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Wrestling is competing at home this Thursday

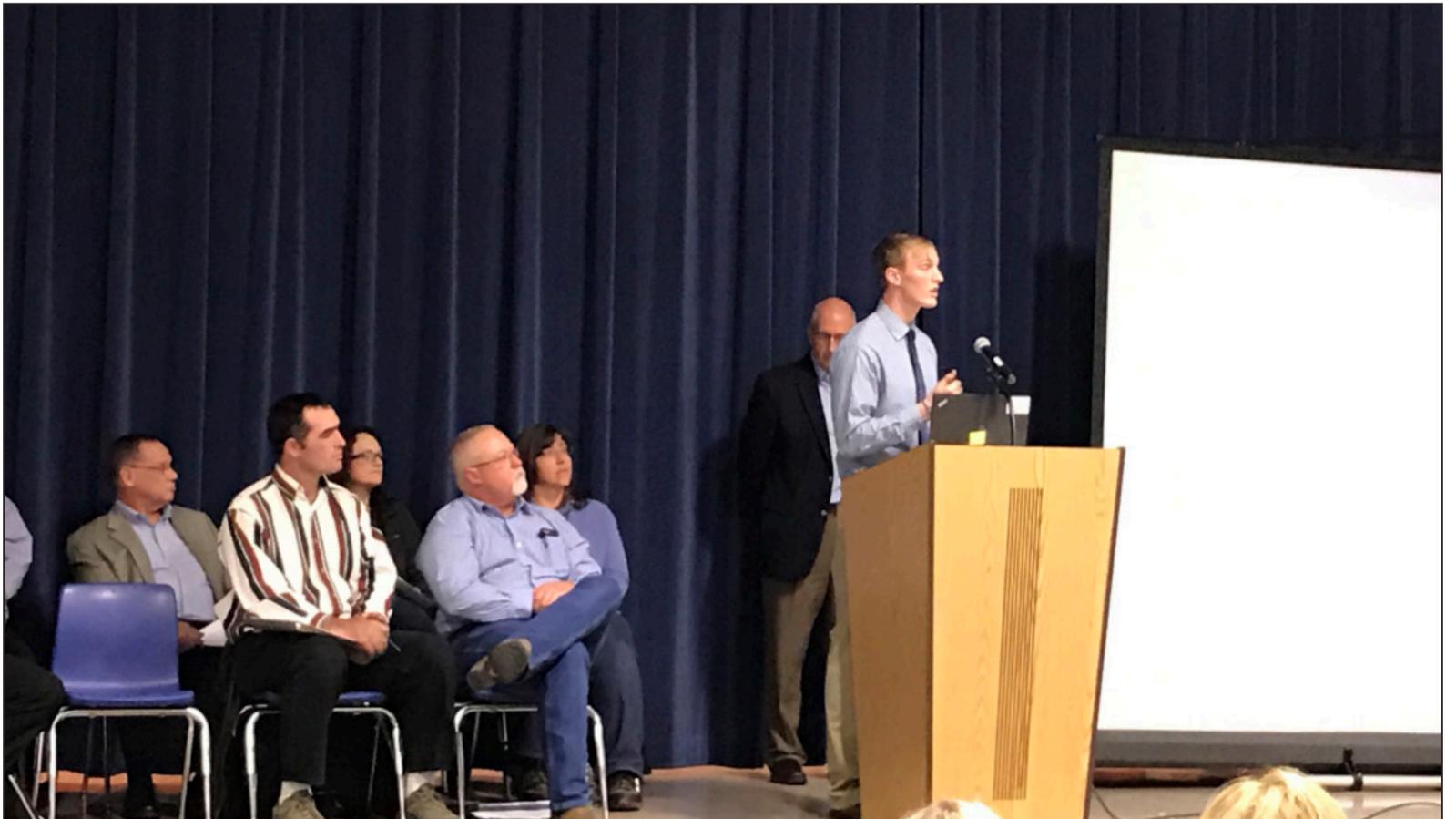
Photos of sports teams in action



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Forum held on the bond election



Jacob Hurla, a representative from 360 Energy Engineers, explains issues that are occurring in Lincoln USD 298's facilities to those who attended the public forum on January 25. The forum was organized in order to inform the public about the upcoming bond election. (photo by Dylan Babcock)

DYLAN BABCOCK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is the second part of a series of articles that will be written on the topic of the bond election.

About three years ago, USD 298 hired officials to survey both of its buildings: Lincoln Elementary School (LES) and Lincoln Junior/Senior High School (LJSHS). It was soon brought to the attention of the Board of Education (BOE) that the two buildings were in need of some major repairs or replacements. Due to Gary Nelson, the district's former superintendent retiring, the BOE had to take a break from dealing with these issues while hiring Kathy Robertson, the current superintendent. Shortly after Robertson's hiring, the BOE selected 360 Energy Engineers to help them determine the district's top priorities and how to fiscally afford the repairs and replacements.

Between 360, the district and a district-formed Community Facilities Committee, it was decided that the main issues in the facilities were the roofs and HVAC systems as well as the need for community-accessible FEMA Tornado Shelters at both buildings. The Community Facilities Committee determined that a bond was the best way to go in order to accomplish the needed replacements and repairs.

After much consideration and advice from 360 and the Community Facilities Committee, the BOE unanimously voted at their regular December 2016 meeting to hold a \$4.9 million bond election in the Spring of 2017. The BOE then viewed a timeline provided by 360 that highlighted and explained the schedule details and dates of the campaign for the

bond. Of the key dates mentioned, two were of public forums where the district and 360 representatives could explain to the public what the bond was about, what it would be used for and why they should be in favor of it. In addition, the district would also provide a tour of the two buildings in order to allow the public to witness the issues in person.

The first public forum was held at the special BOE meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at LJSHS. BOE President Monty Breneman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. After a brief introduction, Breneman handed over the meeting to 360 representative Jacob Hurla. Hurla told the public that the goal of the forum was to effectively inform the community on what the needs of the district are and how they (360) planned to help implement the projects and improvements in the future.

Hurla began his presentation by highlighting the challenges that have been identified by the school district: water leakage in the hallways, classrooms and gymnasiums of LJSHS and LES, recurring issues with HVAC rooftop units at a growing rate, the safety of students during inclement weather, security due to the need to open doors at LES on warm days and the overall comfort at LES. Each issue was then discussed thoroughly by Hurla.

Moving away from the discussion of the issues, Hurla explained how the proposed \$4.9 million bond would fund the repairs and replacements as well as how it would affect those who lived within the USD 298 district. Hurla emphasized that if the voters approved the district issuance of the general obligation bonds, the school district would be able to secure financing at what is still considered to be historically low interest rates. It was then explained that residential homes would see a \$4.43 monthly property tax increase for a house appraised at the value of \$50,000, \$8.85 for a house *See "Bond Election" -*

Band travels to KSU Band Clinic

MACY & MARISSA WINTERS
STAFF WRITERS

On January 20-22, some band students traveled to Kansas State University to participate in the annual band clinic. When they arrived at KSU, they auditioned to be a part of one of those bands. Those students who participated were Cassie Aleshire, Jaycee Wallace, Erin Zier, Angelina Vazquez, Macy Winters and Marissa Winters.

This Clinic contains six bands with one top band, they auditioned to be in one of them. Friday, the students auditioned live and started practicing with their band. Saturday, they practiced with their band and also had master classes. Sunday they practiced once more then ended the weekend with a concert. "I like it because it is KSU" said sophomore Jaycee Wallace, "And I like playing in groups with higher level music."

A few weeks before the clinic, the students were nominated by their band director, Quenana Liggett. "The students must indicate honors and work ethic" said Liggett. For auditioning, students cite read a piece that the judge gives them and might also play the chromatic scale or another scale. From that point they were selected to be in one of the six bands. The clinic was a chance for band students to play and get to know their part a little better. "Each band had their own director" said Liggett. "They choose the songs that were basically learned in a day."

The bands consisted of the Climer Band, Traficante Band, Bowen-Bustos band, Correll band, Payne Band, and the Spradling Band which was the top band. Students experience being on the KSU campus as they went to practice for their band. "I did it because I thought it would be fun to try new things I can do and I get to practice my horn." said freshmen Angelina Vazquez.

New signs were placed in front of LJSHS to stop people from parking in a no parking zone. This area needs to be kept clear for students with disabilities to be dropped off and picked up. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



The Scholars Bowl team wrapped up their season this last Wednesday going 2-5 at their regionals competition at Ell-Saline. Tia Hayworth, Amanda Wollesen, Laura Marinshagen and Dylan Babcock are pictured from left to right. (photo by Cody Wolting)

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FEATURES

The Leopard Prowl

member KSPA, JEA

The Leopard Prowl is published by Lincoln High journalism students approximately six 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.

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QUESTION OF THE ISSUE FOR THE STAFF

Do you think Valentine's Day is overrated? And if yes, why?



Dylan Babcock - Editor-in-Chief
"Yes, because people don't pay attention to the true reason of it. People are more worried about what they get rather than the love they share with their significant other or family member."

Amanda Wollesen - Managing Editor

"Yes, because a lot of people care more about how much is being spent on them, rather than the actual 'love' that they share."



Hunter Meier - News Editor

"Yes, people just blow it out of proportion. I mean it's not like Christmas or anything."



Cassandra Aleshire - Opinion Editor

"Yes, I think Valentine's Day is overrated. You should go out of your way to appreciate your significant other everyday of the year. But half price chocolate on February 15th is always cool."



Tyler Keathley - Features Editor

"I don't think it's overrated I just think it's pointless."



Allison Crist - Sports Editor

"I don't think it is overrated."



Joseph Foulke - Photo Editor

"I think Valentine's Day is overrated because people spend stupid amounts of money on things that will be thrown away."



Brittney Heald - Social Media Director

"I live for Valentine's Day because it is fun shopping for my boyfriend."



Tanner O'Bannon - Extras Editor

"Yes, because it's not worth all the fuss. You can eat overpriced chocolates and go to overly expensive restaurants any day of the year, it's not that special."



Jason Curtis - Adviser

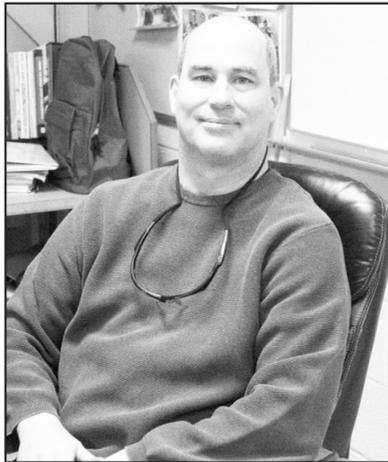
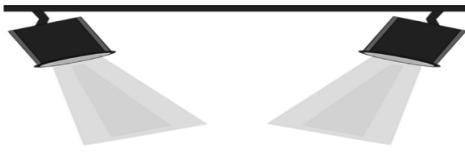
"Valentine's Day is the best holiday of the year. I have to say that because my wife reads the paper."



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THE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



JAMES LANGE

What he teaches: Wood Tech, Metal Tech, Carpentry, Drafting/Intro, and 8th Grade Shop

WRITTEN BY KAILE YOUNG AND PAYTON EMMERT - STAFF WRITERS

James Lange is the industrial arts teacher at Lincoln Jr/Sr High School (LJSHS). Many students would be surprised to find out that he plays the guitar, likes cars and taught at McPherson College before he became a high school teacher.

"I would not give up teaching right now but in the future if I was to give up teaching I would have my own constructing shop," Lange said. "My first memory at Lincoln High School is Mr. Feldkamp's loud voice."

Lange does not have any embarrassing moments at school.

Lange shows school spirit in many ways. Every year he and his students in his classes help make the play props. He has built the rails for the ramps at the football field and has also made the new track record board. Lange also participates in the annual homecoming volleyball tournament games. Besides an industrial arts class, if Lange were to enroll in a class at LJSHS he would do so in the Paw Print class so he could make shirts for the shop classes.

NEWS BRIEF AROUND THE WORLD

North America - United States President Donald Trump signed an executive order to build a wall across the the border of the US and Mexico.



South America - In Brazil, campaigners are worried that oil drilling could start in the newly discovered Amazon Coral Reef if permits are obtained from the government.



Australia - Some Australians are calling for the end of shark nets as they say the nets cause too much unintended marine death.



Africa - Evan Mawarire was detained after returning to his home country of Zimbabwe. He left the country in fear of his life after staging a large anti-government protest in July.



Middle East - Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that the the outpost Amona built on the occupied West Bank must be demolished.



Europe - France's Francois Fillon is fighting a scandal over a wage that his wife took saying she was his parliamentary assistant.



Asia - A teenage girl died after being flung out of an amusement park ride in southwestern China.



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	Preparing for the Red Out Game on Feb. 14 against Thunder Ridge	Purchase the school's vending machines to make more profit
KAY Club	President-Brittany White Vice President-Faith Panzer	Hosting a bullying and seat belt safety assembly	An Easter egg hunt at the grade school and a Literacy for a Lifetime program
Teen Advisory Board - Library	President-Dylan Babcock Vice President-Allison Crist	Planning a teen activity for the spring or summer	Plan activities for the summer reading program
National Honor Society	President-Faith Panzer Vice President-Bjorn Jonsson	Hosting a blood drive and buying items for concessions.	Sell Krispy Kremes and pick out a theme for the academic banquet

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Bus leasing mostly smooth sailing

CARSON WALTER
STAFF WRITER

Before the school year of 2016-2017 started, the board of education decided to start renting buses from the company DS Bus Lines. The buses that the school owned were not safe for the students, and buying all new ones cost a lot of money.

"DS Bus Lines is a company out of Bonner Springs, Kansas. They are a bus company that we hire to buy the buses, employ the bus drivers, and drive the routes." Superintendent, Kathy Robertson, said.

The bus renting service started in 1972. The service

worked with school districts, transporting kids, hiring drivers, and buying the buses. The owner then sold the company in 2000, and that resulted in the many new bus renting services around the area.

"We are a bus contractor that works with school districts to take on student transportation, routing, insurance, busing, and hiring the bus drivers." DS Bus Lines manager, Mark Thompson, said.

Deciding to rent buses wasn't a hard decision for the board. The buses we had owned were not passing inspections with the highway patrolman, and buying all new buses was too expensive.

"On average, one bus is around \$125,000. We had around

6 or 7 buses that had to be replaced, which means more than \$600,000. We didn't think it was wise to use all the money we had in our Capital Outlaid account." Robertson said.

Besides having a little trouble from the parents and students, the renting has gone smoothly. Eating on the buses does not only make a mess, but there are also safety reasons. Choking hazards will be hard to solve if there is only one adult on the bus.

"Starting to rent with a school is always a learning curve. Your school's students are great and well behaved. They are much better than some other places we have rented to. This has worked out well." Thompson said.

Student Council buys vending machine

HUNTER MEIER
NEWS EDITOR

After many years of the student vending machines being filled by Mahaska and Pepsi, the Student Council (StuCo) made the decision to purchase them. Due to the machines be priced out of budget, StuCo put in for a \$1,000 grant. The grant has been approved.

StuCo still however didn't have enough money to purchase the machines. The National Honor Society (NHS) had learned that StuCo was in need of money for the project and made the decision to help them out and loan the rest of the money needed to purchase the machines.

"Since StuCo will own the machines, they will stock them, and therefore receive all profit so we can do more

projects," StuCo sponsor Nikki Flinn said. "We will try to get things the student body wants as long as it meets state regulations."

As of now, StuCo receives less than 10% of the profit from the vending machine. That averages around \$80 a month. After paying off the loan from NHS, StuCo plans on using the extra money for some projects that have been thought of.

"The reason why we are purchasing the machines is because we decided that the vendors don't have the things the student body really wants," StuCo President Tanner O'Bannon said. "It's important for the future organizations because in the past we have been struggling to afford things for homecoming or other big events that we host."

Red Out Game set for Feb. 14

TYLER KEATHLEY
FEATURES EDITOR

Red...the color of the heart, without heart playing sports would be pointless and without a good heart doing everyday activities becomes nearly impossible. Every year over 600,000 people die of heart disease in just the U.S. alone, globally that number shoots to over 17 Million. The American Heart Association (AHA) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to

reducing deaths and CVD (Cardiovascular Disease) related illnesses. On Friday, February 14th, when the Lincoln Basketball teams play Thunder Ridge at LJSHS, there will be a "Red Out", all students and fans are encouraged to wear as much red as possible to support both the basketball teams and the AHA. Special Red Out shirts or paper hearts are available for purchase with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association.

Lincoln hosts league band

MICHELE STEINBORN
STAFF WRITER

We have a league competition for almost every sport, like basketball or scholar's bowl. So, why not have a league band? Each year, bands from the different schools come together to form two different bands, up until two years ago.

"All 13 schools in the Northern Plains League come together to form one band," Quenana Liggett said. "Before, one half did one band and the other half did another. This is the second year the entire league has formed one band."

Last year, Rock Hills hosted the League band. Over 100 students had participated. This year, there will be 176 total students

participating. The schools going this year include Osborne, Lincoln, Lakeside, Sylvan/Lucas, Rock Hills, Thunder Ridge, St. John's Catholic, Chase, Wilson, Pike Valley, Tescott, Southern Cloud, and Natoma.

"We do League band because we have league meetings for other activities," Liggett said. "This is not a competition like the other activities."

The students get about a month of practice time, if there aren't any interruptions from other activities or students being sick.

"This year League band is here in Lincoln. It is on Monday, February 6th. Rehearsal starts at 1:00 p.m. and the concert is at 6:00."

Secretaries do more than answer phones

KATLIN BRUMMER
STAFF WRITER

"I love working with the kids," Mrs. Batchman said. There are two ladies that help keep Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School running: Secretary Charlene Batchman and Lorrie Huehl. They are better known as the office ladies, Mrs. Batchman and Mrs. Huehl. Mrs. Batchman is the administrative assistant, she has been working at the school for 37 years. Mrs. Huehl the school's bookkeeper, has been working at the school for 6 years and this last year she moved to the office. "What I like about my job is working with the money and the kids," Mrs.

Huehl said.

Every job has its imperfections. "There are a lot more regulations and reports than when I started." Mrs. Batchman said. She loves working with the kids but all these changing rules are hard to keep up with.

"Since I am new there is a lot I don't know, like all the ins and outs and little stuff," Mrs. Huehl said.

There is more to being an office lady than most think. They handle a lot of little things. Nursing, money, calling parents when needed, talking to people when they walk through the door, and other small things we usually don't thank them for.

Students compete at Science Olympiad

TIA HAYWORTH
STAFF WRITER

Science Olympiad is an event where schools come together to compete in various competitions relating to the many different types of sciences. There are a myriad of events that you can sign up for and each event has a time limit of one hour to finish what you're doing. Most events are for teams of at least two people.

"My favorite event [this year] was Write It Do It with Dylan Babcock", Senior Brittany White said. "We really didn't know what we were doing but it was kinda fun to see how much you actually have to work at it."

This year the students that competed at Science Olympiad were seniors Bjorn Jonsson, Brittany White, Tanner O'Bannon, Tia Hayworth, and juniors Amanda Wollesen and Dylan Babcock. This was the second(?) year that Jonsson, White, and O'Bannon have competed in Science Olympiad and the first year that Babcock, Wollesen, and Hayworth have competed.

"I talked to Mr. Crist about it and he told me about the different activities and I told him the ones that I was interested in and he signed me up," Babcock said.

Most schools have a Science Olympiad team that go to meets for a whole season, much like Scholars' Bowl or Forensics. But we only compete in the meet at K-State in Salina every year. And it seems that our school has done fairly well in Science Olympiad whenever we go.

"It seems like we usually have one or two teams that place in the top four or five every year," Coach Steve Crist said. "The best we've ever done as a team, I think one year we placed fourth as a team."

There are a range of events and each event has a different way of doing it. There are events where you basically take a multiple choice test with your partner, there's events where you create things with your group, and event where you make something on your own time and bring it to the site to demonstrate it.

"Experimental Design was my favorite event," Wollesen said. "I felt the most at home, like I knew what I was doing more. I was just so confused on the other ones."

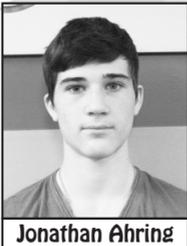
It seems that the general consensus of the best part of doing Science Olympiad is spending time with the others going to compete and going for food afterwards.

Student Spotlight

-Wrestling Edition-



Samuel Huehl



Jonathan Ahring

Favorite movie about boxing?

Creed

Favorite song to listen to before wrestling?

Thunder Struck - ACDC Right Above It - Lil Wayne

Favorite tournament to wrestle at?

Home Meets in General

Schmeidler Invite

Classroom Corner

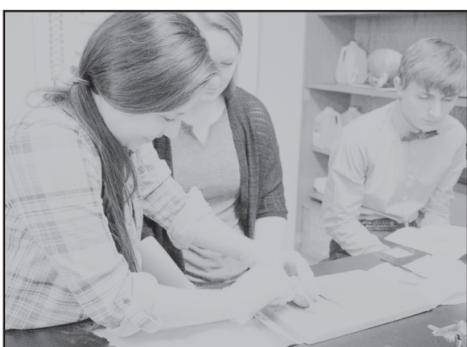
Class: Advanced Biology Teacher: Steve Crist

What's Going on Here: Students of the Advanced Biology class dissect a sheep kidney in a lab.

"It's cool to be able to see what you're studying in class." - Colin Obermueller

"We were dissecting a kidney and there really wasn't much to it. It was interesting."
- Jackie Garay

"I thought dissecting the kidney was awesome. It is cool to see all the parts."
- Amanda Wollesen



Jackie Garay dissects the kidney while Amanda Wollesen and Colin Obermueller read her instructions.



Kaleb Russell and Baily Zachgo follow the lab instructions while cutting up the kidney.



Jackie Garay, Amanda Wollesen and Colin Obermueller finish up the lab. (photos by Joseph Foulke)

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Students, staff share Valentine's Day thoughts

ZACH OBERMUELLER

STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is just around the corner now, so I decided to take to the halls of LJSHS to ask our high school students about Cupid's special day.

Q: What do you really think of Valentine's Day?

Tanner O'Bannon- I think it's stupid, and a waste of people's money.

Carson Walter- You should care about your significant other every day, not once a year.

Mr. Curtis- Valentine's Day feels like it's a day of forced love.

Q: Do you plan to buy your "special lady" a gift?

Dylan Wiebke- Yes.

Jonathan Ahring- Probably.

Trent Hachmeister- Yeah.

Q: What do you want your boyfriend to buy you for Valentine's Day?

Carson Walter- Chocolate.

Abrialle Campbell- Food.

Mikayla Breneman- Sour patch kids.

Libby Huskey- Chocolate.

Q: What could a student bring you for Valentine's Day to raise their grade?

Mr. Curtis- Flowers (So I don't have to buy them for Mrs. Curtis.)

Mrs. Curtis- A trip to Disneyworld.

Mrs. Walter- Homework.

What are you gonna do, since

you will be spending Valentine's day alone?

Zachary Obermueller- Sit in my room, and cry.

Cody Behrens- Have crippling depression.

Emma Corpstein- Cry.

Q: Favorite thing about Valentine's day?

Maruby McQueen- Going on a date.

Emma Corpstein- The chocolate on sale after.

Q: Least favorite thing about Valentine's day?

Thomas Rojas- The obnoxious amount of pink.

Joseph Foulke- All of the annoying couples.

STUDENTS OF LINCOLN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



NATHAN FELDKAMP

Nathan Feldkamp is a senior at Lincoln Jr/Sr. High School. Feldkamp is in Football and Wrestling. Wrestling is Nathan's favorite sport. Outside of school, Feldkamp is in Upward Bound and St. John's Youth Group. Feldkamp enjoys his elective classes. "I'm in STEM, art, T-Shirt painting and Senior PE because they are fun," Feldkamp said.

Feldkamp watches Parks and Recreation, The Walking Dead, Game of Thrones and Captain America Civil War on TV. Feldkamp's wish for this year is to graduate high school. Between Dr. Pepper and Pepsi, Feldkamp prefers Dr. Pepper. Feldkamp wants to travel to Hawaii, Alaska and Australia. Feldkamp's favorite subject in school is art because he is creative. Feldkamp has 3 cats: Midnight, Molly and Munchkin.



KALEB RUSSELL

Kaleb Russell is a junior at Lincoln Jr/Sr High School. Russell's electives in school are choir, weights, human growth and development, and communications. Russell watches Grey's Anatomy, Law and Order, SVU, and How to Get Away with Murder. He listens to Pop and 2000's music.

Russell has a few pet peeves. "It bothers me when people make me late or they are making me wait for them when they are late," Russell said.

Kaleb's biggest wish for this year is to pass his Junior year. Between Dr. Pepper and Pepsi, Kaleb prefers Dr. Pepper. Russell would like to take a vacation to the Great Barrier Reef, Paris, and Tokyo because he thinks they are amazing and would be beautiful to go and see. History is Russell's favorite subject in school because he likes hearing how we move on in major tragedies. Russell has two dogs named Marble and Amigo. Russell's favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate fudge brownie.

WRITTEN BY ABRIALLE CAMPBELL AND BRISTOL MCBRIDE - STAFF WRITERS

Involvement in some clubs declining

ALLISON CRIST

SPORTS EDITOR

Some clubs at Lincoln Jr/Sr High School (LJSHS) have declined over the years. Pep Club has tried to come back into the school but just can't quite get going again. Alumni Mandi Crist can remember what pep club was like when she was in school.

"Pep Club was a group of mostly girls that chose officers and tried to promote school spirit," Crist said. "We tried to sit together at games and helped the cheerleaders with cheers during the games."

"At times there has been great student involvement at games but the consistency is not there like it used to be. It is encouraging to see the student body support the athletes by either dressing up or making signs that boost the players on the floor or field. Theme nights I thought was a really good idea and gave the crowd a reason to get involved," Crist said.

Having a pep club in the school system can also influence the grade school kids. Alumni and LJSHS Business Teacher Nikki Flinn says she can remember watching the pep club when she was in grade school.

"We didn't have an actual pep club when I was in high school, but when I was in grade school I know they had an actual pep club," Flinn said. "They sat on the stage at the grade school in their own particular area. The band sat on the stage with them. You could letter in pep club if you met certain requirements. They all went to the games and everyone cheered. It was a big deal."

Having the band sit by the student section at games seems like a good idea. In the past years, LJSHS's band program has seen dwindling involvement. Alumni Jim Metz and Bree McReynolds-Baetz were a part of the band and can

explain how important it was when they were in school.

"Band played a huge role in my high school experience," Metz said. "It provided a break in the day from the rigorous routine of classroom lectures, note-taking and tests. Band is a class where you get to make something and that something is Music, the universal language. I was also fortunate enough to have been a drummer during the days of the 'Blue Crew,' the LHS drum line and 'Rhythm n Blue,' a Lincoln based drum corps which consisted mainly of LHS students with members from Sylvan Grove and Salina. We competed at events in Tulsa and Denver and were the backbone of the band. Just like the top athletes and academic achievers, the drummers got respect."

McReynolds-Baetz said, "I was in band from junior high through my high school years. The band classes were large and I remember most of my classmates and friends being in the class and it was something that everyone was proud to be a part of. We were a team. My involvement in concert band took me to Europe my junior year, where I had the opportunity to travel for approximately one month while performing in seven different countries, in front of large crowds of people. My involvement in marching band introduced me to the Color Guard, which I eventually became captain of and enjoyed choreographing flag routines to the marching band performances. I have a strong love for music today and I attribute that to the influences I had through our band program."

Many alumni see things that they would like to see change at LJSHS.

"I would like to see more pride shown in how parents and students support their student athletes," Crist said. "Maybe something like standing while the starters are being announced or giving a round of applause for the great effort at the end of the game. I would like [see DECLINE pg. 6](#)

Leopard Prowl Pick'em Game Competition

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

	Tyler Hachmeister	Lainie White	Dalton Street	Yani Wolf	Mrs. Wolting
	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	Faculty
Men's College Basketball - ESP2 February 4 - 7 p.m. Illinois State @ Wichita State	Wichita State	Wichita State	Wichita State	Wichita State	Wichita State
Men's College Basketball - ESPN February 6 - 8 p.m. Kansas @ Kansas State	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
NFL - Super Bowl LI - Houston, Texas Fox - February 5 - 5:30 p.m. Atlanta Falcons vs. New England Patriots	Atlanta	New England	New England	Atlanta	New England
HS Girls Basketball - February 10 6 p.m. Lincoln @ Rock Hills	Lincoln	Lincoln	Rock Hills	Lincoln	Lincoln
HS Boys Basketball - February 10 7:30 p.m. Lincoln @ Rock Hills	Lincoln	Lincoln	Rock Hills	Lincoln	Lincoln
Record of the Year - Grammy's Los Angeles, CA CBS - February 12 - 7 p.m. "Formation" by Beyonce, "Hello" by Adele, "7 Years" by Lukas Graham, "Work" by Rihanna featuring Drake or "Stressed Out" by Twenty One Pilots	"Hello"	"Formation"	"7 Years"	"Hello"	"Hello"
Record	8-10	15-3	12-6	10-8	12-6

Zach Obermueller - Tied with Mr. Feldkamp for the best picking record - "I'm pretty proud of myself for getting the most right in the last issue. All the other idiots picked Alabama and I didn't."

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We all should be feminists Please protest peacefully

Fem-i-nism / noun / the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes. NOT a group of crazy women who think the only way to make the world right is to eliminate all men.

Fem-i-nist / noun / a person who supports feminism. NOT a woman who is a misandrist (a woman who hates men) believing that women are the superior sex.

Now that that has been covered, arguably the most iconic thing that has happened so far in 2017 has been the Women's March that took place around the world on January 21. Many people who are 'against' the Women's March claim that it was a 'planned parenthood march' or that it was a disgrace for all women due to the way marchers were parading themselves. I disagree with those statements.

The overall goals and vision for the marches were to prove that women's rights are human rights. Not only women's rights but all other rights that are just as important, LGBTQ rights, POC rights, everyone deserves the same rights and freedoms without the discrimination. Because I am a woman, I feel like I am allowed to speak up on

whether or not the marches were a disgrace to women. To me, they weren't, I was completely inspired and in awe over the amount of support from women and men from all different races, ages, and religions that participated across the globe. These marches took place in: Washington D.C., Vancouver, Seattle, New York, Maui, Melbourne, Los Angeles, Amsterdam, Paris, Fairbanks, and even in Antarctica just to name a few. With over 5 million people who were able to participate, I think the voices of the women who are struggling to be heard were finally noticed.

A controversial topic that was briefly talked about during these marches was Planned Parenthood. I think a lot of people are misinformed about the importance of the organization. It's not just an abortion clinic, the specialists at the clinic also help with prenatal care, treatment for STDs, services for contraception, cancer screenings, pregnancy tests and many others. Unfortunately due to the media, PPH is given a bad reputation because some clinics do provide abortion services.

Which leads to another topic that people feel the need to throw their opinion on. A lot of people, men included, want to dictate whether or not a woman should be able to have an abortion. When was it decided that a woman should lose her right to decide what happens to her own body? In some cases, a woman doesn't want an abortion because she's 'lazy and doesn't want to deal with the financial hardships that come with a child', she wants that abortion because she was raped or some other incredibly tragic thing happened to her and she cannot handle the thought of carrying the reminder of that around for nine months. There are many reasons a woman may want an abortion and they're all legitimate. If you want to defund a program that helps families even after the birth of the child you're not pro-life, you're pro-birth.

The last important topic I felt necessary to cover about the march is traditionalism. This is what many women who didn't participate claim as their top reason. The only disgrace that came from this movement was the step back we took with the women who don't realize how oppressed they actually are and sound. The march was not a movement against Donald Trump everyone is painfully aware he's our president [see FEMINIST pg. 6](#)

Let me start off by saying that I am a full supporter of our nation's First Amendment. I believe that everyone in the country has the right to express their opinions and voices rather it be through their choice of religion, delivering a speech, writing for the press, coming together as a group to protest, or by petitioning; however, I believe that your actions shown or words spoken should be kept at a peaceful level.

Next, I would like to state that I do believe that there are inequalities between men and women around the world; however, I do not think that they are nearly as major here in the United States as they are in other nations (especially in the Middle East). Here in the US, I believe that the only differences between men and women are that women can be paid less than men and that women are harassed far more than men.

I'm sure that most of you know by now that what I'm talking about is portraying to the Women's Marches that took place in numerous cities around the world on Saturday, January 21.

I think that it was great that there were a large amount of women, as well as men, who came together to share their beliefs while marching in the Women's Marches. Despite this, the actions and words that came from some of these people were just flat out distasteful and disrespectful. At the marches, there were groups of these people that threatened to kill others, excluded women that didn't have the same "idealistic and progressive" views, caused damage to property, wore deprecatory clothing, and shouted derogatory slurs towards other groups of people. These are the exact kind of actions that the very people whom participated in these marches stand against. You can't do these kind of things. It's not okay. It's just not okay!

If you want your voice to be heard and expect the government to consider your opinions, you can't act in a way that completely disgusts others in your city, nation and world.

You can't go out and say that you've "considered blowing up the White House." It's not fair to shun someone else for not believing in the same things that you do. It's immoral (and illegal) to vandalize property just to try and prove a point. Wearing clothing that depicts female genitalia might be something that you're proud of, but keep in mind, it also might be quite unappealing to others. Calling out men for being slobs and claiming that women are superior over all is not only sexist, but also demeaning to men. Finally, shouting offensive and nasty comments at someone isn't going to solve your problems, it's just going to make things worse.

Yes, I do know that not everyone whom participated in these marches did these kinds of things, but there were that did, and their actions did hurt people.

It's important for our government to consider everyone's opinions and views while making decisions. That's how democracy is supposed to work. We all have to work together to make decisions and find compromises where a majority - if not all - of the citizens are happy. It's very important though that while we work together we keep in mind that the decisions our government makes are ones that are supposed to protect the constitution, the people and our land.



Tanner O'Bannon
Tanner's Trends



Dylan Babcock
Dylan's Deliberations

Hoorays

It's still winter, so there's still a chance for a couple of snow days off.... looking at you Mother Nature.

ATTENTION: THIS IS NOT A DRILL. CHICK-FIL-A IN SALINA IS OPENING SOON. GET YOUR NUGGET NEEDS READY.

Did I get you thinking about food? Well get ready because McDonald's has recently unveiled two new sizes of Big Macs. The Mac Jr. for those who are not willing to face a challenge and the GRAND MAC for those who DARE throw hands with it.

Grey's Anatomy is back on <3...That's it, that's all I'm gonna say about Grey's.

I went and saw the movie Split the other weekend and let me tell you, it was really good...etcetera (if you don't understand that reference GO WATCH IT before The Beast gets you).

Turkish chef, Nusret Gökçe, has quickly become an extremely popular man all because of the particular way he salts his steak, and I know it's only the second month of 2017 but I will love this meme forever. #SaltBae

Hooray, we have a "new" cell phone policy....wait let me look again....nope, it's the same exact one, except more harsh. I JUST WANT AN EXPLANATION PLZ.

Boo-hoos

It's almost Valentine's Day...woo....another holiday that people have ruined by caring way too much about what's spent on them.

The Holiday Season™ is technically over...only 10 more months to wait for the next one :')

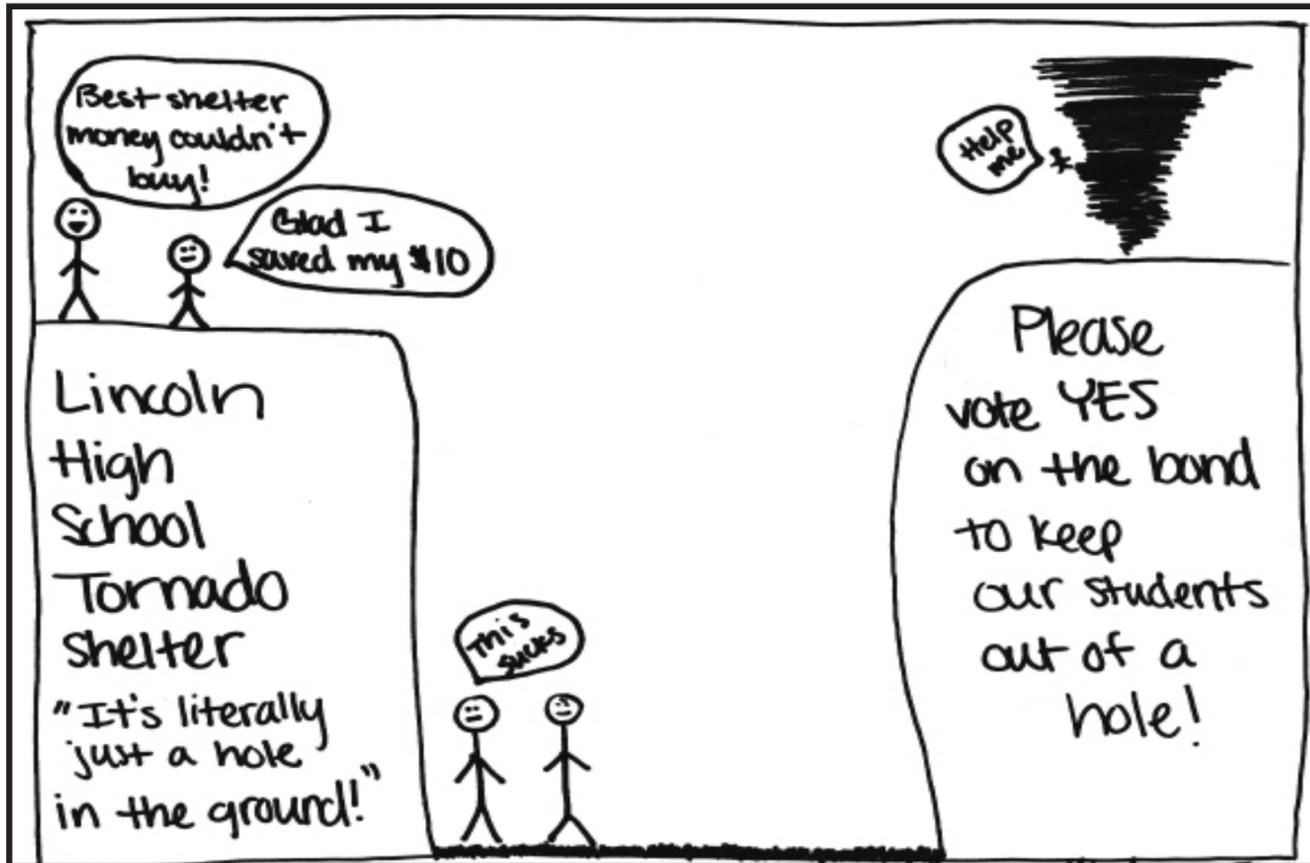
The Ringling Brothers have announced they are shutting down their circus act. Those poor clowns. I guess 2017 isn't getting any better for you.

I don't like getting political but, Trump just banned people from Syria, Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and Libya from entering the US....so in case you guys haven't heard, there won't be anymore terrorism in the United States....wait a minute, what's he gonna do if there's already citizens living in America that want to terrorize... America?

The Patriots will more than likely win the Super Bowl, *cough* *cough* Oh excuse me, I was just coughing up that lost air from Deflategate.....

The best thing about the Super Bowl is the commercials. If you disagree with me y'all can cash me outside how bow dah.

Tales from the Inside



Hall Talk

Do you like cats, dogs or neither?	Dogs	Kitties	Cats	Dogs	Dogs
Which movie has been better than the book?	Harry Potter	Harry Potter	Harry Potter	None	Hunger Games
What is your favorite reality TV show?	Jersey Shore	My 600 lb. Life	Keeking up with the Kardashians	Chopped	Jersey Shore
What is the last thing you watched on Netflix?	The Beaver	Awkward	10 Things I Hate About You	Gossip Girl	Luke Cage
Which show needs to be added to Netflix?	Star Wars or Harry Potter	Teen Wolf	Game of Thrones	Teen Wolf	Teen Wolf
	August Walter	Brianna Wilson	Colin Obermueller	Emma Corpstein	Trever Kirk

SPORTS

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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From top to bottom: Chantz Vath tries to sprawl away from his opponent at the Red Cloud Invitational. Jerry Marinhagen pushes his opponents shoulder down to get ready for a pin at the Minneapolis JV Tournament. Tia Hayworth shakes hands and is ready to start her match at the Hoisington Duals. (photos by Kae Haywoth)



From top to bottom: Brittany White is fouled against Osborne in the NPL Tournament. Lincoln won the game against Osborne. Sean Obermueller drives to the basket off of a Drew Biggs screen against Natoma. Lincoln would end up beating Natoma. Tyler Keathley goes in for a layup against Natoma. (photos by Dylan Babcock)



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for the next four years. The Women's March was a movement for our voices to be heard, to prove that we will not be silenced and the rights and freedoms we have just finally been granted will not be taken away without a fight. Women who stand up for what they believe in and protest what is wrong are not defiant, they just aren't willing to let the rights we've

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Page 6 appraised at the value of \$100,000 and \$17.72 for a house appraised at \$200,000. Commercial property owners would see a monthly increase of \$19.27 for property valued at \$100,000 and agricultural property owners would see an increase of \$46.25 if they have an agricultural income or productivity of \$200,000.

After the explanation of the financial aspect of the bond, the proposed FEMA-rated storm shelters were discussed. Where the shelters would be located and how they could be used as a multi-purpose building were of the main topics discussed.

Throughout the forum, members of the Community Facilities Committee and teachers of both LJSHS and LES spoke. Melodee Larsen, a fourth grade teacher at LES, described how she could remember the tornado that came through Lincoln a few years ago. Larsen as well as other teachers acted as if they were just conducting a normal tornado drill, but the students could tell that something wasn't right.

"You have 30 third- and fourth-graders all down on their hands and knees, trying to keep their heads down, and their hands on their heads and they're crying," Larsen said.

Larsen reassured her students that they were in a safe place.

"Do you think I believed it," she said. "No. I didn't because I looked up there and thought, 'Heaven help us if a storm or something else comes through those windows because there's going to be shattered glass everywhere all over these children.' And you know, these might not be my biological kids, but they are my kids."

The tornado ended up touching down about a half-mile outside of town, missing both LES and LJSHS.

"And I think we need to consider that - how important a storm shelter is to our children because you know, all it would take is one," Larsen said. "And then we would all feel regret that we didn't do the things that we needed to do because of the loss of one child. That's all it would take. I know I would. That's why I'm definitely in favor of this bond issue. Because who's more important to us than our children and our future generations?"

Even though the bond issue would raise property taxes for those who live in the USD 298 district, Larsen said that it was something that the taxpayers should do in support of their community.

"I continue to pay taxes to support my community even though my children are no longer in district schools," Larsen said. "It's something we all need to do to promote education, and a safe education, because that's what it's all about - community."

Christi Walter, a math teacher at LJSHS, also voiced her memories of the tornado and her

Decline (From Page 4)

to see spirit lines for the athletes as they enter and/or leave the floor or field on a more consistent basis. Those types of efforts help players feel appreciated."

"I would love if all of our clubs and activities are successful each year. If everyone in the school found something that they could belong to and be proud of. Whether that is athletics or an extracurricular. When all students get involved and become proud of what they represent that is when some awesome things start to happen. Plus, a lot of times when a couple organizations, teams, etc become successful then that becomes a ripple effect for

earned get taken away as if they aren't important.

If you're a decent human being, a person who cares about solving the injustices that we face on a day to day basis and believes in the equality of men and women, you too should call yourself a feminist.

reason to vote yes for the bond issue.

Before the tornado occurred, during practice drills, Walter would often think about what it would be like if there was an actual tornado touchdown.

"Two years ago, I was in that room with those kids," Walter said. "And when you have all those kids in there, and you're looking at the ceiling, and the tornado was across the highway, you get a new perspective. Two of my own children were in those same rooms as were many of yours, and your whole perspective changes. And like Melodee said, do we want to wait until it's too late, or do we want to take care of things now so we don't have to go there?" Walter said, "You entrust us to protect (your children), and I felt that day, we weren't doing a very good job. It's no longer a joke, okay? It's serious. The rooms, the ceilings. We haven't done much maintenance to this building. I think it's really important that we continue and work to keep this building of the best in our league."

At the end of the presentation, after all questions were asked and answered, TJ Johnson, Vice-President of the BOE, explained the voting information for the bond election. Johnson said that the bond election will only affect those who lived within the boundaries of Lincoln USD 298. In order to vote, you must be registered 30 days before the election date. The County Clerk will mail out the official ballots to each qualified voter. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 is the anticipated mailing date, with the ballots needing to be received by the County Clerk by noon on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Proceeding the presentation was a facilities tour of both the LJSHS and LES buildings. If the bond issue passes, the replacements of the LJSHS roof and rooftop HVAC units would take place over this summer. The LES roof replacement and rooftop HVAC unit installation as well as the construction of the community FEMA shelters at both schools would take place during the summer of 2018, with possible ground work for the tornado shelters beginning in the spring of 2018.

If the bond issue fails, the district will face some difficult decisions.

Robertson said, "The district doesn't have enough money to fix any one item but will have to take each item, for instance, the roof at LJSHS would only be done in sections over several years. This is the way each item would be done, over a series of years."

- Another public forum has been scheduled for March 1; however, district officials said that the definite date is still being determined.

many other organizations," Flinn said. "It also starts to ripple through the classroom. Kids want to do good so they can participate. It then goes through the community. The whole community will start to back and support the school, the kids, and different activities."

"After reading the last edition of the student paper I was troubled by the level of animosity that seems to exist between some of those involved in sports and those who do not participate," Metz said. "The fact is, in order for LHS to be a top notch school, we all have to be supportive of all activities and clubs."