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Never fully dressed without a smile LJSHS 8th grader performs in "Annie" at the Salina Community Theatre



Kaylee Babcock, front left, performs in the Salina Community Theatre production of "Annie." Babcock was cast in the first SCT show that she auditioned for. (Courtesy photo / Karen Bonar / Heartland Photography)

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Features Editor/Layout

Kaylee Babcock, an 8th grader at LJSHS, is acting as the orphan Kate in the production of *Annie* at the Salina Community Theatre. Babcock tried out for the musical in mid-September; practice began a few weeks later. The first public performance was on November 17 and since then there have been nine - some public and some sponsor shows.

"I decided to be in *Annie* because I love theatre and *Annie* was one of my favorite movies when I was little," Babcock said.

This past summer, Kaylee

participated in the Children's Summer Theatre Academy performance of *The Lion King Jr.* The children's musical was directed by LJSHS English teacher Pam Curtis. After the performances, Curtis advised Babcock to audition for *Annie*; after putting consideration into it, Babcock chose to follow Curtis' advice.

"All I had to do was prepare a song to sing for them. But, during the auditions we had to dance and read lines as well," Babcock said.

Babcock practiced five days a week, from Sunday to Thursday from the end of September up to the start of the performances; the first month's practices were usually just an hour, but as they were putting it all together they

got longer, 2-3 hours.

"Honestly, my first reaction when Kaylee was contemplating trying out was that it would just be too big of a commitment for me to make driving her five days a week," Debbie Babcock, mother of Kaylee, said. "But after thinking about it, three months is a relatively short time in the grand scheme of life, so I decided that if it was something she was willing to commit to, I was willing to let her have the opportunity. It definitely makes for a long day, especially the last week before the performances when we were leaving at 5:15 and getting home at 11:15."

When Debbie had received the word that Kaylee had gotten the chance to

act as Kate in the play, she was so excited to tell her after her volleyball game.

Kaylee said, "I was really excited because when it's your first show, they normally give you a pretty small part and I got one of the main orphans."

By participating in the show, Kaylee has had the opportunity to experience theatre in a larger venue and has been able to meet many new people.

"I've become really good friends with many of the orphans," Kaylee said. "The whole cast is so much fun."

Kaylee sings in four songs and is in five of the fourteen scenes. In the whole schedule of performances there are 15 shows - 13 for the public and two for sponsors. Performances are on

Thursdays through Sundays. The final four shows are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and then Sunday at 2 p.m. The 319 seats have been sold-out for most shows. If you are interested in watching the show, tickets are available for the Thursday, Friday, and Sunday shows. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 785-827-3033, online at www.salinatheatre.com or at the theatre (303 E. Iron Ave.).

"I've had a great time playing as Kate in *Annie*," Kaylee said. "It's been a wonderful experience."

Frisbee golf course to become a Lincoln city park addition

Hunter Meier
News Editor/Layout

Since its start in 2002, the Leadership Lincoln County class has become a program that promotes becoming a leader in Lincoln County and making a difference. Every year that the class has been held, a group of adults and students in the county are chosen to participate through an application process. It was one of the classes that introduced the idea of constructing a frisbee golf course in Lincoln; however, the idea quickly died. The idea has since come back to the table as Lincoln Community Church Pastor Adam Boyd decided to make the vision become a reality. With the help of a grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation, the Lincoln Recreation Department is closer to satisfying the dream of county

residents who enjoy playing frisbee golf.

"There are a handful of people but we have nowhere to play," Lincoln Rec Director Jessica Clay said. "I feel there are a lot of people who moved away but came back that would be interested. It will be free to the public and we are hoping to be able to start doing some tournaments that would bring people into Lincoln for the day and boost tourism."

The Post Rock Community Foundation's grant of \$3,144 to the Lincoln Rec allows for nine holes to be purchased. \$3,000 is still needed before the predicted opening of the course in May. In time, the rec department hopes to purchase nine more holes, creating an entire frisbee golf course. Every hole will be removable so they will not interfere with other activities in the park.

Clay said, "I think anything we can do to add amenity to Lincoln and draw people to Lincoln is worth it along with any improvements we can make. The frisbee golf course will also help benefit a healthy lifestyle with over 3,000 feet of walking looping around the entire park."

The Lincoln Frisbee Golf Course Committee is only one of many committees whose goal is to improve Lincoln County. Clay is also part of the Trails and Connectivity committee; their goal is to connect Lincoln County by building walking trails in Lincoln, Sylvan, and Barnard in order to promote living a healthy lifestyle. Another plan to improve Lincoln is the idea of replacing the park bathrooms with new ones. All these plans stem from the desire to attract tourism and improve Lincoln County.

School board learns about boiler issues at LES



One of the boilers at the elementary school (pictured to the left) was out and could have caused major damage had the problem not been found sooner. (Photo by Joseph Foulke)

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The USD 298 School Board of Education (BOE) had a long agenda for their November 6 regular monthly meeting. Information about a junior and senior high career planning program was presented by Counselor Janeen Feil. The BOE was presented the audit report. Mark Thompson of DS Bus Lines informed the BOE of the change in the Lincoln manager position and that the company will be receiving new buses. It was learned that the west boiler in LES was out of commission and could have caused major

damage if the problem was not found sooner. The district calendar committee informed the board that more time is needed for teachers to work on MTSS and KESA; they gave the idea of having students being released early on two Wednesdays each month. In other business, the BOE heard from Superintendent Kathy Robertson, LES Principal Steve Koch, and LJSHS Principal Christi Walter.

The November 6 regular meeting minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Monty Breneman.

The minutes from the October 2 meeting were approved.

Clerks and Treasurer's Reports were both approved. See BOE page 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the month of December, LJSHS students will finish up the semester. The Amos Morris/George Stephens Tournament will be held in Lincoln on Dec. 4, 5, 8 and 9. Winter break will be Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

DECEMBER

The LJSHS bands and choirs will perform in their winter concert. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

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LHS basketball teams play their rivals, Sylvan-Lucas. Games start at 4 p.m.

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Lincoln hosts the Lincoln/Ellsworth High School Wrestling Round Robin. Matches begin at 4 p.m.

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End of the 2nd Quarter - Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

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The Leopard Prowl



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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.

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

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QUESTION OF THE

ISSUE FOR THE STAFF

What is your favorite Christmas movie and why?



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"A Christmas Story is my favorite because I think it has a good story line and it has a lot of funny bits in it."



Hunter Meier - News Editor

"The Polar Express because I love the story and being able to watch it with family."



Carson Walter - Features Editor/Layout
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"The Grinch with Jim Carrey because my family and I have watched it every Christmas."



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"Grandma Got Ran Over by Reindeer because it's funny and classic."



Zach Obermueller - Sports Editor/Layout
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"The Polar Express because I always like to watch it with my parents."



Joseph Foulke - Photo Editor
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"Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas because I relate to The Grinch on a philosophical level."



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"Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas because I relate to The Grinch."



Emma Corpstein - Copy Editor
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"Christmas Vacation because it's funny and it's a family tradition."



Kathryn Detmer - Cartoonist/Layout
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"The Christmas Carol because it is a classic movie."



Amanda Wollesen - Reviews Columnist
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"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas because I love the story of it and the comedy in it."



Allison Crist - Advanced Reporter
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"The Santa Clause Movies because I have watched them since I was little and they were my favorite then."



Brianna Emmert - Advanced Reporter
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"North Pole because I watch it with my favorite person, Kaiden."



Payton Emmert - Advanced Reporter
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"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas because I just like it."



Kaile Young - Advanced Reporter

"Home Alone because it's traditional for my family and I to watch it every year."



Jason Curtis - Adviser
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"Home Alone because it takes me back to my childhood. The good days."

Intro Reporters:

Shea Bell - @SheaBell5, Chaz Edmundson, Birta Hauksdóttir - @birtaarut, Landon O'Hare - @landonohare, Derrick Perez, Josh Rees, Makenzie Ringquist - @kenzieringquist, and Kaleb Russell

BOE (from page 1)

proved.

The bills were accepted for payment.

A presentation from Jancen Feil about Career Cruising for LJSHS was given. Students start the online program around 7th or 8th grade. They put in what kind of salary they want and what education they plan to receive after high school. Students then take a matchmaker test that matches many different kinds of careers to their likes. The program also has a scholarship finder and a resume builder that can be added to and adjusted throughout a high school career. KSDE paid for the program last year.

Jay Langley at Clubine and Rettele, Chtd., gave the school district's audit report. Langley said that the district is adverse and unqualified, meaning that there is nothing material enough to change anything. Unqualified means that the district uses the older ways, but there is nothing wrong. Langley then discussed the district's encumbrances and summary of funds. The school is secured with FDIC. The state is short of funding KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System) but there is nothing the school can do about it. The capital lease is outstanding for the

school district. Langley finished his report by notifying the BOE that the district did not go over budget.

Mark Thompson, of DS Bus Lines, presented an update on their partnership with the district. This is the second school year that the district has been in the partnership which allows DS Bus Lines' buses to be used by the district. Thompson recapped to the BOE that Shawn Kobbeman was the original manager for the Lincoln school district until he became ill. Arletta Morse then became the manager. Morse later stepped down from the position and Nancy Houghton took over. Thompson informed the BOE that in about 60 days (from the meeting date), DS Bus Lines will receive new buses to replace their current ones.

The board learned that the elementary school roof has no new damage. Geisler Roofing is going to fix the hail damage as they extended the school district's claim with them; they will be back in the spring to do so.

Dennis Pittenger informed the BOE that the west boiler at the elementary school is out. Lincoln water ruined the boiler even after the water went through a wa-

ter softener. Pittenger said that he caught the problem before something more serious happened. He replaced the rusted shut valves to shut off the water to the boiler. The water holding tank also has damage to it from Lincoln water that had already went through a water softener; the tank has an unfixable leak. Pittenger said that the claim that was sent to American Boiler was denied because the boiler is too damaged. At the time of the meeting, LES had made the plans to only use one boiler for the rest of the school year.

Changes to the Procurement Plan was approved at the August 7 meeting. The school will change the food service program and have a more specific and on point Procurement Plan for the new food service.

Superintendent, Kathy Robertson, distributed the Kansas Supreme Court Ruling approved October 2. The Court states that the Rose Capacities (Rose Standards) are the standards for determining the level of suitable funding for public schools. These will be used to decide whether Kansas is meeting its constitutional requirement to fund public education.

Brenda White, the school district's IT see BOE page 3

From the Principal's Desk

- Christi Walter -

School Spirit. Where is it?

I have noticed in the past few months many comments in the school paper, from parents, or out in the community that there is a concern with our lack of school spirit. I would agree that our school does not value school spirit, but why?

What is it that creates school spirit? If our students are concerned about school spirit, where are they? School spirit starts with all of us: students, teachers/staff, and parents.

Does school spirit mean dressing up at ball games and showing unity? Maybe.

Does school spirit mean actually attending games even if you don't play in the contest or in the band? Probably.

Does school spirit mean we enjoy each other so much we WANT to spend time together and have some fun? Yes!

When I hear or read students are complaining about our lack of school spirit, I want to ask "where are you?" Our participation numbers are so low (30% of our HS student body is out for a winter sport, about 25% of students are in band and vocal and many of those are the same students) and we wonder why we don't have any school spirit. Our stands are not full and our student section is relatively empty. Where is everyone? Our school needs you... all of you.

My challenge to you for the rest of the year is do your part in helping instill school spirit. Be part of something outside of the school day. Even if it happens to only be you, well, then it is just you. You can wear blue on Friday. You can attend school events. You can sit in the student section and cheer. You can join a team or club. Have some fun and make it something others want to participate. Hopefully, you will gather a crowd and eventually the student body. Let's not get bogged down with who don't have school spirit, but let's celebrate those of us who do! Be a Leopard in school, at school events, and be part of our Leopard Nation!

-Mrs. Walter

The Counselor's Corner

- Janeen Feil -

The Financial Aid Night was wonderful, thank you to all students and guardians. I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules. Michelle Jensen was very pleased with the number of attendees.

If you have been accepted to a college/tech school/job after high school, please come and see me so I can recognize your accomplishment! If you still haven't applied to college or need assistance, I am happy to help. Don't forget, I am able to help with the college application fee if you need financial assistance.

To be admitted to college, they will need to receive your official transcript from Lincoln Jr/Sr High School. You can contact me by email or at the school in order to get your transcript sent.

Scholarship deadlines are arriving, please make sure and check the google drive, google calendar, or the counselor calendar next to the counseling office. Remember to give your references at least 6 weeks notice and a copy of your resume so they can have the time and information to write a beneficial letter of reference.

I am continuing to update the google scholarship drive, please be aware that new scholarships are being added on a weekly basis.

We are nearing the end of first semester, please keep working hard!

- Mrs. Feil



NEWS BRIEF AROUND THE WORLD

North America



- Alabama Republican Senator Roy Moore was charged with sexual misconduct on teens between ages 14-18.

South America



- Brazilian government decided not to fine Andrade Gutierrez \$40 billion for its participation in a graft scheme.

Australia



- A lawmaker received a standing ovation after introducing a historic bill to legalize same sex marriage.

Africa



- The Trump Administration plans to allow hunters to import trophies of elephants they killed in Zimbabwe and Zambia back to the United States, revising Obamas ban.

Middle East



- The Lebanese Prime Minister and his family were invited to France after his shocking resignation caused a crisis.

Europe



- Europe has stepped in to cover U.S. shortfall in funding climate science.

Asia



- Cambodia's Prime Minister, Hun Sen, who has ruled for decades, is currently facing no serious challenge ahead of next year's election.

Catching up with the Clubs

Club:	President and Vice President:	What we're doing:	What we're planning to do:
Student Council	Co-Presidents - Dylan Babcock & Maruby McQueen	Working on creating a coffee bar in the school	A Christmas spirit week and decorating competition
KAY Club	President - Lainie White Vice President - Maruby McQueen	Finishing our grade school coloring contest	Operation Christmas Child and having a school drive
National Honor Society	President - Amanda Wollesen Vice President - Dylan Babcock	Having Pennies for Patients Fundraiser for Morris/Stephens Tournament	Hosting a raffle at a basketball game

Work study program a possibility in the future

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Extras Editor

As students grow older they become more curious about their future career. In many schools surrounding Lincoln, such as Ellsworth and Salina, students are given the chance to leave the facility to work study and expand their knowledge by working part of the day with those in the field of their future career. Lincoln High School is in the beginning stages of making work

study possible for its students.

"It is my opinion that any exposure to new and different experiences is a benefit to anyone, especially students who may or may not ever get the chance," LJSHS Principal Christi Walter said. "Our Kansas Accreditation system is asking that we prepare our students for college and careers after they leave our building. I think this work study idea can be one of the many ways we can work to prepare our students."

If a student has the chance to work

study, they are essentially testing the waters in their career. Many of times students will spend thousands of dollars on a degree only to realize that they may not be fit to be a journalist because they can't write a good story, or that they can't be a nurse because giving shots make them faint. The hope of allowing students to work study in high school is that it will reduce the amount of students that change their degree in college.

While the work study program will provide great opportunities to students,

there will however be requirements to participate.

Counselor Jeneen Feil said, "Usually in order to be able to have the opportunity to leave the high school to take tech classes, job shadowing, or something similar, the student would have to have a certain GPA and no attendance issues. As for current grades when the student is allowed these opportunities, it gets a bit trickier because you have agreed that the student would be attending these outside activities, you can't really go

back on that agreement."

Some LJSHS students feel that they will benefit from a work study opportunity. It will provide some time and money for those planning on going to college.

"It would help me develop a good sense of time management and help me get through college without taking out a loan," senior Jacob Cagle said.

Family or Black Friday?

Black Friday is one of the major shopping days of the year in the United States. It is the day after Thanksgiving where people all across the nation trample over each other to get good deals on Christmas presents. The sales on the items are outrageous enough to bring hundreds of people to each and every store to try and save money for Christmas. Over the past few years stores like Walmart, Macy's, JCPenney, Kohl's, and Toys "R" Us, have been opening on Thanksgiving day and staying open until the end of Black Friday.

I've always wanted to go Black Friday shopping. I love finding sales and deals on items to save money. The money that I save I can spend on MORE stuff. The incidents that have happened on Black Friday have been holding me back.

I have heard of employees being trampled by the flood of people running through the doors. I've heard of broken arms, fist fights, and wrestling ladies, all over stupid things. For example, deals on pillows or candles.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It is a day dedicated to family, eating loads of food, and lounging in front of the TV watching football. But, some families won't be able to celebrate with all of their members because they will be leaving their dinners to go Black Friday shopping.

I thought people leaving their Thanksgiving celebrations to go shopping was a hoax, but hearing how crazy shoppers can get, it doesn't surprise me.

Stores are always trying to find more ways to make more money. The stores are always competing with one another, especially on Black Friday. They are opening up earlier and earlier to bring more people, which means more profit. Even if that means cutting into important family time.

No matter what, family is always more important than shopping. Black Friday really is supposed to be just on Friday, so let give your family your time. Shopping can wait.



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Carson's Questions

Mass Shootings

Due to recent mass shootings we compiled this data to show the facts.

Of the 5 most deadly mass shootings, 2 of them have taken place in 2017.

There have been 367 mass shootings in the US since January 1, 2017.

560 people have been killed in mass shootings since January 1, 2017.

1,898 people have been wounded in mass shootings since January 1, 2017.

Since 2013, there have been 1,909 mass shootings.

Year	Total Shootings	Wounded	Deaths
2013	339	1176	467
2014	325	1213	364
2015	371	1387	469
2016	477	1781	606

Data has been compiled from many different sources: cnn.com, washingtonpost.com and massshootingtracker.org

BOE (from page 2)

Coordinator, informed the board members that the 471 Form that was submitted by the district was denied because of an error on the form by the person who submitted it for the schools. It was submitted to complete maintenance on technology.

The board learned that football was on the rotation for new jerseys this year. They were informed that a problem has arose because the original company who made the current jerseys (Russell), does not make sports jerseys anymore. The school cannot just order certain parts of the uniforms because of this problem. There are companies similar to Russell who are working with schools who need jerseys.

The maintenance job description was approved by the board.

The custodian job description was approved by the board.

Melodee Larsen, Ashley Farney, and

Sharon Luck - all LES teachers - presented on behalf of the Calendar Committee. The committee gave the idea of having two Wednesdays a month where students are released at 12:30 instead of 3:35. One of these Wednesdays would allow teachers to work on MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports); the other Wednesday would be used to work on KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation). Monthly one hour late-starts would be eliminated. Junior High students who either have sports or cannot go home at the early release time would have activities that they can do. Grade school students who cannot go home at that time would also have activities. Buses would run their routes at the time school is released. Students that have a religious activity would be able stay at the school until the time this activity starts. No action was taken by the board on the matter. (Read more about this and what KESA is in the [see BOE page 5](#)

What is KESA?

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At the November 6, 2017 Board of Education (BOE) meeting, the district calendar committee made the suggestion to the BOE that teachers and staff needed more time to be able to work on Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) and Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA). The BOE and calendar committee discussed possible ways that would allow for more time in future school years; of the options, letting students out of school early on two days of each month came up. At the meeting, no action was taken by the BOE.

KESA confuses people and makes them question exactly what its purpose is. Overall, KESA is an accreditation system under the Kansas Department of Education that describes a vision and the steps that need to be taken in order for Kansas to lead the world in the success of each student. All public school districts in Kansas are required to go through the KESA process.

It has been determined under the KESA system that successful Kansas high school graduates should have academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement. If schools focus on teaching these skills, it is the hope that their students will be prepared for post-secondary schooling, receiving a certification in a specific labor industry or entering the workforce.

Schools are to look at results - past test scores, graduation rates, kindergarten readiness, social-emotional measurements and postsecondary success of graduates - in order to determine what needs to be done to provide a better education to its students. Evidence-based

practices are to be put in place by the schools. The practices are to involve relationships, relevance, responsive culture and rigor.

Relationships mean that acceptable levels of communication and involvement are being established between the school and its staff, students, families and community.

Relevance means that a school is analyzing its curriculum, ways of instruction, student engagement and how it utilizes technology, and determining if it is all suitable - making sure that they are providing their students with the best education.

Responsive culture means a school is determining how successful its leadership, early childhood programs and nutrition and wellness of its students are; the district in which the school is located should also be studied to determine what kind of community the students are living in.

Finally, rigor means that a school is developing opportunities and resources to help a student succeed and prepare for life after high school. This includes offering Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes and professional learning programs.

After the practices have began to be used, foundational structures are to be developed. Foundational structures are defined under the Kansas Department of Education as "programs, structures, or practices to be essential and, in KESA, prerequisite to receiving an accreditation rating from the State Board." Of these foundational structures, MTSS (an at-risk program) is one that has to be implemented in all Kansas school districts. Other structures are diversity and equity, physical and mental health, civic and social engagement, and arts and cultural appreciation. These items take a large amount of planning in order to

execute them correctly.

Compliance is the final step that schools are to follow in the KESA vision of education; this means that all state and federal laws and regulations should be followed.

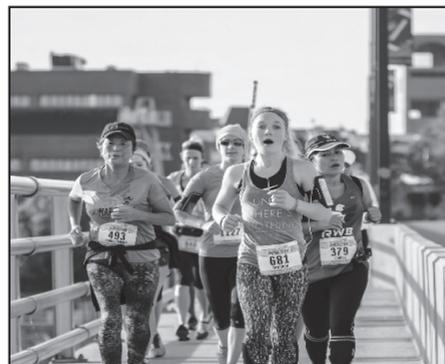
KESA is set up as a tiered system; each of the tiers is a new year in the process to reach KESA accreditation. The years are numbered zero through five and schools are allowed to choose which year they enter the process. Schools are however expected to have the steps completed for the tiers that come before the tier (year) that they enter. Lincoln's school district will be entering the process on year three.

In order to reach year three, site councils and leadership teams were established both at the district level and at each of the schools. Site councils consist of a combination of school district staff members and administrators, business owners, parents, and citizens of the community; leadership teams are strictly staff members and administrators. These site councils and leadership teams were tasked to examine statistical data and results in order to determine what steps needed to be taken to begin practices that will lead to foundational structures. Teachers and staff were then to come together and develop goals.

During year three, the goals are to start becoming a reality; because of this, time for teachers to discuss items is necessary for plans to be implemented. This is why the calendar committee presented to the BOE - proposing ways that would allow teachers more time to hold discussions and make accomplishments.

Currently the Lincoln school district is planning to enter in on year three.

Obermueller runs in half marathons



Left- Freshman Brecken Obermueller runs in the Kansas Half Marathon in Lawrence, Kansas. Right- Obermueller crosses the finish line of the half marathon. Obermueller's half marathon personal record is 1:59:40. (photos courtesy of Kansas Half Marathon)



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Advanced Reporter

Freshman Brecken Obermueller has ran in three half marathons since November of 2016. Obermueller's personal record is 1:59:40. It typically takes Obermueller two

months to train - running approximately 25 miles a week and going on long runs on the weekends.

"I started running after my mom ran her first full marathon when I was in the 5th grade," Obermueller said. "I wanted to be like my mom."

Obermueller has ran

one half marathon in Kansas City and two in Lawrence. She is hoping to run another one in the spring and possibly a full marathon by the end of next year. The half in the spring would be in Kansas City also.

Obermueller said, "I love that you are compet-

ing against yourself and that you can't mess up. In other sports you can make mistakes but in running you literally out one foot ahead of the other, that's really hard to mess up. I also love the 'wow I just did that' feeling after a run."

LHS students participate in NW District Band and Choir

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Intro Reporter

Some students at LJSHS are in band or choir and some students are in both; Quenana Liggett is the band teacher for grades 5-12 and Marilyn Bell is the vocal teacher for grades 7-12. Every year, students in grades 9-12 that are involved in the music department are given the opportunity to audition for District Band and District Choir. During auditions, a select few are chosen to represent their school during the district performance for the Kansas Music Educators' Association (KMEA).

"KMEA has divided Kansas into seven districts who each have their own competitions and 'honor groups'," Bell said. "Lincoln is part of the northwest district which is made up of all the students in the twenty-two counties in the northwest part of the state. The honor groups include choir, band, orchestra, and jazz band."

As a part of the audition process, students are required to play or sing certain items based on what they play or what section they sing in.

"(For band) All students playing wind instruments are required to learn the chromatic scale for the entire instrument range at metronome marking 90, slurred up and tongued down," Liggett said. "They are also required to

perform sections of a required etude/solo. Requirements are similar for percussion. In the NW & SW districts, our students are required to record the chromatic scale and selected etudes to a mp3 format and submit it online to Festival Scores to be judged using an established rubric."

The students selected to participate in the NW District Choir were junior Libby Huskey, sophomores Stephen Fenn and Kyle Smith and freshman Albie Huskey. Junior Eilleen Beckmeyer and sophomores Angelina Vasquez, Macy Winters and Marissa Winters were selected to participate in the NW District Band.

"My favorite thing about the KMEA district band is playing and listening to the music," Macy said. "They have very interesting song choices."

The song choices for the choir were "What a Wonderful World", "Do You Hear what I Hear", "Mary Did You Know", and "Jubilate Alleuia".

This year's northwest district convention took place on Saturday, December 2 on the Fort Hays State University campus in Hays, Kansas.

Liggett said, "10th through 12th grade students, who are selected and participate in the district bands are eligible to audition in January for the KMEA State Band which takes place in February at the Century II in Wichita."

Lange remembers his *Blurred Vision* days

Cassandra Aleshire
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Extras Editor

LJSHS Industrial Arts teacher James Lange has a hidden talent of playing the guitar. Lange starred in a high school band, *Blurred Vision*, for two years.

then and they had the song 'Double Vision'. This inspired the *Blurred Vision* name." In *Blurred Vision*, Lange played the guitar, David Williams played the drums, Brian Harvey played bass and was the songwriter and Paul Weakly sang. "We performed at two of Beloit High School's 'Stage Shows,'" Lange said. "It was basically a talent show that the school hosted every year

with a lot of support from the community. Other than that, we got to perform after school and during lunch period. Everyone could hear us play. We never got paid for anything except for the applauses, which were fine with us." Though the band only lasted for two years, Lange still looks back on the memories fondly. "We did a pretty good rendition of Hank Williams Jr.'s 'All My Rowdy Friends,'" Lange said.

The band was around in the 1980's so they played mostly rock music. Lange wishes he could go back in time for just one more song. Lange said, "We would sound a lot better now (musically) than we did then. This being simply because we all have a lot more playing time under our belts now."

Group of students attend NCYC

Libby Huskey
 For the Leopard Prowl

Less than a month ago, a handful of LJSHS students had the opportunity to take part in the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Held every other year in Indianapolis, this convention is attended by over 25,000 Catholics and Christians throughout the nation. The conference consists

of a three-day seminar in which participants can listen to speakers, enjoy bands/performers, volunteer, and meet other Christians from across the country. Countless sessions were offered for those who took part. Keynote speakers and performers included TobyMac, Matt Maher, and Emily Wilson, among others. Most of the participants from LJSHS

attended NCYC for the first time this year, and more from Lincoln are expected to attend in 2019. Students from LJSHS that attended NCYC this year were Birta Hauksdóttir, Libby Huskey, Albie Huskey, Jerry Marinshagen, and Tyler Walford. The participants from Lincoln have expressed their appreciation for this opportunity. "I really liked the sessions in the

stadium where everyone in the entire convention was excited," sophomore Tyler Walford said. "It was Catho-lit." Even though it is a Catholic conference, anyone was welcome to attend. Birta Hauksdóttir, Lincoln's foreign exchange student from Iceland, took part in this year's conference. She shared her experience as a non-Catholic at the convention. "There is nothing better than

experiencing other people's religion and culture," Hauksdóttir said. "It's interesting seeing how their customs are different than what I'm used to. If I had the chance, I would go again because NCYC is like a party with praying."

There are 11 days left in the 1st Semester!

Steve Crist



TEACHER FEATURE

Where did you go to high school?
1987 Quinter High School Graduate

Where did you attend college?
Bethany College - Lindsborg, Kansas

What is your degree in?
B.S. in Chemistry Education

How many years have you taught?
This year is my 27th year of teaching.

What made you want to be a teacher?
I had some wonderful teachers and other adult role models in my life. I wanted to work with youth and try to be a positive influence in their lives like I was fortunate to have in my life.

What's the best part of teaching?
The relationships

Fun Fact:
I played basketball and golf in high school.

Favorite Class:
Physics

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge to be held in Lincoln County

Mackenzie Ringquist
 @kenzieringquist

Intro Reporter

The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge is an opportunity to create a positive change in your community. In the competition, you face many challenges.

This year students at Lincoln and Sylvan-Lucas will be participating in the challenge. Business and personal finance related classes will take part in the challenge.

One of the first steps are

for students to come up with a business concept. After students have the concept they have to gather research on their target market, cost and profit margins, and financial plan. Information needs to be put into an executive summary, a powerpoint presentation, and a tradeshow booth.

During the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, students will present their business plans in front of judges. The judges will view all aspects of the business plan and select a

winner. There will be prizes for the local challenge but the amounts that will be awarded are not definite yet. The current plan is to award \$500 to first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place. First place would also be awarded an additional \$250 to help cover expenses to go to the statewide Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

The school that the winner comes from will also be awarded \$250.

"Hopefully each student will

learn how to think like an entrepreneur and see what it takes to turn an idea into a business," Lincoln County Economic Development Director Kelly Larson, an organizer of the challenge, said. "Businesses aren't successful by magic but by really testing the business concept, doing a lot of market research, and having a financial plan." Executive Director Kelly Larson said.

Hard at work

Libby Huskey

For the Leopard Prowl

Any mention of "vomit" and "clean-up" in the same sentence is usually enough to scare most people off; however, at LJSHS, there are three students who deal with this kind of work on a daily basis. Senior Kathryn Detmer and juniors Cassandra Aleshire and Katlin Brummer are all Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs).

"As a CNA, I help residents with any of their needs, whether that be spoon-feeding them soup or wiping their bottom," Brum-

mer said. "It can be very gruesome, but I love my job."

To become CNAs, they each had to attend 45 hours of class work and 45 hours of clinicals. Through Senate Bill 151, each of them received reduced prices for the class. Once they passed the class, they all took and passed a state exam in order to get their CNA license.

All three of the students are currently hired as CNAs in Lincoln County. Aleshire and Brummer are employed at Lincoln Park Manor and Detmer is employed at the Lincoln County Hospital. They are

all planning to go into nursing after high school. In order to become a nurse, you are not required to have the prior experience of being CNA; but these three students see working as a great opportunity to explore their prospective career field.

"I think working as a CNA is good experience," Aleshire said. "When I am a nurse, I will have a better understanding of what those underneath me are doing. I'll be able to empathise with the CNAs that I work with."

Quick Pics

Photos from the Nex-Tech Career Fair hosted at FH\$U on November 21.



LHS students pose for a photo after the Nex-Tech Career Fair. At the fair, students learned more about careers that interested them.



Some students won prizes at the career fair including scholarships, internships, and iTunes Cards. (photos by Janeen Feil)

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Stay focused on your goals. Try your hardest to help others that are going to help you. Keep positive people around you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

After all the hard you have done you still feel like you have failed. Just remember why you are working so hard and stay positive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Sharing your opinion will sometimes get you in trouble. Remember to be honest but keep it to corrective criticism.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Life is finally going your way. You are speaking out and being bold by taking educated risk. Keep it up.

Leo (July 23-August 23)

As a Leo you are very confident of your ability to get things done. You are the leader of the pack and have a hard time of letting others take control. Try letting others help you.

Vigro (August 23-September 22)

This year has been tough but it's almost over. Take the last days you have to think of ways you can make next year better.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

You've made peace with the things you can't change. You are still trying to figure out how to change the things that you can. Ask for help when looking for a solution.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

The strong will you have around you is rubbing off. Others are finding how to be confident because of you.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You have told many truths and few lies. Many have noticed this and come to you for advice.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You have started to surround yourself with friends because they bring out the best in you. Others around you have noticed an improvement in your mood.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

You've gotten over your rebellious faze but still feel the need to shout out sometimes. Being rebellious is okay in short amounts.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You've learned how to manage your time and focus on ways to make other trust you. This has had a major impact on how you feel about yourself.

Opinions

Why can't we talk about it?



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Dylan's Deliberations

It's not unusual for us to hear about sexual assault and harassment cases on the news. Even though the amount of cases that have occurred each year has decreased over the past few decades, sexual assaults and harassment is still a concerning problem. Here are some facts about sexual assault and harassment cases that you should know:

All of these facts and statistics being according to www.nsopw.com, a U.S. Department of Justice facilitated website.

1. Approximately 30% of sexual assault cases are reported to authorities.
2. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' National Criminal Victimization Survey, in 2012, there were 346,830 reported rapes or sexual assaults of persons 12 years or older.
3. About 20 million out of 112 million women

(18.0%) in the United States have been raped during their lifetime.

4. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey on the national prevalence of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking found that 28% of male rape victims were first raped when they were 10 years old or younger.

5. Approximately 1.8 million adolescents in the United States have been the victims of sexual assault.

6. Research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that approximately 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18.

7. 35.8% of sexual assaults occur when the victim is between the ages of 12 and 17.

8. Teens 16 to 19 years of age were 3 1/2 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.

9. Disclosure of sexual abuse is often delayed; children often avoid telling because they are either afraid of a negative reaction from their parents or of being harmed by the abuser. As such, they often delay disclosure until adulthood.

10. Males tend not to report their victimization, which may affect statistics. Some men even feel societal pressure to be proud of early sexual activity, regardless of whether it was unwanted.

In our last issue of The Leopard Prowl (November 8, 2017), we received comments about our "Leopard Voices" extra in the opinions section. This infographic is used to show what our students' opinions are on topical issues. The infographic received negative feedback for what some students' opinions were on if the

victim is or isn't ever to be blamed in a sexual harassment case. While we like to receive feedback, even if it is negative, it is not appropriate to blame the whole school for individual students' opinion; this is lazy and invalidates the criticism.

The reason why we as a staff and in general, journalists, choose to test the limits and ask for others' opinions about big issues is because it starts conversation. Conversation allows for people to learn new things or different perspectives; it helps us figure out what we as a society need to be teaching and practicing.

It's important that we allow students to express the way they feel about current issues; our opinions should be valued too because even though we're not all adults yet, we are the future faces of the world. Also, if teens are one of the highest age groups of sexual harassment cases, they should be allowed to say how they feel about it. High schoolers should be mature and wise enough to form their own opinion about topical issues. If not, then we as a society know that we need to inform the youth better on the issue. After all, a problem can't be solved without discussing it.

If a reader has any questions or concerns about The Leopard Prowl, it would be preferred that you approach the editor-in-chief (myself) or the newspaper staff. You can contact any of our writers, our adviser, or me directly with your questions or concerns by emailing us at journalism@usd298.com. You can also call the school and ask to speak to us or schedule a time to meet. You can even write a letter to the editor, which we would be glad to include in our paper. Letters should be sent to journalism@usd298.com and should not exceed 250 words.



There's only about five more months until I graduate which is bittersweet but hooray because I get to go to college next year, yaaaaaaayyyyyy.

So for some reason I've been listening to the Hamilton Musical Soundtrack when I haven't even seen it.... Lin Manuel Miranda is just toooo good.

Thanksgiving was a few weeks ago and Christmas is a couple weeks away...this truly is the most wonderful time of the year folks.

I decorated the house for Christmas on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the only thing left is to buy a star soooooo that needs to get done, MOTHER.

I'm about to do a demonstration speech where I show how to make pudding so shout out to all you pudding lovers, I know that excludes you Mr. Curtis, but WHY DON'T YOU LIKE PUDDING?!?!?!



I'm kinda annoyed that I haven't seen Mary Poppins in about five years...I'm also sad at how long it took me to realize that I haven't seen it in so long.

I wish I could just stop doing everything and watch Stranger Things because I still haven't seen the second season and it came out over a month ago.

I think it may be because it's getting colder out but I've been getting a lot of hang nails and they really kinda hurt :(

OMG I get SOOOO annoyed when people say "would of" instead of what it actually is, "would've."

Thanks to Kansas weather, it snowed on Halloween but was 70° on Thanksgiving.

Because Christmas is coming up, I'd like to bring up something about how backwards this holiday is...we put a whole bunch of lights outside and then we cut down trees and bring them into our house, btw Jim Gaffigan says this in a much funnier style.

I'm glad that all of these people that sexually harassed others are finally getting identified but when allegations come up about someone that I like or support, I feel like yelling this at them, "I was rooting for you, we were all rooting for you! How dare you!" - Tyra Banks.

I HATE, HATE, HATE THE WIND. I don't really have a lot to say about this, because it's pretty self-explanatory, I mean who goes outside when it's blowing 50 mph and is like "Yes, hair a mess and eyes watering.... this is what I love." No one does that, if you know someone who is like this, cut all ties.

BOE (from page 3)

"What is KESA?" article

The board was told that the Mettner Field updates are beginning. The blueprints were given to Roy Davied so he can begin the groundwork. A grant from the Lincoln PRIDE group was received, Mitch Obermuller donated fill dirt, Kellie Obermuller donated topsoil, and Chad Walter donated stone posts. There will be handicap parking spots that will connect directly to the sidewalk that will stretch from the fieldhouse to the bleachers.

Superintendent Kathy Robertson informed the BOE members that Maxine Mettner had passed away and donated money to Mettner Field. Robertson said that she put in Vicki Lebien's name into the lunch hero award. If the school wins the WeKan video that was submitted into the Kansas Sampler Festival Group, the sign is permitted to be placed next to Highway 18. The high school's student-run business, Paw Print, will be expanding by adding a storefront business on main street. They are able to do this because of a grant received from the Post Rock Community Foundation. There will be a new sink installed in the Paw Print room at the high school. A new wash machine and ice maker were also installed at the high school.

Mrs. Robertson announced that LHS will fall under the 2A classification with 102 students for KSHSAA activities for the 2018-19 school year.

LES Principal, Steve Koch, presented his principal's report. There was a 95.7% attendance rate of parents at the latest parent teacher conferences. Kathy Robertson, Superintendent, has been reading to the kindergarten classes. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have come in every Monday and Friday to read to the 4th graders. The preschool teacher and paras have been doing a great job improving students scores. KESA is pushing kindergarten readiness.

LJSHS Principal, Christi Walter, presented her principal's report. There was a 50% attendance rate of parents at the parent teacher conferences. Jaycee Vath ran at the state cross country meet and received 2nd place in the 2A division. Fall sports have ended and winter sports are about to begin (this being at the time of the meeting). High School students have been volunteering to help deliver meals to citizens in Lincoln. The KAY Club held a cyber crime assembly for grades 7-12. KAY Club also held Trick-or-Treat so Kids Can Eat and received donations from many people, and they also brought Red Ribbon Week from the grade school

up to the high school to raise awareness for drug abuse. The woods class is building a storage shed. The roof of the high school is currently being repaired and replaced. The National Honor Society held a blood drive.

The Lincoln County Recreation Commission Report was presented by Debora Zachgo. Lincoln Rec volleyball and football have ended. There are drainage worries when considering where the walking trail is going to be placed. The Rec received a grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation to construct a frisbee golf course. The Rec also wants to start adult volleyball and basketball.

The next regular meeting is on December 4 which is on the same night as the start of the Morris/Stephens tournament. The board discussed moving the meeting time but came to a conclusion of leaving it to the same time as usual, 7 p.m.

The BOE learned that a student at LES and his family brought to the attention of Robertson that they are working to get a service dog. The board approved the service dog after discussing other students who may have allergies and concerns of who would take the dog outside. This item will be brought back at the meeting next month.

Credit recovery for students, adults, and special education students was discussed. This item will be brought back as an action next month.

Drug testing the staff was brought up from an information item at several meetings recently. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office have been discussing this; it would be a random time out of the year and teachers would not be singled out. The Board chose not to proceed with this.

The BOE members compared the cost to change the procurement plan.

Live Healthy Lincoln County wants to put in a community walking trail on the west side of the high school, leading from the park. Gaylene Zier-Ryan presented this to the Board. Live Healthy Lincoln County is planning to apply for a grant to pay for the civil engineer needed to solve water flow issues.

The BOE learned that KESA is program that will have no cost to the district. It is known to have raised students' knowledge by 67%.

The facilities committee update was discussed by the Board members. The Mettner field updates were also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Things to help you procrastinate



Amanda Wollesen
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The Binge List

1. Grey's Anatomy - This is not a new TV show, in fact, the first episode of this show was aired March 27, 2005. This show is a drama about a group of doctors and their lives as surgeons. Specifically, Grey's Anatomy is about Meredith Grey and her relationships with her colleagues and friends throughout major losses in her life. Grey's Anatomy recently aired its 300th episode and is in its 14th season, so if you want to catch up, you have a long way to go. You need to watch this show because of its dramatic plotline that features the everyday and extreme problems of patients and doctors trying to live their lives.

2. Murder on the Orient Express - This movie is set in the 1930s and is about a trip on the Orient Express through Europe that quickly develops into a murder-mystery that the world's greatest detective, Hercule Poirot, must solve. Murder on the Orient Express features popular actors such as; Kenneth Branagh, Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Leslie Odom Jr, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Daisy Ridley. You need to watch this movie because it displays an intricate plot that ties in with a previous murder.

3. Rockstar by Post Malone - This song is about Post Malone himself as he compares his lifestyle habits to the "live fast, die young" rock and roll life. Also in this song, he references real events in rock history, by discussing Bon Scott and Jim Morrison, and mentions rockstar traditions like throwing TVs out of hotel windows. Rockstar features 21 Savage, and was released September 15, 2017. You need to listen to this song because it talks about a life that some of us might want to live someday.

4. The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story - I am looking forward to this TV show in 2018 because it sounds like an in depth retelling of how Gianni Versace was killed. American Crime Story is on FX and it is in its second season, the first season was about the O.J. Simpson Trial. The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story premieres January 17, 2018, you need to watch this show because if it's anything like the first season, it will have incredible acting and an interesting way to learn about a major American Crime.

5. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas - This movie came out in 2000, it's still my favorite Christmas movie. For those of you that have not seen it or don't know what it is, How the Grinch Stole Christmas was originally a book by Dr. Seuss. This book has since been made into two movies, but apparently a new one is in the works for 2018. The Grinch, played by Jim Carrey, decides to ruin Christmas for the citizens of Whoville by sneaking into town to swipe everything holiday-related from the Whos. However, he finds a problem in his plan when he encounters Cindy Lou Who. Meanwhile, Cindy is trying to figure out was Christmas is all about.

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The Prowl's Growl

Has the longer passing period helped you get to class on time?



Freshman
Aubrey Barleen
Yes, I have more time to get to class.



Sophomore
Joshua Rees
Yes, I have more time to get to class and stop by my locker



Junior
Kaitlin Brummer
Yes and no. It doesn't really affect me because I always get to class on time



Senior
Victor Vazquez
Yes, It gives me more time to relax and get to class on time.



Faculty
Mr. Long
Yes, because it doesn't make my students late for class

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LEOPARD VOICES

Students speak their minds on current events.
Do you think background checks should be required before buying a gun?

 "Yes, it would be stupid not to."
 - Paige McBride, 9

 "Yes, because people are crazy."
 - Benjamin Cagle, 9

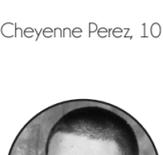
 "Yes because they could be a terrorist."
 - Tyson Palmer, 9

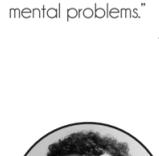
 "Yes, because we don't know if they had been in jail."
 - Dillon Baxter, 9

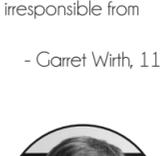
 "I would say it would be good to have, as long as it does not render your right to bear arms."
 - Stephen Fenn, 10

 "Yes, because we need to make sure the right people are buying guns."
 - Makenzie Ringquist, 10

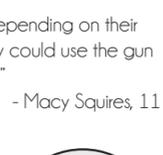
 "Yes, if we don't, they could harm or kill others."
 - Cheyenne Perez, 10

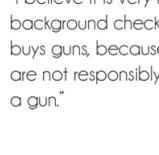
 "Yes, because they could have mental problems."
 - Kohl McBride, 10

 "Yes, to keep the irresponsible from getting one."
 - Garret Wirth, 11

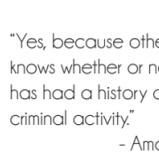
 "I think we should have a background check to own a gun because it is common sense."
 - Alex Howe, 11

 "Yes, because depending on their background, they could use the gun for good or bad."
 - Macy Squires, 11

 "I believe it is very important to make background checks on anyone who buys guns, because sadly, people are not responsibly enough to own a gun."
 - Sarah Cagle, 11

 "Yes, seems like common sense."
 - Lainie White, 12

 "Yes, because otherwise, no one knows whether or not that person has had a history of mental illness or criminal activity."
 - Amanda Wollesen, 12

 "Yes, because it is common sense."
 - Bailey Zachgo, 12

 "Yes, to make sure you are not a bad person."
 - Cody Behrens, 12

It's not okay

Amanda Wollesen
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Reviews Columnist
 sexual harassment; noun harassment (typically of a woman) in a workplace, or other professional or social situation, involving the making of unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks.

Within this past month there has been a growing list of public figures accused of sexual assault; Harvey Weinstein, Louis C.K., Roy Moore, Matt Lauer and the list goes on.

Due to all of these real allegations, questions have been brought up about the past of many other celebrities and politicians. My question is, when does it end? Has nearly every star committed some type of unwanted sexual advance? Obviously many have but these stories have also made me question not only celebrities but also

people in my life in general, where does the list of sexual harassment end? And I'm not trying to accuse anyone or anything; but to know that not only these distant public figures have committed sexual assault; but that there could also be teachers, community members, family members and any other regular citizen that has done these terrible things makes me lose a lot of faith in humanity as a whole.

Is it that hard for people to understand what "no" means? This is an irritating discussion that shouldn't have to happen but it is baffling to me that grown men and women still don't know the difference between consensual and nonconsensual sexual contact. What kind of a person thinks it's perfectly fine for them to force themselves on someone else without that other person's agreement?

Back to celebrities, seeing all of these allegations has deeply saddened me because I used to think many of these people were

good people that deserved my support for working hard and getting where they were. For example, Louis C.K. used to be one of my favorite comedians and reading about the awful things he put women through, made me lose all support of him. It is disturbing to think that getting the chance to work with someone you regard highly and then you meet them and they start doing something as disturbing as C.K. did.

I know this was brought up awhile ago but what Donald Trump had said about what he can do "as a star, and they'll let you do it," cannot be written off as just "locker room talk." It is frustrating to me that some people still deny that there was anything wrong with those comments.

Stop making sexual harassment the norm, start pointing out and talking about the problem. By doing this, maybe there will be less sexual harassment in the future.

JH Christmas Open House



Hannah Behrens and Emalie Hull with their Colorful Christmas open house presentation. (photo by Pam Curtis)



Raegen Steward and Alex Biggs with their Skiing open house presentation. (photo by Pam Curtis)



Zach Ryan and Carter Rathbun with their John Deere open house presentation. (photo by Pam Curtis)



Sydnie Norton, Ashlyn Voeltz and Avery Obermueller with their White Christmas open house presentation. (photo by Pam Curtis)

The Leopard Prowl Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

LJSHS Student of the Month



Aubry Donley
November

LJSHS faculty vote monthly for the student of the month.

Aubry was nominated for having an amazing work ethic and trying incredibly hard at everything she does. She is always willing to help another student or a teacher.

JUNIOR HIGH JIVE

What is your favorite Christmas gift ever?

"PS4, because I like it."
 - Ayden R.

"A horse, because they're legitness."
 - Joel R.

"My favorite Christmas gift is money, because you can buy stuff."
 - Blake K.

"My favorite Christmas present was going to Disney World."
 - Emily V.

"My favorite Christmas gift was a ticket to go to a K.S.U. football game with my uncle."
 - Ethan S.

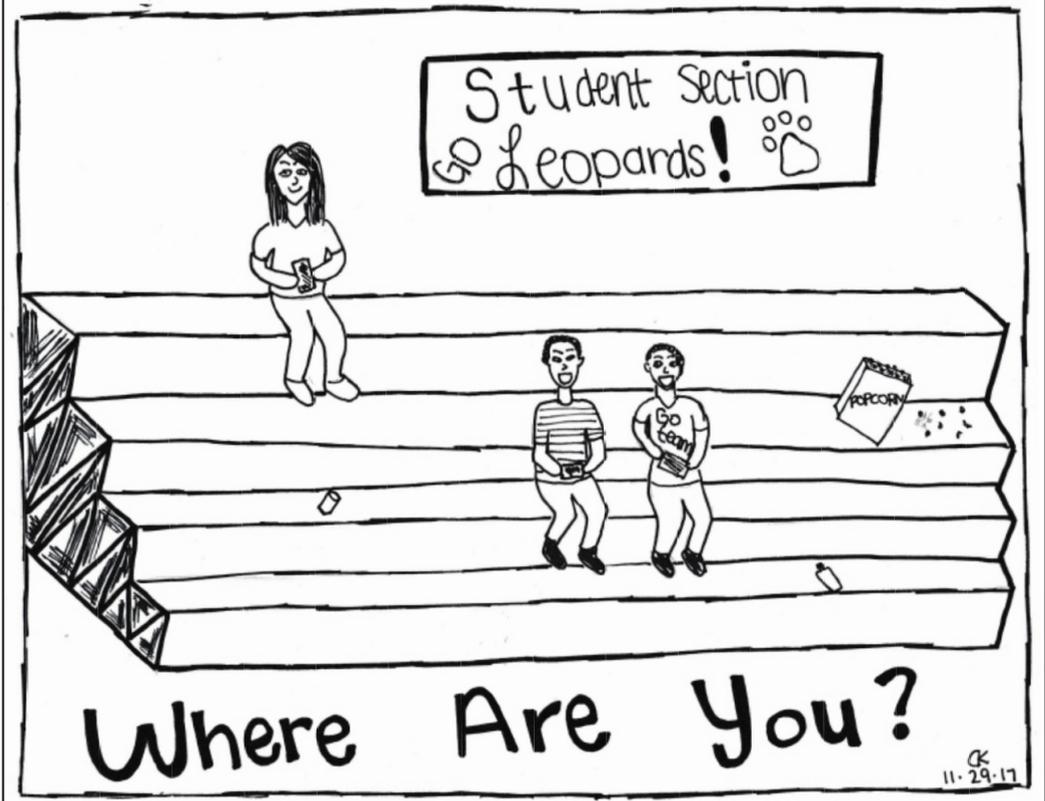
"A vacation."
 - Alex B.

"An Xbox One, because they were very good when they came out."
 - Hiram P.

"My favorite Christmas gift that I got was candy."
 - Angelise

"My favorite Christmas gift was probably my iPhone."
 - Kaylee B.

Tales from the Inside



Where Are You?

11-29-17

Sports

Why KC, Why?



Zach Obermueller
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The Extra Point

Have the Kansas City Chiefs lost their mojo? After roaring out to a 5 straight wins to start this season, KC has now lost 5 of their last 6. Sure, every win streak comes to an end at some point, but to go from number 1 in the NFL Power Rankings to a slightly above average 6-5? Sure, if this was 2012, and someone had asked me, how would you feel if Kansas City had a 6-5 record, I would've been overjoyed. But this isn't 2012, this is 2017. Kansas City has some of the best offensive personnel in the game right now.

Quarterback Alex Smith had over 700 passing yards in the first three games alone. Smith is yet to throw for more yards than he did in the Chief's first game against New England, with 368, and 4 TDs.

609 of running back Kareem Hunt's 890 rushing yards came in the Chiefs first 5 games, averaging 121 yards a game. In the last 6 games, Hunt has averaged 47 yards a game, and hasn't even reached triple digit yards since week 5.

Maybe the Chiefs just peaked early. It's happened to teams before. They just don't look like the same team they did in week one. Kansas City is ranked 27th in the NFL in red zone scoring percentage (The red zone is the area between the 20 yard line and the goal line), scoring touchdowns 46% of the time. The number 1 ranked team, the Philadelphia Eagles, are currently sitting at 71%.

Then, there it was, Sunday, against the always-terrible New York Jets. In the Chiefs first two offensive possessions, the chiefs drove straight down the field and scored two touchdowns. That was the offense we saw in week one, against the Patriots. But of course the Chiefs 10th rated offense should've absolutely shredded the number 19 Jets defense. But what really happened is that the Chiefs defense was nearly incapable of stopping the Jets offense. Josh McCown was 26/36 on his passing attempts, with 331 yards, and 1 touchdown.

The most crucial moment of the game came in the 4th quarter when the Jets were allowed 9 attempts from inside the 5 yard line and 2 chances at 2 point conversion, after multiple penalties were called on the chiefs defense, almost uncannily to what happened in the Raiders game. Cornerback Marcus Peters lost his temper during those 9 plays, and threw an official's flag into the stands. And honestly, that frustration matches how chiefs fans feel every time we lose another game.

Lincoln graduate runs at NAIA cross country meet



Lindsay Crist, a 2016 Lincoln graduate, competed at the NAIA National Cross Country Meet in Fort Vancouver, Washington. Crist runs for Tabor College; she placed 302nd out of 330 at the national meet, with a time of 21:11. (photo courtesy of Jeremy Davidson)

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Lincoln High School Alumni Lindsay Crist recently competed in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) National Cross Country meet at Fort Vancouver. Crist placed 302nd out of 330, with a time of 21:11.

"The goal is just to have a great experience," Lindsay's coach Joel Allen said. "But more importantly I want these girls to have fun and learn from

the experience so that in the future when we get here as a team, they'll be able to pass that wisdom on to those who will be new."

Making it to the National Cross Country meet is no easy task. In order to make it to one of the biggest Cross Country meets in the United States, Crist had to put in many hours of work and many miles.

Allen said, "As I've gotten to know Lindsay, I realized we needed to control her work load, so she swam for the 1st month of the summer instead of running. We've kept her mileage at

about 40 per week, but only in the later part of the season. And from there it's all about the hard work and dedication she has. Her work ethic and perseverance are 2nd to none."

To be more accurate, Crist has ran 651 miles since July in preparation for Cross Country. That's like running from Lincoln to Austin, Texas.

Crist ran at nationals along with two other runners from Tabor, Emily Kenling (Sophomore), and Julie Loewen (Junior). With all three returning next year, their cross country team has a lot to look forward to next year.

"Specifically to Lindsay, I'm really looking forward to the day she breaks 20 min in the 5k," Allen said. "That may be as soon as this track season, but we'll see. We don't graduate anyone this year, so it would be awesome to jump up a couple spots and go to nationals as a team next year (need to be top 2 in the KCAC to go as a team). But no matter what we accomplish it's a joy to work with these women day in and day out."

Winter sports begin



Allison Crist dribbles around her Bennington defender in the first game of the season against Bennington. Both girls and boys lost their opener and will be hosting the Amos Morris Tournament this week. (photo by Dylan Babcock)



Jonathan Ahring tries to escape from his opponent. Ahring placed second in the first wrestling event of the season, the Lincoln Schmiedler Invitational. (photo by Kae Hayworth)

AD answers questions about AMGS Tournament

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This is a Q&A with Athletic Director Nate Naasz.

Q: Do you know the history of the tournament?

A: "We love hosting the Amos Morris / George Stephens Classic every other year with Russell. In case you are unaware, George Stephens was the head basketball coach at Lincoln. We love getting to honor our former coach

with this basketball tournament."

Q: Who is all participating in the tournament this year?

A: "This years teams are Lincoln, Russell, Central Plains, Plainville, Phillipsburg, Ellsworth, Ell-Saline, & Nickerson."

Q: Is there anything we need to know about the tournament?

A: "This fall, Ell-Saline & Nickerson notified Russell and us that this would be their last year in the tournament as they are looking for tournaments that require less travel. This news has re-

sulted in a lot of talk or rumors about the future of the tournament. As of now Russell, who is in charge of contracts for participating schools (Lincoln is in charge of contracting with officials) has listed the two openings on the KSHSAA Games Wanted & Teams Needed webpage."

Q: Will we stay in the tournament?

A: "In all of our sports, we are continually reevaluating our schedules to find the best matchups for our programs & athletes. We have no intention of

getting out of the AMGS tournament, but we are open to new possible formats and new teams."

Q: What do you like about the tournament?

A: "I for one love hosting tournaments in our facility. We constantly receive many compliments from our out of town guests. I believe that bringing people in from out of town allows up to provide additional revenue to our local economy as many of the fans will either purchase gas or food before leaving town."

Leopard Prowl Pick'em Game Competition

- The class (or faculty) with the best record after the last newspaper issue will win an ice cream party -

	Seniors: Kenzie Romesburg	Juniors: Dalton Street	Sophomores: Macy Winters	Freshmen: Ben Cagle	Faculty: Mr. Prince
College Basketball December 9 Tulsa @ Kansas State	Tulsa	Tulsa	K-State	K-State	K-State
NFL December 10 Oakland Raiders @ Kansas City Chiefs	Raiders	Chiefs	Chiefs	Raiders	Raiders
College Basketball December 10 Arizona State @ Kansas	Kansas	Arizona State	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
NBA December 11 Charlotte Hornets @ OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder	OKC Thunder
HS Girls Basketball December 12 Sylvan Lucas @ Lincoln	Lincoln	Sylvan-Lucas	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
HS Boys Basketball December 12 Sylvan Lucas @ Lincoln	Lincoln	Sylvan-Lucas	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
Record:	9-3	7-5	8-4	8-4	7-5

Photo Essay

LHS students perform "Singin' in the Rain"



R. F. Simpson (Dylan Babcock) pulls the microphone cord and Lina Lamont (Maruby McQueen) goes flying off of her chair. (photo by Jason Curtis)



Don Lockwood tries to understand Cosmo Brown's (Albie Huskey) plan to dub over Lina Lamont's voice with Kathy Selden's (Libby Huskey). (photo by Jason Curtis)



Dora Bailey (Allison Crist) begins the show with the cast waiting for the stars of the newly released silent film starring Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont. (photo by Jason Curtis)



Kathy Selden (Libby Huskey) and flapper girls perform "Dream of You" at a party. (photo by Jason Curtis)



Kathy Selden misses Don Lockwood (Jacob Cagle) with the cake and accidentally smashes the cake into Lina Lamont's face. (photo by Jason Curtis)



Dora Bailey (Allison Crist) and the cast perform "Broadway Melody" during the second act of the show. (photo by Jason Curtis)



Don Lockwood (Jacob Cagle) and Kathy Selden (Libby Huskey) check for rain drops at the beginning of the song "Singin' in the Rain." (photo by Jason Curtis)