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Junior Libby Huskey instructs a dance class in Tipton, Kansas. Huskey began teaching the classes during the school year when the original teacher, Deb Houghton, was diagnosed with cancer. This year is Huskey's seventh year of either taking or teaching dance lessons. (Courtesy photo)

Chaz Edmundson

Intro-Reporter

In the 4th grade, Libby Huskey began taking dance classes with Annie Dohl. Little did she know that it would become such a big part of her life. Now in her seventh year of dance, Huskey not only takes classes, she also helps teach classes in Lincoln, Sylvan Grove, and Tipton. Huskey puts 14 to 15 hours a week towards dance; although it can seem time consuming, Huskey finds it to be rewarding and has learned from independently teaching the class in Tipton. "It's given me leadership skills, learned how to control the little kids and how to keep them motivated," Huskey said. "I've done a lot of fun

activities but have also made sure that they have respect. Otherwise, they would never follow the rules. I've gained a lot of independence." The amount of time that dancing takes in Huskey's life has been something that Huskey sometimes wonders what she could have done instead. "I feel like I'm always there and I feel that by not doing sports in highschool, I've missed out on a lot of social interactions," Huskey said. "There're a lot of comradery when you are on a sports team with someone. I definitely wish I could do both dance and sports." Throughout her dancing career, Huskey has performed many dances; however she usually enjoys the jazz songs more because of their

upbeat sound. "It depends on the dance, but mostly you can feel certain emotions during a certain type of dance," Huskey said. "I like to do jazz dances because I think they're pretty, happy and sassy. The song called *Animal* by Ke\$ha will always be my favorite dance. It was jazz and contemporary, which had a strange combination, but it was really fun." Like every human being would get nervous before a play, recital or simply a game day, Huskey feels emotions too. Huskey said, "It definitely depends on the performance. If I'm performing for a basketball game and I know a bunch of my friends will be watching me, I get nervous, but I get more

nervous when it's a formal recital." Over the past years, Dohl has noticed growth as both a dancer and a person. Dohl has recognized the differences that she has seen in Huskey since she has began teaching and is proud of the hard work she's put in. "I think Libby has gained confidence in her own dancing since she's been teaching for me," Annie Dohl said. "She has been able to pass on her knowledge of dance to younger dancers, yet also knows how to have fun with them. God has given her a gift and watching someone use their gift to serve others is a beautiful thing to see."

English teacher position filled

Carson Walter
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Features Editor/Layout

At the beginning of October, the USD 298 school board approved the hiring of Nathan West as a new English teacher. West is a Kansas University graduate and grew up in a suburb outside of Lawrence. "Before teaching at Lincoln, I helped to open up a board game shop in downtown Kansas City called, Level One Game Shop, and was the board game specialist/game teacher," West said. "Along with that I did substitute teaching on the side to keep my hand in teaching." While looking at a state-run website that lists every school that needs a teacher, West ran across Lincoln Jr/Sr High School. After applying and getting the job, him and his wife, Emily West, moved 200 miles westward to a home in Salina. "I have a wife, Emily, and we've been married for almost 5 years now," West said. "She is in the Air Force reserves, but works full-time out of Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri." When this school year started, USD 298 Schools' Superintendent,

Kathy Robertson, had been teaching English classes with Jason Curtis. Robertson taught one sophomore class and one junior class, while Curtis did as well. West said, "Mrs. Robertson was nice enough to get the classes to a natural transition point so I could take them whichever way I wanted when I came in. It's given me a lot of freedom to choose what I want to do with my students." At semester, West will gain all sophomore and junior English classes. Curtis will then be able to switch those classes out for a Paw Print class and a video productions class. "Getting all of the English classes next semester will definitely make things more interesting for me," West said. "It should be good and keep me plenty busy." When West isn't teaching, he likes to do martial arts and play video and board games. West said, "I'm looking forward to getting to know all of my students better and helping them succeed. Lincoln is a great school and I'm excited to be here."



Students of the high school carpentry class are constructing a storage shed to help create more space for storing maintenance items. The class is expecting to finish the project by the end of the school year. Pictured are (L-R): Baily Zachgo, Anthony Burlingame, Tyler Good, Tyler Walford, Drew Biggs, Jordan Lyne and Derek Feldkamp (Photo by Carson Walter)

Storage space needed

Carpentry class takes on shed project

Libby Huskey
For the Leopard Prowl
Lincoln High School is receiving a new addition, a storage shed is currently under construction on the west side of the school, directly outside of the wood shop. The building of this structure has been going on since the first weeks of September under the supervision of Mr. James Lange. "The school is running out of storage space for all the maintenance tools," Industrial Arts Teacher James Lange said. "The new building will be used

for storage to make more room for our janitors." Instead of hiring an external agency to build the structure, the high school has found workers from within. Students in Lange's third hour carpentry class have been given the opportunity to construct the storage shed. The students of the class have expressed their appreciation for this real-life experience in carpentry. "I'm glad I have the chance to work on a bigger project," student Tyler Good said. "Working on the new addition shows me what real life carpentry is all about."

After a month and a half of construction, the general outline of the storage space is already visible. The storage shed is expected to be finished before the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Construction may slow down during the winter due to colder temperatures, but will pick back up in the spring. "It should be done, no problem, before the end of the school year," Lange said. "I'm actually hoping for it to be done by spring break. I couldn't tell you for sure, but I'm hoping for it to be done by the spring."

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the month of November, LJSHS students, performers, and winter sports athletes will participate in their respective activities.

NOVEMBER

No School - Teacher's Inservice

The LHS musical cast will be performing "Singin' in the Rain."
Sat - 7 pm
Sun - 3 pm

LHS winter sports athletes begin practicing

No School - Thanksgiving Break

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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.

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Editorial topics will be chosen by the staff members.

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

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

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

QUESTION OF THE

ISSUE FOR THE STAFF

What is the best costume you've worn for Halloween? Why and when did you wear it?



Dylan Babcock - Editor-in-Chief
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"My favorite costume was Darth Vader when I was in second grade. I liked this costume at the time because the mask had a voice changer."



Hunter Meier - News Editor/Layout

"My favorite costume was a ghost prisoner that I wore in 4th grade. I liked this costume because it was creepy."



Carson Walter - Features Editor/Layout
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"I was a social butterfly last year. It was fun to tell people what I was because it was a pun, and it was fun to make."



Preston Howard - Opinions Editor
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"Sully! I wore this because I had no other choice. I was a baby. (I won cutest baby)."



Zach Obermueller - Sports Editor/Layout
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"Last year, I was a tourist, and I bought all the stuff for my costume like the day of."



Joseph Foulke - Photo Editor
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"When I was like three, I dressed as Laa-Laa the Teletubby. This was my favorite costume because Teletubbies are lit."



Cassandra Aleshire - Extras Editor
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"When I was little, my dad put a BUNCH of makeup on me to make it look like I was in a motorcycle accident. It looked so real people asked if I was OK."



Emma Corpstein - Copy Editor
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"The best costume I had was last year. I wore a gruesome red riding hood costume because I love doing makeup and I love hearing her story."



Kathryn Detmer - Cartoonist/Layout
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"My best costume was in Kindergarten when I was a Cheerleader but I also wanted to be cat-woman so I put my cat ears on and became a cat-cheerleader."



Amanda Wollesen - Reviews Columnist
@ALWollesen7

"Last year, I dressed up as Napoleon Dynamite and my friend Tanner was Pedro. It was a last minute thing but we won a costume contest"



Allison Crist - Advanced Reporter
@allicrist11

"I was dressed up as a cowgirl and I loved it because my dream was to be one when I was little and I remember wearing it sometime in grade school."



Brianna Emmert - Advanced Reporter
@bailey23

"Three years ago I liked dressing up as Batwoman because I went all out and actually had fun, unlike any other year."



Payton Emmert - Advanced Reporter
@PaytonEmmert1

"My favorite costume was when I was in sixth grade and was wearing a cookie monster costume. I wore it because I wanted to."



Kaile Young - Advanced Reporter

"My sister and I were a horse when I was 5 because it was my favorite animal and my sister used to do whatever I did."



Jason Curtis - Adviser
@curtis_jason

"I don't have a best but here's my worst. I was in 2nd grade and wanted to be Batman so my mom made me a costume, but the ears didn't stand up. Here I was, a chubby, little Batman walking around with ears that did not stand up."

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Local businesses offer Halloween treats

Libby Huskey

For the Leopard Prowl

Halloween, a holiday honored throughout the world, is celebrated in a special way in Lincoln, KS. Every year, on October 31st, our local businesses welcome trick-or-treaters from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children up until 6th grade are greeted with treats of many sorts. While some businesses hand out the traditional sweets, others, like Patterson's Pharmacy hand out healthier snacks such as fresh fruit.

"The Pharmacy handed out Cuties that had been decorated with Jack-O-Lantern faces. The kids loved them," Pharmacy Employee Sarah Cagle said. "Despite the cold weather, it was worth it to get to see all the kids in their costumes."

A large supporter of this event is the Lincoln Park Manor, the local nursing home. This year, 34 residents gave each trick-or-treater three kinds of sweets. After receiving 372 participants, each resident handed out over 900 pieces of candy. Overall, 57,000 pieces

of pieces of candy were handed out this Halloween between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Members of the community have expressed their appreciation of this event.

"I like it as a parent because I don't have to take my kids around town during the cold weather," Spanish Teacher Hillary Holeman said. "I especially appreciate the nursing home because it is inside and because we get to visit people we would normally never see."

Over 15 businesses on main street took part in the

Halloween fun. In order to include themselves in the commemoration, some businesses had to close early, therefore losing profit. And despite the cold weather, community members stayed out to make sure that each child who participated received warm welcomes and treats.

"I participate because I want to help provide a safe environment for kids in our community to trick or treat, and I enjoy seeing all the great costumes," Insurance Works owner Katie Obermueller said.

From the Principal's Desk

- Christi Walter -

What is Leopard Pride?

As we reached the end of the first quarter of school, the newness of the school year is over and the hope for great things is now the reality. What is our current reality?

When I read the definition of pride, it include two things. First, it includes a deep pleasure or satisfaction from one's OWN achievements. Second, it includes a deep pleasure or satisfaction from the achievements of those with whom you are closely ASSOCIATED.

We talk about Leopard Pride, we post it, we look for it, and at times we force it...where is it? Pride can only come from an achievement. Achievement comes from setting a goal and working hard to achieve it. Pride is a FEELING of deep satisfaction. How do we develop pride in sports, academics, forensics, scholars bowl, vocal, band? It is not just something that happens...it is something we earn. You work for it and you feel it. It is in your heart. Having Leopard Pride comes from within. It is up to us... all of us.

The second part of pride comes from achievements with those you are closely associated. We are associated with all the other Leopards. Not only Leopards who currently attend our school, but also those alumni and those community members who feel pride from their own past accomplishments. We are all Leopards, and we should all want to feel Leopard pride, together.

My challenge to you this month is to feel some LEOPARD Pride. Set a goal and accomplish something with which you can feel really good about and pass it on. Whether it be a sporting event, a play production, a musical performance, or an A on a very difficult test. Look within and strive to be excellent and pride will follow.

Be proud of being a Lincoln Leopard and work hard to accomplish something excellent! It is up to us to make it a great day to be a Leopard!

- Mrs. Walter

The Counselor's Corner

- Janeen Feil -

Scholarship deadlines are arriving, please make sure and check the Google drive, Google calendar, or the counselor corner 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.

Financial Aid Night is November 13 at 7 pm in the commons, don't forget your laptop and tax information. Both you and your parent/guardian will need to set up your FSA ID at least 4-5 days before we meet on the 13th. The website to sign up for the FSA ID is: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

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

Priority deadline for colleges is in November. Some colleges charge you a fee to apply, however, there are application fee waivers available if you qualify. Come see me if you have any questions, I am happy to help

We will have the ACT here at Lincoln Jr/Sr High School on October 28. Attached is the website to determine if your calculator is permitted. <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>

Always come to the ACT prepared: jacket, extra batteries for calculator, pencils, watch, etc. Cell phones are not permitted and should be turned off and put away before entering the testing room.

- Mrs. Feil



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NEWS BRIEF AROUND THE WORLD

North America



- A drone collided with a commercial plane for the first time in Canada.

South America



- Colombia signed a \$300 million agreement with the United Nations to help reduce the production of cocaine.

Australia



- Four men and a teenager were arrested for developing a plan to carry out a terror attack in Sydney.

Africa



- An armed group in Libya shut down a comic book convention in Tripoli because it breached the country's "morals and modesty."

Middle East



- Two UAE pilots were killed after their aircrafts crashed in Yemen.

Europe



- The European Union (EU) called for a block of relations with Turkey. In the EU Summit, the tensions with Turkey are high on the agenda.

Asia



- President Trump will be on a tour to Japan in an attempt to help boost LNG exports to Asia.

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	Accomplish events planned at the start of the year
KAY Club	President - Lainie White Vice President - Maruby McQueen	Finishing Red Ribbon Week and preparing a sock drive	Planning for Operation Christmas Child and the Angel tree
National Honor Society	President - Amanda Wollesen Vice President - Dylan Babcock	Setting up the Pennies for Patients Fundraiser	Planning a blood drive around the second week of December

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School Board Election

- Election Day was yesterday, November 7 -

We asked each of the candidates up for election a series of questions via e-mail; below are their responses:

- Opposed -

Member 2, Position 4 - Unexpired Term

Jeana K. Eckhart

Q: Why do you think you should be elected as a school board member?

A: "I would like to bring a new perspective/point of view to the board."

Q: What do you want to get accomplished if you are elected a school board member?

A: "The county is divided in so many areas; I'd like to help bring us back together as a school district so we can do what's best for the kids. If that means a bond issue or some other type of funding; I'd like to be a part of coming up with the best solution for everyone. My first board meeting was in June just as the BOE was discussing the upcoming 2017-18 Budget. It was very overwhelming for me to try and understand it; so I can see why the public doesn't really understand. I hope to be a part of educating the general public on the budget process which is regulated by the KDOE and an auditor, not by the district which I have learned.

I would like to encourage more of the public to attend the Board meetings. At times it seems opinions/decisions are based on rumors. If people come to the meetings they would have accurate information and could help get correct information out to the rest of the public."

Q: Have you served as an elected official for any other group, board, etc. before? If so, what for? Do you think it gave you good experience?

A: "I was elected to the Site Council at both LES and LHS when my boys were in school. I believe it gave me some insight into the needs of the school district."

Q: Where do you work?

A: "I'm a long time employee of The Bank of Tescott and am currently a Vice-President."

Q: How long have you lived in the USD 298 district? What are your connections to the school district?

A: "I've lived in Lincoln County my entire life. My husband, children and I all graduated from LJSHS. Through the years, I've volunteered at LES in the library, the kindergarten room and have subbed for the LES secretary. I also helped in the computer lab when kids were taking their AR tests. I currently volunteer taking money at sporting events and help out with anything else the school needs volunteers for."

Q: What do you think our school district does well in? What do you think we should be proud of as a district?

A: "Our ACT scores are higher than the state average, so our students are learning what they need to know to succeed. I believe we have a well rounded choice of activities for the kids to be involved in. As a small school, sometimes it's hard to do that! The young people in the Plays, Forensics, Band, Vocal, and Scholars Bowl activities are always very well prepared and do a great job, which reflects very well on the district.

We should be very proud of the new kindergarten building and all the work that went into getting it up and going. I believe all day kindergarten will be very beneficial for the kiddos and prepare them well for first grade. The new playground equipment and work done on the playground at LES is wonderful. I believe the school has worked very hard to obtain grants to purchase both technology and physical activity items for the both schools.

These are things that are of great benefit to the students that they wouldn't have without the grants. The Leopard Prowl and Paw Print endeavor are also fantastic examples of the kids interests and abilities.

All the improvements in progress at the football field are also something to be very proud of. Having the high school kids out in the public doing more community service things is a great idea!"

Q: What are some things that you think our school district could improve on?

A: "The school needs to find ways to make the general public aware of daily successes in academics, activities and athletics; so people feel more connected to the school.

We should work to get all students involved in some sort of extra curricular activities. I believe the more things kids are involved in the better chance of them being invested in their own education and doing well in school.

I know educators now have to wear many more "hats" than they used to, but I wish there were a way the students' social/emotional health could be monitored more effectively in some way.

Create and/or make the public more aware of volunteer opportunities within the schools."

Q: Do you plan to campaign before the election?

A: "I will be putting out flyers which will hopefully give people a sense of who I am and what I believe. I also have a Facebook page and there are some signs being put up."

David Gerstmann

Q: Why do you think you should be elected as a school board member?

A: "USD 298 needs more independent private sector voices with fiscally conservative ideas."

Q: What do you want to get accomplished if you are elected a school board member?

A: "I want to work with the Board to find ways to lower the cost of delivering education in USD 298 while using any savings found to simultaneously improve our facilities, educational offerings and career choices for graduates."

Q: Have you served as an elected official for any other group, board, etc. before? If so, what for? Do you think it gave you good experience?

A: "Yes, I have served. I previously served on the board of the International Association of Audio Information Services which is an association of non profit organizations that reads printed materials over radio and internet for print disabled listeners. (<https://iaais.org/>) Volunteer service always leads to good experience."

Q: Where do you work?

"Founder and President of WireReady. (www.wireready.com)"

Q: How long have you lived in the USD 298 district? What are your connections to the school district?

A: "Full time since July 2016. I am married to a Lincoln High School alumna, Mona (Lonberger) Gerstmann who graduated as a Governor's Scholar in 1982 and I am currently serving on the USD 298 facility committee."

Q: What do you think our school district does well in? What do you think we should be proud of as a district?

A: "USD 298 does well offering Pre-K and kindergarten programs and using it's small size to ensure that every student receives individual attention throughout their education. The district should be proud of every student who graduates and is competent in science, technology, math, grammatically correct written and spoken English, and has developed strong individual critical thinking skills."

Q: What are some things that you think our school district could improve on?

A: "The district needs to become more efficient with tax payer money and institute better facility management and fleet management (bus transportation) practices."

Q: Do you plan to campaign before the election?

A: "Yes and my web site www.DavidGerstmann.com has more information about my platform. Anyone with questions or ideas is encouraged to email me at DavidGerstmann-ForUSD298@gmail.com."



- Unopposed -

Member 1, Position 1

Patricia Winters (Incumbent)

Q: Why do you think you should be elected as a school board member?

A: "I am vested in the community and feel as a community member I need to be involved and active in the community. Being on a board of any kind is a learning experience and I have learned a lot over the last four years and would like to continue make a difference in our school system."

Q: What do you want to get accomplished if you are elected a school board member?

A: "I would like to see our facilities updated as much as possible and then ensure items are maintained. I want to make sure that we stay fiscally responsible and do what we can to provide the best education possible for students and provide the best working atmosphere for our staff."

Q: Have you served as an elected official for any other group, board, etc. before? If so, what for? Do you think it gave you good experience?

A: "I was elected to the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Employees' Organization and served as President for 5 years and Secretary for three years. I have been appointed to the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Endowment Committee, as well as the Lincoln Carnegie Library board. I think these two opportunities have provided me with valuable experience, as I have learned to share my thoughts, listen to others and see other perspectives, learned that sometimes you have to agree to disagree, and also speak in front of a large groups of people."

Q: Where do you work?

A: "I am the District Manager of the Lincoln County Conservation District"

Q: How long have you lived in the USD 298 district? What are your connections to the school district?

A: "I have lived in the USD #298 district most of my life. I attended Kindergarten and 1st Gr, and Fifth Grade – Senior in Lincoln. I attended Sylvan Grove Elementary School 2nd Gr. – 4th Gr. I graduated from LHS in 1989 and attended FHSU. I graduated from FHSU and returned to Lincoln in the fall of 1993. All four of my children have attended Lincoln schools; two of which are now LHS alumni and two are still enrolled."

Q: What do you think our school district does well in? What do you think we should be proud of as a district?

A: "The staff does an tremendous job in trying to keep up with the changing accreditation regulations and adjusts to budget cuts, looking outside the box to make hard, but necessary cuts. Our school does an awesome job looking for an applying for grants, such as LEAP to provide extra learning experiences for any elementary student interested. Graduation rates are exceptional for our school. We are offering a number of CERT classes and dual credit classes. Representatives of the district serve on a lot of community-based committees."

Q: What are some things that you think our school district could improve on?

A: "I think there is always room for improvement. I feel that one needs to set a goal and then, once that goal is reached, set a higher goal. I don't think we can provide a good education if we don't ever make improvements. I would like to see more Fine Arts opportunities and more hands-on learning in classrooms."

Q: Do you plan to campaign before the election?

A: "I am not planning on campaigning."

Member 1, Position 5

T.J. Jonsson (Incumbent)

Q: Why do you think you should be elected as a school board member?

A: "Serving a term already as a school board member and attending multiple KASB trainings has enabled me to better understand the budget, rules and regulations that are affecting our school district. I also have a child attending and one that recently graduated USD 298."

Q: What do you want to get accomplished if you are elected a school board member?

A: "If reelected, my goals are to provide the kids, staff and families with a safe learning environment and excellent education opportunities. I also would like to enable our graduating kids to have a solid educational foundation to stand on as they pursue their dreams, whether it be for college, trade school or entering our work force. I plan to do this through collaboration with the board and provide continued support for the kids, faculty and administration, but at the same time be fiscally aware of our taxpayer's money. Our kids are our future and it is our responsibility to make sure that we provide them with what they need to stay safe while in our schools and to enable them to stand on their own one day."

Q: Have you served as an elected official for any other group, board, etc. before? If so, what for? Do you think it gave you good experience?

A: "I am serving a term as elder for the St Johns Lutheran Church currently."

Q: Where do you work?

A: "I work for AEGIS Therapies and have been working at Lincoln County Hospital since we moved here in 2003. This year I advanced into a management position for the company and am now supporting multiple facilities in Kansas."

Q: How long have you lived in the USD 298 district? What are your connections to the school district?

A: "I moved to Lincoln with my wife Sheri Jonsson and two kids Bjorn and Gabriel in December 2003. My oldest son graduated from here in 2017 and is now attending KSU. My youngest son is a freshman in high school. I am finishing my first term on the board and running for reelection."

Q: What do you think our school district does well in? What do you think we should be proud of as a district?

A: "We have excellent faculty/staff and we provide a good student to teacher ratio that gives individualized support to our kids, setting them up for success. I think we should be proud of our staff and our kids. We need to continue to give them support and educational opportunities not only in school, but also in our community."

Q: What are some things that you think our school district could improve on?

A: "We as a board continually look at ways to improve our school district and we appreciate the community support we have had in this effort. We do present with maintenance and building issues with budget limitations, but we are working with the community on prioritizing the current needs."

Q: Do you plan to campaign before the election?

A: "No."

Member 1, Position 3

Debora Zachgo (Incumbent)- No responses were received from Zachgo.

Information gathered and layout by Dylan Babcock

Paw Print making plans to open a downtown store

Hunter Meier

News Editor/Layout

Beginning at the start of the 2016 school year, a new and different business was welcomed to Lincoln County - Lincoln Jr/Sr High School's Paw Print. Since then, the business has become so popular and busy that they have began

looking into expanding. With \$20,000 worth of merchandise sold in just one school year and 17 students working, they have decided that it's time to expand and look into a downtown storefront.

Paw Print Supervisor and Teacher Nikki Flinn said, "We want to have a storefront downtown so we have the opportunity to display our products to people in the community. We have a couple

of places in mind but we are still working out all of the details. As of right now we only do custom orders and we want to make products for everyone."

Paw Print is supervised by Flinn and co teacher Jason Curtis. Their plan is to buy or rent a building where they can showcase their merchandise and get to know the community.

During school, students will go down to the store where they can work for a school credit. However, all merchandise will still be constructed at the High School. This project is hoped to be finished by the fall of the 2018-19 school year.

"I think it is great that we are starting a business that will further expand our customer base," Curtis said.

What makes a winning team?

"Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender the me for we." This is a quote by Phil Jackson, who played and coached in the NBA. When working in a group, do you trust the others to do their part? Can you share glory with others? When this is accomplished, the result is teamwork. Teamwork is a common word we used in grade school, so some of us associate it as immature. But teamwork has grown along with us through junior high until now, in high school; it is something our sports teams need more than ever.

To be able to accomplish anything in team sports, you and your teammates need to be able to work together. To be able to have each player's individuality click together will help you achieve any goal. You're individuality is important - do your job. You are out on the field or out on the court for a purpose; Doing your job does not mean do it all yourself, it means to play your part, be supportive with your teammates, and work hard all the time.

Part of your responsibility of doing your own job is not automatically blaming your teammates when something goes wrong. There is something you can always improve, whether it's your offense, defense or even your attitude. The only person you can control is yourself, so make sure you are playing the best you possibly can before turning to correct anyone else.

"Excuses are lies we tell ourselves so it doesn't have to be our fault." This is an unknown quote that applies to not only our sports teams, but many other people as well. Excuses are easy to create, and they make ourselves feel better. But, making one up will end up hurting you in the end; They ruin the trust of your teammates and the respect of your coaches. Taking the blame and being honest will earn you more respect than making up an excuse.

If you stop and think for a moment, and picture in your head the roar of 100 people cheering for you; The sea of blue in the stands cheering for your success and hard work. That sea of blue is there to support you. While the only people who can decide the game are the players, the fans are a huge factor. Maybe we don't win as much as we all would like, but that doesn't mean that should be the reason you don't support your school. Go and show your pride for your school - even if the season isn't what you wanted. Why not?

Students ready *Singin' in the Rain*



Students in the high school musical *Singin' in the Rain* perform "Broadway Melody" during a recent rehearsal. Come on out to LJSHS to catch a performance on Saturday at 7 p.m. or Sunday at 3 p.m. (photo by Dylan Babcock)

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Lincoln High School is doing both a musical and a play this year. "Singing in the Rain" will be performed on November 11 and 12 this year. Pam Curtis will be directing the musical. There are eighteen students going out for the musical.

Curtis is very familiar with putting on musicals. She directs one on every summer for grades 3rd through 8th. Curtis also directed the last high school

musical, which was over seven years ago.

Student Libby Huskey, a junior, is helping Curtis with the music and dance aspect of "Singing in the Rain."

"I am not the official choreographer," Huskey said. "Mrs. Curtis just asked me to help out with a few of the dance numbers. She is still choreographing a large majority of the songs."

Curtis wants to put on both a musical and play this year because she wants to give each student an opportunity; She knows

that not every student likes to sing and dance, but there are students who like to do those things. Curtis also just wants to change things up. The high school also has a new sound system; this is part of the reason why she is able to put on a musical. Most students are also excited to change things up this year.

"I think the musical will be a nice change from what we have been doing in the past. While it definitely has some funny parts, it also is more serious with a good plot. Our past productions have been known

for their silliness," senior Maruby McQueen said.

Curtis wants to put on a musical every year as long as this year's goes smoothly.

"I think it's going to be a really good musical. My hopes are that we get it all learned and it flows smoothly. I have no worries about this show," Curtis said.

Come see your Lincoln high school students perform "Singing in the Rain" on November 11 and 12 in the LJSHS Commons.



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Carson's Questions

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TEACHER FEATURE

Hillary Holeman



Where did you go to high school?
2002 Lincoln Graduate

Where did you attend college?
Kansas State University

What is your degree in?
B.A. in Hotel/Restaurant Management
B.S. in Secondary Education - Spanish

How many years have you taught?
In my 7th year of teaching.

What made you want to be a teacher?
I love the Spanish language and want to teach it to others.

What's the best part of teaching?
I love that lightbulb moment when students get it.

Fun Fact:
I love to travel.

Something you don't know:
I hate onions.

Serving our country

Derrick Perez

Intro-Reporter

Three LJSHS students spent the summer in Basic Combat Training to become members of the national guard. Seniors Jacob Cagle, Jonathan Ahring and Victor Vazquez completed their training and returned to school to finish their last year of high school. The three students had to motivate themselves to get through the training. Motivation from family members, even though phone calls home were limited, was appreciated by the students.

"I mainly joined the national guard to get college money so I wouldn't have to deal with college debt. It then became a whole different story when I seen first hand what a difference us soldiers make" Victor Vazquez said.

At first glance, the training consisted of getting yelled and

screamed at, but that was to urge them forward and not to give up.

"The training was challenging both mentally and physically," Ahring said.

The National Guard students said that two of the hardest challenges you would face is the gas chamber and the FTX Field Training Exercise, which includes crawling 100 yards on your stomach with an M4 Carbine with bullets whizzing over your head and mortar shells exploding everywhere. This all takes place at night.

"I planned on serving my six years and then stopping but I may stay in the army till my 20th year for my retirement bonus," Vazquez said.

There are countless jobs in the Army that specialize in what skills you have. Depending on your ability to do a certain task, will determine your job area.

Cagle said, "I'm a 19D Cavalry see *COUNTRY* page 5

KAY Club brings Red Ribbon Week to LJSHS

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Intro-Reporter

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug violence prevention awareness observed in October annually in the United States. Throughout the years, Lincoln Elementary School has participated during Red Ribbon Week. This year, Lincoln Junior Senior High School (LJSHS) KAY Club decided to start having the week at the high school for the week of October 30 through November 3. During the week, students dressed up on the spirit days to show drug and alcohol prevention.

"We thought it would be a good initiative to have here as well as it would be a good way to bond with the grade schoolers," KAY Club Vice-President Maruby McQueen said.

Members of the LJSHS faculty took part in the week see *KAY CLUB* page 5

Identity theft affects LJSHS student

Senior Jacob Cagle shares his story about his identity being stolen

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Intro-Reporter

A study done by Javelin Strategy & Research has shown that 15.4 million U.S. citizens had their identity stolen in 2016; This means that only around 5% of the U.S. population lost their identity. That number starts shrinking even more when you start talking about smaller towns.

Senior Jacob Cagle happened to be one of this

small percentage on October 17. His boss received a letter requesting child support for two children supposedly belonging to Cagle in Texas. At first he believed it to be a scam until remembering that he lost his birth certificate and social security card when he was 14.

Cagle and his dad were at the DMV getting him a driver's license. He had his birth certificate and social security card in an envelope with him; However, instead of bringing it back to the car he forgot it on a

desk at the DMV.

"I believe that someone else just grabbed it and probably sold it on a black market," Cagle said. "My advice to everyone is to always keep a copy of your birth certificate and social security card, keep it safe and locked away at all time unless if you have to take it with you somewhere. Be sure it is on you at all time."

Upon further investigation of his Texan identity, Cagle uncovered that the person who stole his identity was a Hispanic

man with no children that was looking for a cheap way to make some money. Around \$16 billion was been stolen through identity thieves in 2016. Luckily for Cagle, the thief was unable to steal any money.

"As far as I know, nothing has been done about this man." Cagle said. "He has disappeared and no one has been able to find him. Luckily he wasn't able to steal any money from me, and the problem has been resolved."

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

As an Aries you are very focused on your goals. You have put a lot of thought into what you want your future to look like and you're almost there. Keep going strong.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You've been very busy lately and it's paid off but, now it's time to take a break. Pat yourself on the back and relax, take a day off. You've earned it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a strong opinion and not many understand that. You have lost many friends but now you have found a true friend that understands who you are. You're mind has been very busy thinking about everything, slow down, take some time off.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You have been very subtle lately. You are trying to get your point across but don't want to be direct. You are scared of what others will say. Be bold, speak out!

Leo (July 23-August 23)

As a Leo you are very self-confident. You know you are the best, but does everyone else? Try to start showing you are the best by doing good things, get good grades, help you neighborhood, prove you are the best.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You have been paying close attention to details. Everything is starting to look good because of your hard work. You are constantly thinking about others and how they are doing. Take some time to think of yourself.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

All around you people are fighting. You have been trying to keep the peace but you can't decide if it's working or not. Keep trying. It will pay off in the end.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Your power of will is strong. You have a great influence over others. Do not abuse the power by persuading those around you to do the wrong thing. Use your powers for good.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Your blunt tongue has gotten you into trouble many times. You have good ideas and opinions but how you display them isn't the best. Try working on how you give others advice.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Keeping up with the latest trend isn't easy. Sometimes you feel that you are failing yourself but you are not. Surround yourself with friends because that's when you are the best you.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)

You've been very rebellious lately, anything anyone tells you to do, you do the opposite. Work on connecting with others and finding peace of mind.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

You have all these ideas of how to do things but can't seem to find the time to do them. This makes you moody which leads to others thinking you aren't trustworthy. Make a plan to do one idea at a time and show people that you can be trusted.

LEOPARD VOICES

Students speak their minds on current events.

Is the victim ever to be blamed for being sexually harassed?



"Yes. It could be the mind of the male or what the female is wearing or saying."

- Jaycee Vath, 9

"Yes it can go both ways."

- Benjamin Cagle, 9



"Some actions of the victim can influence the crime, but it is not their fault they were illegally violated. That's like saying it's the banks fault they were robbed because they didn't have guards."

- Albie Huskey, 9

"I don't think it can be anyone's fault for dressing a certain way or how they come off"

- Mya Squires, 9



"In some cases it would be the fault of the harassed individuals. If they are wearing something that does not follow moral dress codes. However, no one should ever prey on another human being that way at all."

- Stephen Fenn, 10

"I believe that if a woman or a man is sexually harassed it is the fault of the person doing the harassment because it is a choice of the mind that has bad consequences."

- Jose Ramos, 10



"Well if the person who is doing the sexual harassment was harassed."

- Angelina Vazquez, 10

"Yes it can be, they could be dressed a certain way. But it is also the harasser's fault."

- Marissa Winters, 10



"I believe that the predator in any situation should have enough self-control and respect to abstain from sexually harassing someone."

- Libby Huskey, 11

"If someone is sexually harassed it cannot be their fault. Clothes don't matter, the attacker shouldn't have done anything."

- Mikayla Breneman, 11



"Yes because they can be flirting with someone and leading them into thinking that it would be okay but in reality it isn't."

- Logan Sneath, 11

"Both people could be at fault. The person being harassed could allow it for sometime, then it could go too far."

- Daniel White, 11



"No one is ever asking to be sexually harassed by the way they dress or act. No one is ever 'asking for it'."

- Lainie White, 12

"Yes and no, there have been cases where a person has accused someone of sexual harassment, but nothing happened. But generally, the person being harassed is the victim."

- Jack Cagle, 12



"No, I don't think it's the victim's fault. Just because someone is wearing 'sexy' clothing or is being a 'tease' does not mean they were asking to be harassed."

- Brianna Wilson, 12

"No, the only person to blame is the harasser."

- Cody Behrens, 12



Choosing a role model

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Extras Editor

A role model is a person who you look up to, someone you aspire to be like. The purpose of a role model is to help you be the best person you can be. Role models are often times parents, grandparents, teachers, close family friends, celebrities or politicians.

Before you have selected a role model you should think

about habits you have that you want to improve. These can range from being too controlling, not speaking up for yourself or even as simple as being unorganized. They should have knowledge of how to speak to others, show confidence, and overall know how to be a wholesome person. The role model you choose should exhibit these characteristics and qualities. When choosing your role model make sure they are someone you can trust to

give you good advice and corrective criticism.

With listing a characteristics of what a good role model should look like it is hard to understand why many trusted adults do not express those previously mentioned qualities. Adults often times bully other adults, but children are expected to behave and solve their issues in a respectable manner. There becomes a double standard that it is deemed more acceptable for adults to defame a

person's character, to bully one another and to be unreliable.

As students we see adults do things that they shouldn't be doing. At sporting events parents will yell vulgar things at the coaches, referees, and students. Everyone has flaws, some are bigger than others. We need to be careful when choosing who we look up to if we don't, we will be no better than those yelling at underclassmen who have never played the sport before.

Tales from the Inside



JUNIOR HIGH JIVE

At what age should kids stop trick-or-treating?

"Never, I mean you get free candy, so...why not?"
- Avery Obermueller

"I think at 15 you should be done then you should leave the rest for smaller kids."
- Tana Hayworth

"I think kids should stop trick-or-treating at 13 because I think it is kinda weird for a teenager to go around asking for candy."
- Tru Haesemeyer

"I think kids should never have to stop trick-or-treating because even though older kids don't dress up they still get the chance of greeting people and using proper etiquette and of course getting candy."
- Dawson O'Bannon

"I feel like kids should stop trick-or-treating at the age of 21-26 because they are just getting too old to go get free candy. They should be able to buy their own candy and give it out."
- Trey Simms

"You can never grow out of trick-or-treating."
- Jonathan Cagle

"Fourteen because I went this year and thought it was fun, but I don't know, I don't think you can be too old for trick-or-treating."
- Isabel Kirk

"Students should stop trick-or-treating at 14 because it is mainly for children and older kids can be scary for the younger children."
- Brady Zsuzsics

"It really depends when they want to stop and when they think they are too old, but I would say 13."
- Kaden O'Hare

"At age 11 because you shouldn't go trick-or-treating in junior high or high school."
- Nathan Emmert

LJSHS Student of the Month



Dylan Wiebke
October

LJSHS faculty vote monthly for the student of the month.

Dylan was nominated because he treats all students with respect. He shows character around younger students and is an excellent role model.

Quick Pics

Photos of the first band and vocal concert of the year.



Freshman Amber Hackett plays the clarinet.



Male members of the junior high choir sing a song during the concert.



Female members of the junior high choir sing during the concert.



Sam DeWitt with his trumpet.
(all photos courtesy of Becky Rathbun)

Sports

Superteams are ruining the NBA



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The Extra Point

The 2017-2018 NBA season is finally underway, in all it's super-team building, trash talking, ankle breaking glory. (I'm looking at you, Gordon Hayward... And, if you haven't seen the viral video of Celtic's small forward's brutal injury, I highly suggest watching it, although it isn't for the feint of heart... or weak stomach.)

This season marks the height of what can only be defined as the "Superteam Era", in which NBA superstars like Kevin Durant are joining up with already-stacked teams, like the Golden State Warriors, in order to have a better chance of winning a championship.

"I think it's going to hurt the overall aspect of the league from a competitive standpoint. You're going to have one or two teams that are going to be great, and another 28 teams that are going to be garbage. Or they're going to have a tough time surviving in the business environment." Michael Jordan said, player in the 80's and 90's, and owner of the Charlotte Hornets.

Those two teams which Jordan mentioned are probably the Cleveland Cavaliers and the previously mentioned Golden State Warriors. The Cavaliers still have LeBron James, Isaiah Thomas, Derrick Rose, Kevin Love, J.R. Smith, and recently added Dwyane Wade. The Golden State Warriors are as stacked as ever, with Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson, Andre Iguodala, Draymond Green, and JaVale McGee.

Of course, it's hardly any contest who's going to be in the NBA Finals this year. It's all but guaranteed we're going to see a fourth straight Cavs VS Warriors. This is what is ruining the NBA. It's so obvious who's gonna make it to the Finals, it's almost more of seeing who's gonna make it to the conference finals instead. The only way we aren't going to see another similar NBA final this year is one of those two teams is if a) LeBron gets injured bad enough to miss the entire season, or b) The Warriors lose multiple superstars. That's how ridiculous this Warriors team is. They have players who would be starters on other teams playing as the 7th and 8th man.

This year, I'd honestly be happy with the Thunder making it to the Western Conference Finals, as sad as that sounds, most teams would be happy with making the playoff.

Fall sports season come to an end



Top left: Jaycee Vath runs in the Stockton cross country meet. Vath qualified for the 2A State meet and finished in second place. (photo by Chaz Edmundson)
Bottom left: Sean Obermueller runs the ball against Osborne in the last football game of the season. The football team finished with a 1-8 record for the second straight year. (photo by Amanda Wollesen) Right: Mackenzie Lyne hits the ball against Valley Heights in the first round of their 2A sub-state at Sacred Heart. The leopards lost the match and finished the season with a 11-17 record. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)

2017-18 FOOTBALL DISTRICT RESULTS

Place	School Name	2017-18 Record <small>(district record in)</small>	Points Scored	Points Scored Against
1	Osborne*	8-1 (5-0)	432	144
2	Victoria*	7-2 (4-1)	400	126
3	Logan-Palco	6-3 (2-3)	376	150
4	Bennington	6-3 (2-3)	392	224
5	Solomon	5-4 (2-3)	364	364
6	Lincoln	1-8 (0-5)	116	402

*Made Playoffs

Financial Aid Night

Monday, November 13 at 7:00 in the Lincoln High School Commons
Michelle Jensen, Assistant Director of Student Financial Planning, will be here to help you navigate the 2018-2019 FAFSA for College Freshman!
Please bring your 2016 Tax Returns and a laptop or tablet. Please feel free to use your student's laptop if you don't have your own available. You will need to know their login information.

If you have any questions, contact Janean Feil feil.janean@usd298.com

NORTHERN PLAINS LEAGUE BY KSHSAA CLASSIFICATION

Count represents 9-12 grade students enrolled

School Name	2017-18 Student Count	2017-18 Classification	2016-17 Student Count	Student Count Difference
Chase	61	1A-Div. 2	53	+8
Glasco^	29	1A-Div. 2	33	-4
Lakeside	68	1A-Div. 1	75	-7
Lincoln	102	2A	93	+9
Miltonvale^	29	1A-Div. 2	32	-3
Natoma	26	1A-Div. 2	28	-2
Osborne	74	1A-Div.1	89	-15
Pike Valley	67	1A-Div. 1	67	--
Rock Hills	75	1A-Div. 1	73	+2
St. John's#	36	1A-Div. 2	44	-8
Sylvan-Lucas	72	1A-Div. 1	62	+10
Tescott	48	1A-Div. 2	51	-3
Thunder Ridge	73	1A-Div. 2	71	+2
Tipton#	20	1A-Div. 2	25	-5
Wilson	48	1A-Div. 2	57	-9

^Combined for most athletics, #Combined for most athletics

2018-19 FOOTBALL DISTRICT

Week	School Name	2017-18 Record
Wk. 1	@ Tescott	1-8
Wk. 2	@ Wilson	1-8
Wk. 3	Sylvan-Lucas	8-1
Wk. 4	Victoria*	7-2
Wk. 5	@ Washington Co.*	0-9
Wk. 6	Hill City*	5-4
Wk. 7	@ Stockton*	1-8
Wk. 8	Clifton-Clyde*	7-1
Wk. 9	vs. District 8 Opponent	TBA

*District Opponent
District 8 Schools are: Atwood-Rawlins County, Hoxie, Leoti-Wichita County, Oberlin-Decatur Community, St. Francis, WaKeeney-Trego - Week 9 opponent will be based on record of both schools.

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: Sean Obermueller	Juniors: Macy Squires	Sophomores: Chantz Vath	Freshmen: Evelyn Garay	Faculty: Mrs.Flinn
MLB October 24 - November 1 Who will win the World Series? Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Houston Astros	Houston Astros	Los Angeles Dodgers	Los Angeles Dodgers	Los Angeles Dodgers	Los Angeles Dodgers
College Football November 4 Kansas State @ Texas Tech	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State
College Football November 4 Baylor @ Kansas	Baylor	Kansas	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
NFL November 5 - 3:25 p.m. Kansas City Chiefs @ Dallas Cowboys	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs
College Volleyball November 8 Kansas State @ Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
College Basketball November 14 - 8:30 p.m. Kentucky @ Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kentucky	Kansas	Kentucky
Record:	4-2	4-2	5-1	4-2	4-2

Photo Essay

KAY Club October Events



Cassandra Aleshire reads a story to LES kindergarten students. Members of the KAY Club visited the grade school during Red Ribbon Week to color pages for a coloring contest and read books. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Maruby McQueen, Lainie White, Birta Hauksdottir and Macy Squires take a break from Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat to pose for a photo. The KAY Club conducted the event to gather donations of food for the Lincoln Food Bank. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)



Preston Howard watches as LES students color. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Maruby McQueen helps a Kindergarten student color. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Brecken Obermueller talks with kindergarten students while they color. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Dylan Babcock helps a grade school student stay in the lines while coloring. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Lainie White applies a tattoo at the grade school on homecoming day. (photo by Joseph Foulke)