travis Schwerdtfager, Stanley Walker, Bob Schwerdtfager, Bob White, CB Trucking, Dennis

Pittenger, Shari Pittenger, Christian Emmert and Chris Marinshagen.

Over the past couple of years, in addition to the playground grant, Post Rock Community Foundation has provided Lincoln Elementary School with grants making it possible to update landscaping and fencing, provide science exploration opportunities for students, purchase a vision screener for use by the school nurse at both USD 298 and USD 299 and provide the schools with a healthy lifestyles grant.

A thank you goes out to the Post Rock Community Foundation for all you have done for our schools!

Their plan

The Lincoln County Citizens for Responsible Spending (LCCRS) has come up with a bond proposal that they say is better than USD 298's bond proposal. They say that their proposal will cost the taxpayers less money, will be more responsible and will be less invasive. We reached out to Jared Spear, treasurer of LCCRS, to learn more about their proposal. The following is a Q&A with responses that were received from Spear via email:

1) Where are you going to find the 1.5 million dollars that is proposed in your plan?

Spear: 1.5 Million will come from a bond, just like the bond that the school is trying to get passed for 4.9 million. It just will not require our taxes to be raised as high nor have as long of pay period. It would also decrease the amount of interest that would have to be repaid.

2) How many students will the factory direct EF5-rated shelters hold in your proposed plan?

Spear: They are available in different capacities to fit the needs for each building, for example at the preschool there could be a shelter with a capacity of 35. Another shelter would also be placed at the new building to the south of the grade school (kindergarten building).

The capacities vary on what is necessary for where they are placed - ranging from 3 to 500 per structure size; so, there are options.

3) Where would these shelters be built at and/or by who (what company is being used)?

Spear: Crest Precast is one of the companies we have contacted. You can view their website at www.crestprecast-concrete.com/precast-concrete-storm-shelters/

4) How are the two low cost 60'x60' buildings going to be built? Why do you think your plan for this is more suitable than the school district's proposal? Do you think that there will be enough room for all of the new buildings listed in your proposal?

Spear: The building quotes came from *see PLAN, pg. 2*

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FEATURES

The Leopard Prowl

member KSPA, JEA

The Leopard Prowl is published by Lincoln High journalism students approximately eight times during the school year.

The Leopard Prowl is primarily an educational tool, with its first goal being the training of staff members in newspaper production. Its second obligation is to its readers, the students of Lincoln Junior Senior High School. Efforts are made to meet the needs of community members.

School and local events will be covered as possible by staff members. Due to the limits of staff time and the fact that The Leopard Prowl is produced by students, some events may not be covered as thoroughly as mature readers would like.

National and international news will be part of the publication as related to LJSHS students.

The Leopard Prowl is an open forum for student expression. Opinions printed in The Leopard Prowl do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the student body as a whole, nor of the staff, faculty or administration.

Editorial topics will be chosen by the staff members.

Letters to the editor should not exceed 250 words.

Unsigned letters to the editor will not be accepted by the staff. The editorial staff withholds the right to publish letters and to edit letters as needed to prepare them for publication. The staff will not publish materials which are obscene, libelous or invasive of privacy of others.

Community service projects will be sought and undertaken by the newspaper when possible.

Staff members are journalism students. Students are encouraged to learn responsibility, cooperation, self-reliance and dependability in a supervised school situation.

Letters to the editor can be sent to: journalism@usd298.com

QUESTION OF THE ISSUE FOR THE STAFF

What is your favorite Easter candy, and why?



Dylan Babcock - Editor-in-Chief
"My favorite Easter candy are Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs because what is better than a combination of peanut butter and chocolate!?"



Amanda Wollesen - Managing Editor
"My favorite Easter candy are those little chocolate eggs because even if you eat like 10 it's not even the amount of a normal chocolate bar, so I feel like I'm not eating that much."



Hunter Meier - News Editor
"The big milk chocolate bunnies with the little rice krispies like the crunch bars. My mom and dad always got my sister and I each one and they are so delicious."



Cassandra Aleshire - Opinions Editor
"Reese's Eggs. I love these because you don't have to go through the hassle of peeling off the black wrapper. This makes it easier to eat 10 in under 2 minutes!"



Tyler Keathley - Features Editor
"Probably White Chocolate of any sort because it's better than regular chocolate."



Allison Crist - Sports Editor
"My favorite Easter candy is the peanut M&M because of the colors they are."



Joseph Foulke - Photo Editor
"Whoppers Robin Eggs because I like malt balls."



Brittney Heald - Social Media Director
"My favorite Easter candy is Peeps. What's better than a fluffy yummy marshmallow covered in sugar?!"



Tanner O'Bannon - Extras Editor
"Reese's eggs: they're Reese's in egg form."



Jason Curtis - Adviser
"My favorite Easter candy is the Reese's Eggs. I believe that the Reese's Eggs are heaven sent. Reese's Eggs are the answer to any of life's questions. Ex: Hudson was here a minute ago, where did he go? I better have a Reese's Egg."

Staff Writers:

Katlin Brummer, Abrielle Campbell, Emma Corpstein, Kathryn Detmer, Payton Emmert, Tia Hayworth, Preston Howard, Bristol McBride, Zach Obermueller, Michele Steinborn, Carson Walter, Macy Winters, Marissa Winters and Kaile Young

National Honor Society hosts second blood drive of the year

ABRIELLE CAMPBELL AND BRISTOL MCBRIDE STAFF WRITERS

On March 15, the Lincoln High School National Honor Society (NHS) Chapter hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. The Lincoln chapter began hosting them in the 2015-16 school year after the Red Cross contacted Cody Wolting in 2015, in hopes to get young people involved. The NHS's goal is to collect 50 units of blood each year. If they do not collect those 50 units by the end of the second drive, they will host a third blood drive.

There are 6.8 million blood donors each year in the US. The Red Cross supplies about 40% of the nation's blood supply. The average adult has about 10 pints of blood in their body and only about 1 pint of that is given during a donation. Just a single pint of blood can potentially help more than one patient.

The day you give blood you should eat a big and semi-healthy meal. You should also drink lots of water before you donate blood. If you don't there's a much higher risk that you could feel unbalanced or even lose consciousness.

"Hosting a blood drive

is a great way to get people involved in community service projects and to help other people worldwide," NHS advisor Cody Wolting said.

As the NHS advisor, Wolting maintains contact with the Red Cross and sets up dates. However, all of the drive scheduling and paperwork that has to be done is filled out by NHS President Faith Panzer. This is Panzer's first year organizing the blood drives as well as her first year as NHS president. There are 21 different times throughout the day and one person signs up for each. Usually there are 15-18 students

who donate blood and 4-6 teachers who donate. Teachers tend to donate at the school because they are unable to donate at the local drive since they are at school all day.

"I gave blood for the first time in December on the first blood drive of the year," Panzer said. "I enjoy putting it together and giving blood because it's a great cause. I help with the blood drive by donating myself, filling all the donation times, and making sure people remember to go at their set time."

Plan (From Page 1)

TopLine Steel buildings in Wichita, Ks. These building quotes included concrete and construction. The reason they cost so much less is because they are not trying to also serve as the purpose of storm shelters.

A storm shelter is not suppose to be a dual purpose building; for example, if the tornado would happen at lunch time, the said storm shelter would be full of lunch tables, food trays and silverware. This would greatly decrease the capacity of people the shelter would hold and increase the amount of time necessary to get the people

into the shelter. Severe weather and tornados are not predictable and do not give a large time warning. We got these quotes for the buildings because originally they wanted a new lunch room at the grade school and a wrestling/weight room addition at the high school. With the quotes for the building and the shelters, everyone's needs are met for a far less amount, in savings of around a million dollars.

5) Does the cost of the two buildings (\$250,000) include the building being finished, including plumbing, electrical, transportation to Kansas? Will the see PLAN, pg.3

NEWS BRIEF AROUND THE WORLD

North America - A 14-year-old boy was arrested in Chicago in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl on Facebook Live.



South America - In Venezuela, the supreme court has reversed its ruling to strip congress of its legislative powers.



Australia - Australia is surveying the devastation caused by Cyclone Debbie, which left at least three dead.



Africa - South Africa's opposition party has launched disciplinary action against former leader Helen Zille after she tweeted colonialism was not all bad.



Middle East - Israel approved the establishment of its first new Jewish settlement in the West Bank in 20 years.



Europe - At least 31 people were arrested during opposition protests on Sunday in Moscow.



Asia - It has been reported that the body of Kim Jong-nam, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's half brother, has arrived in Pyongyang, North Korea.



Catching up with the Clubs

Club:	President and Vice President:	What we're doing:	What we're planning to do:
Student Council	President-Tanner O'Bannon Vice President-August Walter	Planning Thank You Thursdays for the rest of the year	Prepare a community service day
KAY Club	President-Brittany White Vice President-Faith Panzer	Hosting a seat belt safety assembly on April 18 with Trooper Ben	Purchase Literacy for a Lifetime books
Teen Advisory Board - Library	President-Dylan Babcock Vice President-Allison Crist	Discussing ideas and getting ready for the summer reading program	Conduct an event for the Bike Across Kansas and a summer teen event
National Honor Society	President-Faith Panzer Vice President-Bjorn Jonsson	Recently did a blood drive and sold Krispy Kremes	Pick a theme for the Academic Banquet and get everything ready for it

FEATURES

A look at divorce and its affects on LSHS students

CARSON WALTER
STAFF WRITER

Weddings are a time for celebration and love, but what if the love isn't forever? Divorce between parents is common nowadays, and it's hard not to think what toll it takes on people, or even the impact it has on our student body. If you find the person you are destined to live your life with in your first marriage, count yourself lucky.

"My parents divorce changed me because my mom has taught me how to be a strong and independent woman, "red flags" to look for in a significant other, and what not to put up with in a marriage. I have learned a lot of critical thinking skills and have become more mature through the

effects of my parents marriage and divorce," senior Faith Panzer said.

What affects do children of divorce face? Research has shown that children growing up in a home without both their biological parents does not hurt their success in life at all. But, this same research does show that it hurts their marital confidence. As in everything in life, you can look at things in a positive way or in a negative way. You can see a divorce as something that will help your whole family's atmosphere, or it could be seen as something that drives a wedge in your family life.

"My parents have been married for 26 years, I think," freshman Zachary Obermueller said. "If my parents got divorced, I think my life would be a lot worse because

special things like Christmas and Thanksgiving would mean less to me because I would have two instead of one."

If you ask someone if marriage or divorce is better for the child, most people would say marriage. But, when the marriage is unhealthy for the family, a divorce would help much more than staying together. The marriage could be hurting more than helping your family.

"Whatever is better for the child depends on the situation. If the parents fight nonstop, it is most likely better for them to be separated," sophomore Aubry Donley said.

It may seem that I am giving marriage a bad rep. The person you plan to spend your life with can be your source of happiness, or source of pain. You may not

have gotten it right that first time, but the love of your life could be around the next corner.

"I think marriage is a beautiful thing, both of my parents are remarried and I can see how happy they both are now and that's wonderful. I don't think the divorce that's happened in my life ruined my thought of marriage by any means, not all marriages are good and sometimes divorces are what's better," senior Tanner O'Bannon said.

I believe things in life happen for reasons. When someone does have a divorce, it could be happening for different reasons, other than their past partner. It could have happened so the two adults can focus on themselves for a while, or so they can look out for those "red flags" in future relationships.

Marriage really does come down to the love you have for the one special person in your life, how you care for them and how you two work things out together.

"I feel like in the society we live in today, people view marriage as a goal, more than they should. As in, there is too much focus and effort being put into getting married, and not into staying married. People should be working towards graduating college, being successful, being good people, and giving back, rather than who they might marry someday. People in today's society have taken the beauty away from getting married, because they think it is something they have to do, rather than something that comes from falling in love with someone," Panzer said.

What is forensics?: students thoughts on it

PRESTON HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever thought about doing forensics? Who doesn't love talking in front of people then getting judged? Well, this story is about the people who are crazy enough to do just that. People who do Forensics are not your everyday people, they participate in something that most kids would do anything get out of; talking in front of people.

"It is very different from any other activity that I participate in because you're competing in something that many people are scared of...speaking; and we do it for fun," junior Dylan Babcock said.

Forensics is like track, you work as a team but are also competing against each

other. There are several events in forensics, such as IDA, which is an improv duet acting. In this event, you get to draw your character, setting, and theme then, you get only 30 minutes to prepare an act before you perform.

"It's really terrifying because you perform unprepared but it's also fun because you do it with your friends and add whatever you want," sophomore Libby Huskey said.

But, don't fear because not all events are that nerve-racking.

"I like to do speeches because I like to inform people rather than to act," freshman Carson Walter said. "You also get to research the subject and it's always cool to learn new things."

Forensics takes dedication and immense amounts of practice because you're

competing against experienced people. If you practice and memorize your act, it will pay off.

"My proudest moment was getting 4th in poetry and qualifying for state," sophomore Macy Squires said. "I always got 4th in my Humorous solo last year, so it's nice to know that 4th place actually paid off."

It's not only speaking, you must act and use your own feelings to persuade the judge into believing your story. But it doesn't always turn out that way, many forensic competitors have their own not so fun memories.

"There was one time I went into the wrong room. and I also farted once during a performance," junior Kaleb Russell said.

Besides realizing their own accidents during a performance, the judges usually

have their own two cents to put in as well.

"One time a judge wrote that he couldn't tell the difference between my male and female characters," freshman Preston Howard said.

But like many sports, forensics gives you the opportunity to meet new friends.

"I'd say my favorite thing about forensics is meeting new people and having the nerds flock towards me whenever I wear stuff for the shows I watch," senior Tia Hayworth said.

In the end forensics isn't all bad.

"I love the whole forensics experience including the fun memories - sometimes even the embarrassing ones, how you get to meet new people and my team," sophomore Emma Corpstein said.

Student Spotlight

-KAY Club Edition-




What is your favorite Snapchat filter?

The bunny

What is your favorite meme?

What in Tarnation

Who is your favorite artist?

I don't have one

What is your favorite Ed Sheeran song?

Shape of You

The one with the big teeth

Kermit

Ed Sheeran

Supermarket Flowers

New assistant track coach is a Lincoln alumni

ALLISON CRIST
SPORTS EDITOR

Lincoln Junior High Head Basketball Coach Nick Ledet is the new High School Track Assistant Coach. Ledet is a Lincoln Alumni who graduated in 2012. Ledet took on this job because he wanted to see the program thrive like it did when he was competing in high school. Running cross country and track were just some of the many things he did in his high school career.

"I started running track when I was a sophomore in high school," Ledet said. "I qualified for state 3 years

in a row. I helped set the 4x800m relay school record my junior year. I started cross country my junior year and qualified for state as well. After high school, I earned a cross country and track scholarship to Ottawa University where I ran for one and a half years."

Ledet helped with high school track last year at practices and then got offered the job this year. He is very excited for this track season and hopes he is able to bring energy and enthusiasm to practice so the kids can get excited as well.

Some big goals Coach

Ledet has for this year's team is just for the athletes to improve over the course of the season and have fun.

"Obviously the big goal is to get to win league, win regionals and get to the state track meet," Ledet said. "But we have to do the little things first in order to get to that point. We have a young team this year so Coach Rathbun and I will want to make sure we cover the fundamental aspects first. Once we do that we will be in position to do some big things this year. Coach Rathbun and I are excited to coach this team."

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buildings meet all the state requirements that schools have to follow? Will the storm shelters have restrooms?

Spear: Yes, the cost does include plumbing, electrical, transportation, freight and hvac. Yes, the buildings are ADA compli-

ant, along with the storm shelters as well.

In the rough estimate that we have gathered, no, there will not be restrooms in the shelters, however that is something that can be added if deemed necessary. But the only time anyone will be in [see PLAN, pg.4](#)

Classroom Corner

Class: Drawing/Painting Teacher: Kae Hayworth

What's Going on Here: Students of the Drawing/Painting class work on their art projects.

"My least favorite part of this class is that Kathryn is EXTREMELY annoying." - Joseph Foulke

"It's quiet and fun." - Jacee Hillegeist

"The thing I like most about my art class this year is that, since I am a senior, I get to take "Art Exploration" and I get to create any projects with any medium that I want. I don't have to do certain projects that Mrs. Hayworth assigns. With art class in general the thing I like most about it is how relaxing it is. I also love creating the images I have." - Faith Panzer



Junior Joseph Foulke works on his March artist reports as he listens to music.



Sophomore Jacee Hillegeist paints a piece with acrylics.



Senior Faith Panzer thinks about what to do next on her soft pastels piece. (photos by Kathryn Detmer)

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Journalism students travel to Regionals

KATHRYN DETMER

STAFF WRITER

On February 23, the journalism students of LJSHS went to Fort Hays State University (FHSU) for the on-site KSPA Regionals Contest. Carry-in events were sent in prior to going to FHSU. The students competed in 22

events and 15 out of the 20 people qualified for state in at least one event.

“I think it is nice to have so many students qualify for the state competition,” Journalism Teacher Jason Curtis said. “I think judging for the journalism competition is very subjective and depends on who the judge is and what they

like. It is rewarding to see so many LHS students get recognized for their work; however, I do believe that we do better work on our school newspaper and yearbook. I do not think many people know how much time certain students put in making a successful newspaper or yearbook.”

Curtis also said, “I would like

to see as many LHS students recognized at state as possible. State is a harder competition, competing against students from across the state. We will lose some students competing because state forensics is the same day and some students will choose to compete there. It saddens me that our students have to choose what

to compete in but that is how it is set up.”

The qualifying students will compete at the State Competition on Saturday, May 6 at The University of Kansas.

Q&A with the journalism students:

Students that placed:

Hunter Meier - 1st News Writing, 2nd Sports Writing and 2nd Infographics

Cassandra Aleshire - Honorable Mention Editorial Cartoon

Kathryn Detmer - 1st place Editorial Cartoon and Honorable Mention Headline Writing & Design

Allison Crist - 3rd Yearbook Copywriting and Honorable Mention Advertising

Tanner O'Bannon - 2nd Copy Writing

Tanner O'Bannon & Tyler Keathley - 2nd Theme and Graphics

Dylan Babcock - 1st News Page Design, 2nd News Writing and Honorable Mention Feature Writing

Amanda Wolleson - 1st Editorial Writing

Michele Steinborn - 2nd Place Student Life Photography

Preston Howard - 2nd Place Sports Photography and Honorable Mention Yearbook Layout

Zach Obermueller - Honorable Mention Sports Writing

Carson Walter - 2nd Place Feature Writing

Tia Hayworth - Honorable Mention Cutline Writing and Honorable Mention Photo Illustration

Macy Winters - 3rd Place Yearbook Layout

Payton Emmert - Honorable Mention Student Life Photography

Didn't Place:

Dylan Babcock - Advertising

Marissa Winters - Headline Writing & Design

Katlin Brummer - Editorial Writing

Kaile Young - Academics Photography

Tyler Keathley - Yearbook Sports Writing

Zach Obermueller - Yearbook Sports Writing

Brittney Heald - Copy Editing

Abrielle Campbell - Photo Illustration

Joseph Foulke - Yearbook Copy Writing, Academics Photography and Sports Photography

Were you confident in your work for Regionals?

Tanner O'Bannon - For the events I qualified in, I was confident.

Tyler Keathley - Yes

Tia Hayworth - I don't think I felt confident, but I didn't feel scared either. I just kinda did them.

Brittney Heald - Yes, I was confident.

Allison Crist - Yes, I was very confident.

Dylan Babcock - I was confident in my work in all of my events except for Feature Writing; I had to restart on it three times because I didn't like the way it was sounding; therefore, I didn't have much time to write something that I thought sounded good.

Amanda Wolleson - No, not really.

Joseph Foulke - Yes, highly

Hunter Meier - I was confident in Sports Writing but with my Info graphic and News Writing, I figured I wouldn't even place.

Cassandra Aleshire - Not really

Katlin Brummer - Writing it felt more like a feature story so no.

Michele Steinborn - I wasn't really that confident in my work, mostly because I didn't really think I would do very well.

Abrielle Campbell - Yes

Preston Howard - Yes, I was because I was able to get some input from upperclassmen on my pieces. Which was helpful since they've been doing it for several years.

Zach Obermueller - I didn't think either of mine were good enough.

Carson Walter - I was confident in my work for Regionals, I thought my event was easy.

Macy Winters - I was kind of confident

Payton Emmert - Well, yes kind of, but as a freshman I didn't think I had a chance to place.

Marissa Winters - I was actually very confident, I felt like I would do a good job in my event.

Kaile Young - I was not confident

How did you feel you did in your events?

Athletic banquet held earlier than usual

HUNTER MEIER

NEWS EDITOR

This year, the Lincoln High School Athletic Banquet took place earlier than usual with it being on March 27th. During the Athletic Banquet, people feasted on a potluck provided by all the parents of the athletes present. Then 55-60 students were congratulated for participating in sports with around 45 lettering. Unfortunately, for spring sports, their seasons had just began and not to many things could be said about them.

“I wanted to have it

earlier to free up an evening in May,” Athletic Director Steve Crist said. “May is very busy already and I thought having it earlier would be nice. I don't think it affects spring sports very much. We never give out awards for spring sports when we have the banquet in May because their season isn't over with. They will receive their letters at the end of the season like they always do.”

The high school athletic and academic banquets are both held yearly. Unlike the Athletic Banquet, the Academic Banquet is hosted by the National

Honor Society (NHS), instead of the athletic director. Therefore, NHS uses the money they raised to hire someone to cater the Academic Banquet and they also pick a theme. Last year's theme was Dr. Seuss, while this year, the theme has not been decided yet.

Although the Athletic Banquet does not have a theme like the Academic, it has a common topic. Throughout the entire banquet, the common topic was how all the teams worked hard yet didn't have a very successful season.

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not included in the advertisements) would be less than \$350,000.

Some good questions to think about while comparing the plans on this topic are: how much space is there available to build additions; does there need to be restrooms in the storm shelters - is it required; and do we want to have multi-purpose shelters built in order to avoid unused space?

Who's doing the work:

With the USD 298 bond proposal, bids from local businesses and contractors will be taken to complete the projects of the bond.

The LCCRS's plan will not have as much local business involvement. In their proposal, the shelters would be built by Crest Precast, Inc. out of La Crescent, MN. The bidding quotes for their 60'x60' buildings came from TopLine Steel Buildings out of Wichita, KS.

One question that you should ask on this is: Don't we want to have local businesses and contractors complete the bond projects?

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these shelters will be due to a tornado.

6) The LES building will include a kitchen, is that figured into the \$250,000? Or just a lunch room?

Spear: The building is 60'x60', which is larger than the dual purpose shelters were going to be, so there is plenty of room for a kitchen; however, the price does not include the new appliances.

7) Are the mini-split heat pump/air conditioners suggested in your proposal going to provide enough cooling/heating for all classrooms of all sizes? Will they be

accessible for all rooms?

Spear: The mini split systems are available in many btu ranges - allowing them to accommodate different room sizes.

The mini splits can be placed anywhere and do not have to have direct access to an outside wall. All rooms will have heat and A/C.

8) Does your plan include replacing the HVAC units at the high school?

Spear: Yes, the plan includes replacing the HVAC systems that do not properly function at the high [see PLAN, pg.5](#)

OPINIONS

Thank you Disney

Most people have fallen in love with Disney over the years and the movies that they produce, me included. A lot of these movies came out over fifty years ago and they're still remembered and watched today which I think is insane but it shows just how iconic these movies are. The first movie that was recreated as a live action film was "Alice in Wonderland" in 2010. The original movie came out in 1951. The film came with a high review on rotten tomatoes with 52% rating by critics. With the remake being taken so highly by critics, it's not a surprise that because of the positive reaction, enthusiasts pushed for more Disney movies to be remade into live action films. Four years later, "Sleeping Beauty" was remade. The original movie came out in 1959 and the live action film, "Maleficent" came out in 2014. It also had good reviews with 50% of critics enjoying it and 71% of the audience liking it. "Cinderella" was another that was remade. It came out in 1950, 65 years later in 2015 they remade it into a live action film. It went above and beyond what was expected with 83% of critics liking and 78% of audiences liking it. "The Jungle Book" was the next one Disney remade. The original "Jungle Book" film came out in 1967 and the remake came out last year in 2016. For the second time, a live action film exceeded expectations and it came in with a 95% critic approval and 87% audience approval. Lastly, the most recent film to be made into a live action adaptation is "Beauty and the Beast." The original "Beauty and the Beast" came out in 1991 and the remake just recently came out this year in 2017. "Mulan" will also have its own remake next year in 2018.

Historically remakes usually don't do as well as the original but with movies as iconic and movies that are such a staple of the lives of children, it's understandable why the live action remakes of these animated movies do so well. The live action movies attract the people who grew up on the animated ones, it's almost as if you're watching an adult version of your favorite childhood movie. I am an avid fan of Disney movies so I personally believe that these remakes are necessary and needed. By remaking them, we are adjusting them to fit today's society and reach the audiences of today while still keeping the magical feel that most Disney movies bring.

Plan (From Page 4)

school.

9) What low cost repairs are you looking for when it comes to roof repairment?

Spear: www.pmsilicone.com ; It is a silicone base coating that has a 20 year guarantee and Ray Roofing of Salina, KS is a certified installer. This repair method has been used on other Kansas schools; Shawnee Mission and Blue Ridge Valley have both used this style of roofing repair.

10) How did you gain your information for your proposed plan? From what sources did it come from?

Spear: We started our research on the internet and then called companies and spoke to them about the proposed repairs needed and they were more than happy with giving us emailed quotes or bids. We looked for solutions that were cost effective and have been proven effective in solving similar problems.

11) Why do you think that your proposed plan is better than the school district's plan?

Spear: The difference between our plan and their projected plan is roughly 3.1 million dollars less - which is a pretty large number. So some of the options that have been proposed are extremely expensive

which brings to mind that 360 Energy's income is based off of 6% of the money that is spent with them (which is a number that was given at the meeting by the 360 Energy representative). If all ideas of 360 Energy are used, they stand to make roughly \$270,000. We could use that cost towards the repairs and do our own research for finding companies that are capable of doing necessary repairs.

Another thing that has not been looked into is the maintenance and repair cost of some of the options recommended by 360 Energy over the course of the next 20 years. For example, our high school is just 20 years old and is now needing massive repairs on the structure.

12) While putting your plan together and encouraging it through letters sent to the public and full-page advertisements in the Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, was the time limit on some of the bond projects taken into consideration?

Spear: Our projects could actually be completed in less time because they are not nearly as invasive nor extensive. A bond with a more acceptable dollar figure would easily pass.



Tanner O'Bannon
Tanner's Trends

Bond election: what you need to know before you vote

USD 298 residents are in the process of deciding how to vote on the bond issue. With ballots due at the county clerk's office in six days, time is running out to make up your mind. We are going to take a look at the bond and the information that needs to be considered for each voter.

Cost of the Bond:



Dylan Babcock
Dylan's Deliberations

The USD 298 Bond has been estimated as \$3.9 to \$4.9 million dollars. We have been told through interviews with school representatives that only the amount needed for the repairs will be spent. Meaning that if all the bids for the repairs come in at \$4.1 million dollars (or another amount), that is how much will be spent. Just like when remodeling a house, one would make sure to be able to afford the remodel before beginning.

If you have set aside \$2,000 dollars for a bathroom remodel and you spend \$2,000 dollars on the remodel but find out that the sewer line now needs replaced where do you get the money. Is it better to plan on having extra money in case other costs come up?

The Lincoln County Citizens for Responsible Spending (LCCRS) have bought ads in the Sentinel and sent out a mailer describing their plan for school improvements. They are proposing that their bond of \$1.5 million would be a better fit for our school and citizens. No one can argue that the amount is better. It would certainly mean less taxes. But does it fix all our issues?

When it comes down to how you're voting though, you should remember that you are voting yes or no on the school's proposed bond. You're not voting for if you want to use the LCCRS's proposed plan. That's not an option. If this group really wanted to have their plan used or something of the likes, they would have brought it to the attention of the board members at earlier board meetings as the bond discussion started three years ago. It's too late now.

School Finance:

Since the beginning of 2012, USD 298 has lost more than \$500,000 dollars in school funding because of our state government. With plans to cut over \$100,000 dollars in the next few months. This is a common trend in the state and Lincoln is not alone.

LES and LJSHS roof repairs:

A vote of yes for the bond means that up to \$850,000 will be spent to replace and repair both roofs. The bond has allocated \$650,000 to replace the LJSHS roof and \$200,000 to improve the LES roof. However, a vote of yes does not guarantee that \$850,000 will be spent. The total could come to less, but to make sure that the repairs are done properly, that amount of money has been set aside to fix the two roofs.

The LCCRS has proposed using a silicone base coating from Progressive Materials, LLC (www.pmsilicone.com) but have not provided an amount needed for this. Can this silicone be sprayed on our roofs right now or does the existing roof need to be removed? The roof repairs are not part of the \$1.5 million proposed by the LCCRS group.

HVAC Units:

The LCCRS has proposed replacing the LES window air conditioners with mini-split heat pump air conditioners for \$150,000. These systems are similar to what are in hotel rooms. Would these units have fresh air intakes or do they just recycle the air already in the room? The plan also replaces the HVAC machines at LJSHS that are currently not working but does not replace them all. If an old machine stops working in a year, where does the school get the money to replace it? Do we ask the state government to stop cutting school funding?

The USD 298 bond does replace all the units at both buildings and puts in controls in the LES rooms at a maximum cost of \$2.25 million. This is quite a bit more money than the other, but everything is replaced. The question you have to answer is do we do it all now or do we just do part now and hope no extra money is needed?

Storm Shelters:

USD 298's bond proposal includes the building of two multi-purpose FEMA-rated storm shelters. At LES, the shelter will serve as a cafeteria. A kitchen will also be build on to the shelter; it will include new appliances since LES's current equipment is outdated. At LJSHS, the shelter will also serve as a wrestling room. Both of the shelters will also include at least one restroom; as if there were to be a tornado, you would need one if you were to be in the shelter for an extended amount of time. The combined cost of these two shelters (including the kitchen at LES and all amenities - electrical, plumbing, etc.) have been estimated at \$1.4 million to \$1.8 million.

The LCCRS has proposed that four factory-direct EF5 rated shelters be installed - one each at LES, LJSHS, the preschool building and the kindergarten building. These shelters would not be multi-purpose and would not have restrooms built into them. Instead of them being multi-purpose, the LCCRS has proposed to construct two separate 60' x60' buildings - one each at LES and LJSHS. These buildings would serve as the cafeteria (at LES) and wrestling room (at LJSHS); however, new appliances for LES is not included in their proposal. The total cost of these two separate buildings would be less than \$250,000, which includes plumbing, electrical, transportation, freight and HVAC. The total cost of the factory direct shelters (not including the shelter at the kindergarten building - as it was see *BOND ELECTION*, pg. 4

Hoorays



I got to eat at Daimaru for my birthday (on March 7) and I think every time I eat there, it gets better. #FriedRiceIsBAE

April Fools Day was on the same day as Prom....my hopes were very high for some pranks to be played there, luckily they couldn't be played on me as I was not there.

Only 30 days of school left (excluding those dastardly Seniors).... everyone else, get excited, even though you still have either one, two, three, four, or five more years 'til you can actually count on a number lower than 100 for days left of high school.

So apparently they're making Oreo candy bars and my only question is WHY DID IT TAKE SO LOOONNNNGGGGG? I love Oreos and you can bet that as soon as they hit the shelf, I'm buying an entire box.

I should be in Seattle by the time that you'll be reading this.... so hooray for me not being there with you <3

Chicago was a lot of fun, now let me list some things that were great; the Willis Tower, the Shedd Aquarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago-style deep dish pizza, the Palmer House Hotel, the bus tour that took us on the North side of Chicago, Michigan Avenue, bowling in the basement of a church, and that club sandwich I ate at Shoeless Joe's.

Boo-hoos



All those tests and homework assignments that bunched up right before spring break weren't fun..... But I mean, at least they're over now.

Mother Nature, I'm happy, you brought the cold out...but uhhh BOO-HOO that it snowed on a SATURDAY and that you brought the freezing temperatures at the END of winter.

Yay, the Kansas Supreme Court decided that the school funding system is insufficient, but, isn't this the third time that's been decided??? WHERE'S OUR MONEY BROWNBACK?!?!?

Spring Break is over, along with my freedom of responsibilities, so long until Summer.... when I will have these privileges again.

Some people didn't like Chicago and I know I can't make everyone enjoy everything that I enjoy but I just wish that they would've had more fun exploring the city (I apologize for this serious boo-hoo)

Don't get me wrong, I am overjoyed that I get to go Seattle, I just wish that the rest of the school could take another break too so that I won't have to make up any of my schoolwork :(

Hall Talk

If you could go to three different places on one vacation, what three places would you choose?	Vatican City, China and Hong Kong	Paris, Galapagos and Africa	Ireland, Germany and India	New York, Florida and Hawaii	The Beach, Europe and a Cruise
What's your favorite fruit?	Oranges	Pineapple	Kiwis	Apples	Grapes
If our school could add one new activity or club, what would you want it to be?	Home Ec	Debate	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Home Ec	Peq Club
Do you prefer hot or cold weather?	Hot	Hot	Hot	Hot	Hot
What is your favorite sport to watch?	Soccer	Wrestling	Track	Basketball	Basketball
	Thomas Rojas	Maruby McQueen	Aubry Donley	Ashley King	Mrs. Flinn

SPORTS

Baseball team looking for a better season

ZACH OBERMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Lincoln-Sylvan-Lucas baseball team will return all but two players from the 2016 team with 20 players total. This team is older, more experienced and is looking to improve off of last years performance.

After only winning one game last season, this year, the players are confident and preparing to be more competitive this season. Many of the players are expecting more out of themselves and their teammates. "Our goal for the season is to finish with a winning record," Sean Obermueller said. "I believe that we are much improved compared to last year. We are older and all want to be successful."

This year, baseball is the only sport in which Lincoln High School (LHS) will combine with players from Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School (SLUHS). There are 15 players from LHS and five from SLUHS. Some students find it refreshing to be competing with students from other schools rather than competing against them.

"We compete against each other all year long," August Walter said. "It is nice to get to play with some of the Sylvan students. To us, when we are on the baseball field we are not two schools, we are one team."

In baseball, you need at least nine players out on the field but having 20 players gives a bit more of a comfort in cases of injury, illness, or ineligibility.

The players from Lincoln are: senior August Walter; juniors Colin Obermueller,

Dylan Wiebke, Sean Obermueller, Cody Behrens, Jacob Cagle, and Jonathan Ahring; sophomores Hunter Meier, Connor O'Hare, Drew Biggs, and Samuel Huehl; freshmen Zachary Obermueller, Trevor Kirk, Jordan Lyne and Stephen Fenn.

"We have a lot of Lincoln students on our team and many that did not play last year," Meier said. "We have three freshmen and four upperclassmen that are new to our team. It is great to have so many people on our team. It gives us options and more players to choose from."

The Sylvan-Lucas players are: juniors R.J. Haberer, Dylan Streit, and Darren Ammon; sophomore Cade Uhl and freshman Jesse Spear.

"I am looking forward to seeing how much we have improved from last year. In 2016 we were a super young team. We have worked hard to improve over the last year and I am excited to see our improvement on the field." Head coach Mitch Obermueller said

One of the hardest workers on the team is assistant coach Ryan Hageman. Hageman works during the off season as the grounds crew of the field, coming during the summer to rake and water the field. He also spend a lot of time researching new drills to make the team better.

"I am very appreciative to have Ryan Hageman as my assistant coach. Coach Hageman is very knowledgeable about baseball and brings a lot of enthusiasm and a positive attitude to practice." Obermueller said.

Softball season starts with new coaches

PAYTON EMMERT
AND KAILE YOUNG
STAFF WRITERS

Softball is underway. This year the softball team is fairly small with the count of ten players.

"I think it is a good thing because it will make us better in the long run and we will improve and make each other better" said player Mikayla Breneman.

But having a small team will not stop them because they have three new coaches; Mark Obermueller as head coach, Susan Wollesen, and Terry Lilak as assistant coach. The senior this year is Tia Hayworth and the juniors are Mackenzie Lyne, Mackenzie Romesburg, Brianna Emmert, and Brianna Wilson. The sophomores are Mikayla Breneman, Erin Zier and Cassandra Aleshire. The freshmen are Carson Walter and Payton Emmert. They have two managers, Emma Corpstein and Macy Squires.

Mark Obermuller has been the assistant coach for Donna Kirkendall for 3 years now he will take her spot as head coach for this year's softball team along with the two coaches that have stepped up to help. Terry Lilak has been the assistant coach over at Sylvan Unified High School for three years (2004-2006) and has coached summer softball for the 7-9-year-old girls the past five years.

"I've been coaching for four years and

helped with the Lincoln program" said Coach Obermueller.

Working hard to get better and beating good teams takes practice. In order for that to happen, the team and individuals must set goals and achieve those goals. Maybe it won't be the first year you play but as you learn every year and every day at practice you will improve yourself and your team.

"My goal is to throw more strikes than balls and not to walk anyone conquer base running is what my goals are for this year" said Player Brianna Emmert.

Teamwork is very important and to conquer a goal that is set for all your teammates and to improve by the time softball season is over and the coaches all have their goals and what they want to see improve before they see the season ending.

"I'd like to see the program grow to a point where we expect to go to state each year" said Coach Obermueller

Taking pride is hard making yourself wanna play better is hard but nobody can make that happen but you. Playing together as a team and achieving them goals are very important to you and the coaches.

"My goal as a softball coach is to instill in the players the skills, knowledge and strategies of the game so they can play with confidence. When they know what to do and how to do it, their softball experience will be successful and fun" said Coach Lilak.

Track and field athletes have set their goals: excited for the season

MACY WINTERS
AND MARISSA WINTERS
STAFF WRITERS

The track season started off with its first practice on Monday, the 27th of February. This year's coaches for Lincoln's track team are Dalen Rathbun as head coach and Nick Ledet as assistant. Rathbun has been coaching track for more than 40 years.

"I started coaching track in college," Rathbun said. "My college track coach was very influential in getting me to coach track in high school."

This is Ledet's first year of coaching track.

"In high school, I ran track and had success with it and I got offered a running scholarship to Ottawa University." Ledet said.

Most of the athletes going out for track have a favorite event. Some athletes prefer running events over field events and vise versa. There are even some athletes that enjoy both.

"I participate in throwing events like shot put and I was thinking about doing triple jump this year again," senior Tia

Hayworth said, "I first tried triple jump my 8th grade year and I thought it was fun."

There are several events to choose from and each showcase different abilities, from the 100 meter to the 2 mile relay, there are many running events to choose from. The field events include shot put, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault.

"I participate in high jump and long jump because I feel like I'm better at jumping than I am at throwing or running." junior Amanda Wollesen said.

A goal is the object of a person's ambition or effort or an aim or a desired result. Most athletes set goals to help themselves to improve in their event. If no one ever set goals, where would we be at today?

"My goals for track are to beat records for the 800 and 1600 meter." sophomore Aubry Donley said, who also went to state track last year. "My favorite part about state was getting to stand up on the stadium to receive my medals."

Goals can come in different sizes from just a tiny step forward to beating a record.

"My goal for track this year is to beat Jaci Nelson's pole

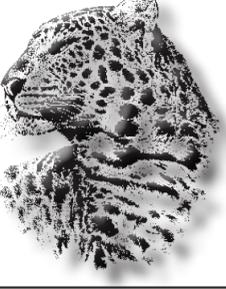
vault record of 8'6." sophomore Sarah Cagle said. "I also really love to pole vault. It doesn't make me super nervous like running does."

"I decided to go out for track because I like track. I like how you can go out there and be apart of a team that knows you, and have fun with them." freshman Angelina Vazquez said. "I am a discus thrower, well I did discus last year in junior high and I had fun so I did it this year."

"I believe the most important part or parts in each event is believing in yourself. If you don't think you can do it, then nobody else will do it for you. The second part is trusting the training along with recovery/stretching.", assistant coach, Ledet said. "We, as coaches, will do everything we can to make sure you're in the right position to be successful in your event. Trust the training we will put you through. Lastly, stretching and recovery is vital to a strong runner/thrower/jumper. Stretching before and after practice/event, and ice and elevate the legs after a hard workout."

Leopard Prowl Pick'em Game Competition

- The class (or faculty) with the best record after the last newspaper issue will win a pizza party -

	 Bjorn Jonsson	 Brianna Wilson	 Drew Biggs	 Payton Emmert	 Mr. Lange
	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	Faculty
Entertainer of the Year Academy of Country Music Award Las Vegas, NV CBS - April 2 - 8 p.m. Carrie Underwood, Florida Georgia Line, Jason Aldean, Keith Urban, or Luke Bryan	Florida Georgia Line	Luke Bryan	Florida Georgia Line	Florida Georgia Line	Luke Bryan
Men's College Basketball NCAA Championship Game Phoenix, AZ CBS - April 3 - 8 p.m. South Carolina, Oregon, North Carolina, or Gonzaga	North Carolina	North Carolina	Oregon	North Carolina	Gonzaga
MLB - FSCK April 3 @ 3:10 p.m., April 5 @ 12:10 p.m., and April 6 @ 12:10 p.m. Kansas City Royals @ Minnesota Twins (Who will win the three game series?)	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals
NBA - FSSE or FSOK April 5 - 7 p.m. Oklahoma City Thunder @ Memphis Grizzlies	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	Memphis Grizzlies
HS Softball - April 6 - 4 p.m. Republic County @ Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
HS Baseball - April 6 - 4 p.m. Lincoln @ Beloit	Lincoln	Beloit	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
Record	15-15	24-6	18-12	19-11	20-10

Victor Vazquez - Had the best picking record last issue - "I'm shocked because I guessed on all of them."