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Waiting over the span of the summer, Lincoln USD 298 Superintendent Kathy Robertson and the Board of Education (BOE) looking for a candidate to fill in a high school English position. After coming to the conclusion that an application would most likely not be received, the BOE hired Robertson to temporarily fill in the position in lieu of having students take English classes on computers.

Lincoln Junior/Senior High School (LJSHS) Principal Chriti Walter said, "This past year alone only saw very few applications for many of our positions. Since Mrs. Robertson is licensed to teach English, we didn't have to start the year without an English teacher. We are very lucky she is willing to take the time out of her "other" job to help out up here. We really appreciate her willingness to help."

Having the trouble of not finding teachers to fill-in positions has not only become a problem in the Lincoln school district; the issue can be seen in other areas of the state as well.

In August of 2016, the Kansas State Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply released a report relating to the shortage issue. During the 2015-16 school year, there were 277 teacher vacancies with 109 of those being in the Southwest region of the state. Southeast Kansas saw 17 vacancies, the North Central region had 15, and the Northwest had four. South Central and Northeastern Kansas had 74 and 58 vacancies respectively with the majority of them being in the Wichita and Kansas City, KS area.

The school districts in Southwest and North Central Kansas appear to be those who are being hit the hardest. Nearly half (18 out of 38) of the school districts in the Southwest reported that they had at least

one vacancy in the 2015-16 school year. 13 of the 40, nearly a third of the school districts in North Central Kansas reported vacancies.

One problem of why school districts are having trouble recruiting teachers is because of the decline in those majoring in education degrees. According to the Blue Ribbon Task Force report, there was a decrease of 7,752 students in 2011 majoring in education at the 25 teacher preparation programs in Kansas to 5,379 in 2014. A gradual decline has also been seen in the amount of those graduating from the state programs with 2,271 in 2011 and 1,901 in 2014.

According to Debbie Mercer, Dean and Professor at the Kansas State University College of Education, they have seen relatively stable enrollment numbers over the last few years. They have however recognized the teacher shortages occurring.

"As a state, we continue to struggle with certain *See "Shortages" - Page 2*

What do school administrators think about teacher shortages in Kansas?



Kathy Robertson,
Lincoln USD 298 Superintendent

"I believe the lack of support by our past Governor of Kansas and Legislature has impacted individuals who thought about going into education. Why would anyone want to go into a field that isn't respected, even vilified by the governor, legislators and the public at large? Hopefully things will start turning around with Governor Brownback leaving, a more progressive legislature that believes in education and thus, the public stance towards education will follow with a more positive outlook."

Jude Stecklein,
Sylvan-Lucas USD 299 Superintendent

"I believe they (teachers) need better pay, but more importantly the legislators have to do a better job in promoting public education and let them know they are doing a great job. Young people do not want to go into education because of lack of pay and very little respect from people."



Jim Hardy,
Salina USD 305 Superintendent

"In my current district we have several special education positions open. We tried to hire school counselors and could not find any so we hired social workers whom we will work with for their licensure. When I was in Western Kansas in a small town we might get two people to apply for a position, even elementary school. Kansas is ranked 38-40th in the nation for teacher salary. Even if you have a heart for teaching you have to decide if you can raise a family on a teacher salary, especially coming out of school with college debt. The Kansas legislature needs to make a stand on funding education at a competitive level. We love our teachers and do everything for appreciation but that doesn't pay the bills."

Terrell Davis,
Wichita Public Schools Executive Director of Public Affairs and Special Projects

"I believe the shortage has a lot to do with recession and frozen teacher salaries over the past eight years and in Kansas, you can add the new feel that Education is no longer valued. Young adults are selecting to go into other career fields where there is more money and more value. We need to return to the days of honoring our teachers/educators and find a way to pay them as the important people that they are. We are adopting a new approach in our district where we are raising salaries and aggressively recruiting the the best and brightest to come to Wichita. We want our teachers to have the calling on their life, and the financial security to fulfill that calling without being homeless or qualifying for free and reduced lunch."



New kindergarten building being used after long wait

Kaile Young

Advanced Reporter

For as long as Steve Koch has been here, the school board has discussed the pros and cons of all-day kindergarten. During the 2014-15 school year, when they realized we were one of the very few districts (approximately seven) that did not offer all-day kindergarten, the board increased the intensity of discussing the pros and cons. Some of the concerns included staffing, location, and budget. The elementary school had no available rooms for all-day kindergarten; every room was being utilized. The budget made it near impossible to build a building and furnish staff. However, from the research and input on all-day kindergarten versus half-day kindergarten and the amount of curriculum the state has filtered down to kindergarten, the board felt it was a need.

In the 2015-16 school year, Fort Riley started disposing of their temporary

buildings. Most of these buildings were acquired by Fort Riley in 2006 and 2007 for temporary housing of medical records, bookkeeping, and classrooms needed while they built their new hospital. Lincoln Superintendent Kathy Robertson contacted Fort Riley regarding these buildings. To obtain the "donated" building, we would have to arrange to have it disassembled, moved, reassembled, a foundation installed, furnish utilities, and sidewalks, plus several other items. The board, after researching all of the information, decided to approve the building, even though the budget would be tight. The building was to arrive in November of 2015 allowing the district time to get the building ready for the 2016-17 school year. The building Fort Riley donated to the Lincoln school district was acquired in 2006 for \$320,308. It was used as one of the medical records building

16 school year, the district announced to the parents that all-day kindergarten would begin in the 2016-17 school year.

In November 2015, Fort Riley notified the school district that the building would not be available to move until January 2016. In December 2015, they notified the district again, stating that it would not be available until February. With the change of dates, it would be difficult to have the building ready for the 2016-2017 school year. The Lincoln school district decided to have the foundation built, so it would be ready when the building arrived. Each month the building date continued to be moved; It was not until May 2016 when the school district realized it would not arrive in time for the 2016-17 school year. Since the parents had been notified of all-day kindergarten, the elementary school decided to turn the library into two classrooms and move the library to the at-

the-time kindergarten room. Over the summer of 2016, the move was made and all-day Kindergarten started in August 2016.

The school district was finally notified by Fort Riley that the building was ready in November of 2016. The building was moved to its foundation in February 2017. Over this past summer, the kindergarten rooms were moved to the new building for the 2017-18 school year.

The two rooms created for the kindergarten last school year are now being used to benefit some other staff. One room is used as an Art room for Mrs. Hayworth. After years of pushing her "Art Cart" from room to room, she now has her own Art room at Lincoln Elementary School (LES). The other room provides LES space for breaking the fifth grade class into two rooms during math. It is also used for MTSS small group work (student academic support) and STEM classes in the afternoon.

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The Leopard Prowl

member KSPA, JEA

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

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

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

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

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QUESTION OF THE

ISSUE FOR THE STAFF

What homecoming tradition do you wish we had or what homecoming tradition do we have that you wish we had more emphasis on?



Dylan Babcock - Editor-in-Chief
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"I wish that our school put a bigger emphasis on showing our school spirit during homecoming week."



Hunter Meier - News Editor
"I believe that more people should go to the bonfire because it is the pre-celebration where we all come together to have a good time before homecoming"



Carson Walter - Features Editor/Layout
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"I wish we would still hang a dummy on main street and light it on fire."



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"THE DANCE!!! Nobody takes it serious, nobody dances, and people don't show up!"



Zach Obermueller - Sports Editor/Layout
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"I wish we would start doing the dummy hanging tradition again."



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"I wish that more people came to the game. When I was little the stadium would be full on hoco and now we are lucky to fill half of it."



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"A homecoming tradition that I have seen in movies are pranks. There are some fun pranks the candidates could do that are harmless."



Emma Corpstein - Copy Editor
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"I think more people should show up to the homecoming game to support our team."



Kathryn Detmer - Cartoonist/Layout
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"I think we need more pep in our pep rally and getting students involved."



Amanda Wollesen - Reviews Columnist
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"I wish there was more participation in the spirit week so that the students that did dress up extra wouldn't feel as strange dressing up."



Allison Crist - Advanced Reporter
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"I wish we could have our ceremony at the football field like we have done in the past again."



Brianna Emmert - Advanced Reporter
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"If we could have a new tradition or a better planned pep rally with the football players not just the cheerleaders and candidates."



Payton Emmert - Advanced Reporter
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"I wish for homecoming we do the crowning at the football field and I wish the homecoming dance was more fun."



Kaile Young - Advanced Reporter
"I wish our dance was better we really don't do anything people just sit around and don't dance and if they do dance, it's only like one song."



Jason Curtis - Adviser
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"I wish we did more homecoming activities that happen at the football game. It would be nice to see the parade at the football field and the crowning at halftime of the football game."

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and Hayleigh Washa

Shortages (from page 1)

content areas and with certain geographic areas of the state," Mercer said. "For example, special education is the area with the greatest need. However, English/language arts, science, math, family and consumer sciences, and school counseling have also been mentioned as need areas. Further, certain areas of the state see greater need including Western Kansas and our large urban school districts."

At Fort Hays State University (FHSU), a decline in elementary and secondary education majors has occurred. This year, however, they saw an increase in elementary majors. The number of secondary education majors continued the downward trend; however, their Transition-to-Teaching (T2T) program has grown from 75 to over 200 in the last four years. The T2T programs offers students to choose a college degree in the area that they will be teaching. All T2T students must be hired by a school district before entering the program. The number in the program is not enough to keep up with demand.

FHSU College of Education Dean Paul Adams said, "The initial decline for elementary occurred several years back when school districts had to cut budgets - meaning teacher positions. At the same time this occurred there was a great deal

of negative material circulating about teachers and the teaching profession - such as the removal of tenure and due process from teacher contracts. Teaching was not an attractive option as it did not appear to be a respected position."

As a smaller and private institution, Sterling College has witnessed a large decline in those majoring in education. According to Dr. Karen Baehler, an Associate Professor of Education, Sterling use to see as many as 30 clinical teachers each semester. Recently, they have only graduated 11-15 certified teachers each May.

Baehler believes that the shortage not only affects the school districts themselves, but many students as well.

"Regardless of the state, students in high-poverty and high-minority schools are typically hit hardest when there are teacher shortages," Baehler said. "Teacher attrition remains high and is also a contributor to the shortage. Many teachers will leave the profession after five years, and will cite dissatisfaction with their job as the reason."

With the many teacher vacancies that are taking place across the state, some are beginning to question what the reasons are and what the answer to the problem is or if there even is one.

Lincoln Elementary School (LES) Principal Steve Koch said, "I do believe there is a shortage of teachers in Kansas. I believe one of the factors is teacher pay and benefits. There is a perception that teachers receive very good wages, benefits, and summers off. Teachers pay, for their level of education, is average at best. Teachers are required to pay into KPERs for their retirement benefits. Few districts offer additional retirement benefits, however the benefit is usually low. And summers off sounds great, until you figure in the number of hours spent 'off-the-clock' preparing lessons, grading papers, classroom management details, attending workshops and/or taking courses to maintain your license, etc."

Koch, like many others, does not know what the answer is to the teacher shortage problem in Kansas.

"I wish I knew," Koch said. "I have often compared teaching to a horse race. Teachers want to 'win,' and are expected 'to win.' The jockey, whether it be the state or federal legislators, the department of education, organizations, or individuals, are spurring the horse as hard as possible and at the same time have the reins pulled back as hard as possible. I do not believe the teacher shortage is due to any one problem."

From the Principal's Desk

- Christi Walter -

"Make every choice count because you may not always get a second chance." This poster had been hanging in my room since the day I started teaching at LJSHS. As many of you know, I really believe you are in control of making those choices count.

I have realized in my first week as your principal how many times I have had to explain how choices affect consequences. As a result, I think it is important we all begin to think about the choices we make.

In any decision, there is a choice. You can choose to follow the rules or not. You can choose to say something hurtful or helpful. You can choose to accept consequences or blame others. You can choose to be a friend or not. You can choose to study or play video games. You can choose to step in to help or be a bystander. Many times the consequences of those choices are difficult to accept. Understanding that every choice has a consequence is part of becoming an adult and accepting consequences means you are maturing as an individual. That is the true goal of discipline.

Do I believe in second chances? You bet! We are all humans. Not one of us is perfect. Therefore, making a poor choice is a natural part of life. However, never learning from them is not. Learn from the poor choices and use them to make better ones.

My challenge to you is this: the next time you are faced with a challenge, stop and think about what could happen and "make every choice count..."

Thank you for making my first couple of weeks of being principal fantastic! Let's choose to make this year a great year to be a Leopard!

-Mrs. Walter

The Counselor's Corner

- Janeen Feil -

What students should be doing:

You should take the ACT at least twice.

If you haven't taken the ACT, register and sign up. If you need help or have questions, come and see me. We will be offering the ACT at Lincoln Jr/Sr High School in October, February, and April. If you are on free and reduced lunches, see me for a ACT waiver to take the test for free. You are allowed two fee waivers.

Seniors should be applying to colleges. Priority deadline is in November for several colleges, if you wait to apply, it may take longer to be accepted and scholarship money may not be as available.

Start getting your 2016 tax information together. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1, 2017.

Juniors and Seniors have access to the 2018-2018 Scholarship Drive and Scholarship Calendar. I am adding scholarships as they come in, check both the drive and calendar often. You should apply for as many scholarships as possible.

Seniors should be working on a resume. Resumes are generally needed for scholarships. If you don't have one, use career cruising to build one. If you have any questions, come and see me.

Visit colleges! Don't decide to go to a college without visiting other options. Juniors and Seniors are permitted two days a school year that are excused absences for college visits. If you need help setting up a college visit, I am happy to help.

-Mrs. Feil

News Brief Around the World

North America



- A mass shooting occurred at the Mandalay Bay Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada last Sunday night. At least 50 people were killed and over 200 were injured.

South America



- Colombia's largest active rebel group, the ELN, has begun a temporary ceasefire with the authorities. This is the first time in more than 50 years.

Australia



- American artist Macklemore sang in support of gay rights at one of Australia's biggest annual sporting events during the country's vote on same-sex marriage.

Africa



- At least eight people were shot and killed by soldiers in Cameroon during the midst of independence protests in the English-speaking parts of the country.

Middle East



- A monitoring group said that September was the deadliest month in Syria's civil war so far this year.

Europe



- The region of Catalonia in Spain won the right to statehood following a contentious referendum that took place last Sunday.

Asia



- It was reported last Friday that a stampede on a foot-bridge at a Mumbai railway station left 22 people dead and injured more than 30.

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	Planning our next Thank You Thursday	Get things together for the Pink Out Games
KAY Club	President - Lainie White Vice President - Maruby McQueen	Reading to grade school students	Plan Red Ribbon (Drug Prevention) Week
National Honor Society	President - Amanda Wollesen Vice President - Dylan Babcock	Getting ready for a blood drive scheduled for October 2	Repaint the benches at the courthouse

Features

Welcome our new Teachers and Counselor:

			
	Nate Naasz	Jenelle Borst	Janeen Feil
High School Attended?	Beloit Jr-Sr High School	Lincoln Jr/Sr High School	Lucas-Luray High School
College Attended?	Fort Hays State and Baker University	Kansas State University and Fort Hays State University	Fort Hays State University
What do you do at LJSHS?	Teach 8th grade life science and High School Physical Science, and the Athletic Director.	Teach Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Precalculus/ College Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus	Work as the student counsellor.
Why are you at Lincoln?	Loved my previous 10 years here, liked the challenge of teaching new material and taking over AD.	I was originally from here, and wanted to move back home.	Wanted to get closer to home, after working in a 5A school, I wanted to get back to my small town roots.
What are you looking forward too?	Meeting new students, and getting reacquainted with old students.	Getting to know my students, and teaching them important math concepts.	Getting to know all the staff and students and becoming a part of the LJSHS community.
What should we know about you?	Love to have fun, don't like to do things that I don't like to do.	I have high expectations of all my students, and I believe every one of my students can live up to them.	I'm very sarcastic, and I love cats. (No sarcasm, I really do)

Why do we like?

Have you ever stopped and thought, what are we? We are humans, animals, we are made up of millions of cells. But that is just the physical part of the homo sapien. What are our brains? How do we develop our own personalities? Our likes, dislikes, or annoyances. Thanks to the wonderful internet, I can tell you how.

There are many, many items that we enjoy. First, let's start with other humans. There's a psychological effect called the Pratfall effect. Many people do not like showing faults in front of strangers or friends. But, these faults attract charm. Those who never make mistakes are perceived to be less likeable than those who occasionally mess up. Elliot Aronson tested this by tasking individuals to listen to recordings of people answering a quiz. Some of the recordings had the sound of a person knocking over a cup of coffee. The group that spilled the coffee came out on top.

Now to move on to something everyone loves. I don't know one person who doesn't enjoy eating sugar. But, why does everyone like sugar so much? Millions and millions years ago, apes survived on sugar rich fruit. Sugar is a deep ancient craving. Sugar offers more than just energy, it stores fat too. In the times when hunting was scarce, hanging onto fat was an advantage, not a health risk.

Why do we like music? Music is a drug. Two neuroscientists used magnetic resonance imaging to show that people listening to pleasurable music had activated two brain regions, the limbic and paralimbic. These brain regions are connected to euphoric reward responses, like those we get from good food and addictive drugs.

How does one look at a puppy and not smile at their clumsiness and happy faces. But, why do we think puppies, or any young animals, are cute? Our attraction to cute animals may be our minds being tricked by the features we see. We like baby animals because they look something like baby humans do, and we are biologically programmed to care for babies.



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Carson's Questions

What's next after bond

Hunter Meier
News Editor

Last April, USD 298 tried to pass a \$4.9 million bond to pay for much needed repairs and additions at both Lincoln Junior/Senior High School and Lincoln Elementary School. The bond however did not pass. This caused many people to begin asking what the school district would do next.

Included in the bond were new storm shelters, heating and cooling units, and roofs for both schools. With the bond not passing, the school was put to the task of finding new and better ways to pay for these repairs and additions. On July 11, 2017, the first meeting was held to find a solution.

"We reached out to community members and created a new committee where we made a priority list," Superintendent Kathy Robertson said. "After making the priority list we split up into two groups, one for the storm shelters and one for the heating and air conditioning units. From there, the storm shelter committee visited the Kinsley and Stafford storm shelters."

Kinsley's storm shelter is a dome that doubles as a school and community

gymnasium. However, costing over \$4.6 million, this storm shelter can hold around 1,500 people and serves a dual purpose. The second school they visited was Stafford. Stafford's shelter doubles as a wrestling room for the school with a capacity of 400. Because Stafford's shelter costed more than Kinsley's, they put in and received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Discussion about a storm shelter for Lincoln is set for a future meeting.

Replacement of the roofs of both schools were also included in the bond that didn't pass. Because of a recent hail storm that passed through, insurance covered the roof for the grade school but for the high school, the school needed to find another way. USD 298 was awarded the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) which was created in 1997 to help schools to raise money for repairs.

"Construction of the roofs will hopefully begin in late September or early October," Robertson said. "We are currently working on the heating and air conditioning units and we will have a meeting in October to solve the problem."

LJSHS changes mascot requirements

Chaz Edmundson
Intro Reporter

For many years, Lincoln has not had a designated school mascot. This year, Lincoln has a new Athletic Director, Nate Naasz and a new Principal, Christi Walter. In the summer, Naasz attended a KSHSAA conference at St. John's Military School in Salina for athletic directors. There, he learned the rules for mascots.

According to KSHSAA rules, "Mascots that are bona-fide members of the school's cheer team are covered by catastrophic insurance. A school would need to submit them on their online eligibility

report and the student would be required to have a physical on file. These mascots must be full-time students at their school. Cheer team member mascots are allowed on playing surface just like cheerleaders."

For those who are not full time cheerleaders the rules are different, "Mascots that are not members of the school's cheer squad are not covered by catastrophic insurance and they do not have to meet eligibility requirements. A non cheer team member mascot may never step foot on a playing surface until the end of a game (i.e. basketball court, football playing field)."

These rules can be found on the KSHSAA website.

In the beginning of this year, it was announced that all Kansas schools would be eligible to win a new mascot costume through voting on KAKE News' website. But if Lincoln only uses the mascot at homecoming, wouldn't it be taking away from other schools that use their mascot more frequently, including sporting events?

"Anytime we do something it would be with the intention of someone stepping up and filling that role," Naasz said. "I know we were entered in the mascot [contest] before we became aware of the requirements of

KSHSAA."

Lincoln has had issues with school spirit in past, but has been working on it. Participation in Spirit Week and Student sections have been increasing in the past couple of years, but Lincoln still has some work to do, maybe having a full time mascot would help this.

"I don't think it's really a problem, can we do better at it yes," LJSHS Principal Christi Walter said. "I think we have more participation, if we got more kids into things maybe that could increase school spirit."

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Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat

Support the KAY Club in their mission to collect non-perishable food items for the Lincoln Food Bank.

Leave items on your porch or sidewalk on October 24 and the Kay Club members will pick them up from 4 to 8 p.m.

Thank you for your support!

Quick Pics

A group of LJSHS students attended the 2017 Wind Energy Day at Cloud County Community College (CCCC) in Concordia, KS. The students were taken by Counselor Janeen Feil and Industrial Arts Instructor James Lange.



Sophomore Chantz Vath works hands-on in an activity at the Wind Energy Day on September 28, 2017.



Students from multiple schools listen about how wind energy is changed into electricity.



Those who were in attendance of the 2017 Wind Energy Day walk down to a windmill. The day showcased what CCCC's wind energy program has to offer.



Sophomore Tyler Walford takes part in a hands-on demonstration. Groups of students travelled from multiple schools for the day's activities.



Pictured are the students from LJSHS that attended- Back row: Jordan Lyne, Daniel White, Kohl McBride, and Derek Feldkamp Front row: Sidney Hedrickson, Chantz Vath, Tyler Walford



Freshman Derek Feldkamp helps out in a demonstration on how wind energy is changed into electricity. (photos courtesy of Janeen Feil)

Adventuring in America

LJSHS welcomes foreign exchange student from Iceland



Birta Hauksdottir is a foreign exchange student at Lincoln High School from Reykjavik, Iceland (the capital). Hauksdottir is a senior and will be living with Nancy Knapp this school year. Overall, Hauksdottir is excited to be in America and says that she would move here in an instant if her friends and family did. (photo by Joseph Foulke)

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Features Editor

The high school has gained a new student, but not just any student. Birta Hauksdottir is from Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. She is a senior this year, and she will live with Nancy Knapp this school year.

"I have two younger half-brothers and three older step-siblings. I love to downhill ski and motorcycle," Hauksdottir said.

Hauksdottir says the coming here isn't too hard yet, but the biggest switch is the school.

"In Iceland, we have the same classes everyday. We have kindergarten for four years, after graduating from kindergarten,

we go to school for 10 years, then we go to a pre-college," Hauksdottir said.

The switch may not have been hard, but preparing to come to America was not easy. Especially since she decided she wanted to become a foreign exchange student two months before she needed it to be finalized.

"I had to complete an english test that I almost failed. I had to get 7 or 8 shots. I had to go to the doctor like 5 times. I had to have a teacher from 10th grade sign a paper to say what I'm good at, and many teachers from my new school. I had to have all my grades. My parents had to write a paper about me and I had to write two pages in english about myself. It was hard. I had to go to a meeting with other foreign exchange students too," Hauksdottir said.

She grew up in a town of 500 people, but

after graduating from her first 10 years of school, they moved to the capital.

"The smaller the better I think. This is the perfect size. Well everyone knows you're a foreign exchange student. In a big school no one would know who I was. It's like I'm famous," Hauksdottir said.

Even though the pizza from Domino's in Iceland is way better and she can see the ocean from a window in her house, she would love to move to America. If her friends and family were here, she would move here in an instant.

"My favorite part of america are the people. People in iceland are so rude. No one here is rude to me at least," Hauksdottir said.

Students happy with rule changes

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Intro Reporter

Students are expected to follow school rules. They are limited on what they can wear, use of cellphones, water bottles, and book bags. There are many rules to follow at Lincoln Junior Senior High School, but certain rules seem to stand out for students. In the past, students have had to switch back and forth because of all of the alterations between rules. This year students have the privilege to carry their book bags and use cellphones if certain teachers approve. Also new at the beginning of the year, no boy or girl can have their shoulders showing. The teachers decide if your clothes are appropriate enough for you to be wearing in school. This year is also the beginning of having to use clear water bottles so the teachers can see what students are drinking.

"I think the rules are fair, there is a balance because there is order and students also have freedom." Principal Christi Walter said, "having book bags and cellphones is a privilege not a right."

One teacher that doesn't allow book bags and cellphones is LJSHS spanish teacher, Hillary Holeman.

"Book bags for me are a tripping hazard and they take up too much room for when we move around in class. Kids get on net-flix during class on their cellphones." Hillary Holeman said.

As for students, most agree that the rules are fair to everyone. Only a few students don't agree with all of the rules.

"I love having book bags and cellphones back, but wish our dress code was less strict." Brecken Obermueller said.

"I don't mind it, but I would like to use whatever water bottles I want." Makenzie Romesburg said.

Even though the rules may seem unfair, the students still have freedom to have book bags, cellphones, water bottles, and wear what they please as long as it is appropriate.

TEACHER FEATURE



Cody Wolting

What is your degree in?
B.S. in Secondary Education
B.A. in History
5-12 History, Government, Social Studies
5-8 Science

Where did you attend college?
Fort Hays State University

How many years have you taught?
In my 10th year of teaching.

What made you want to be a teacher?
I was heavily influenced by a grade school teacher in the 5th and 6th grades and went from there.

What's the best part of teaching?
I enjoy sharing my knowledge of social studies with students and interacting with them through different activities. The summer months are also a great perk.

Fun Fact:
Cody Wolting is a Lincoln graduate and his wife Ashley Wolting, also a teacher at LJSHS, is a Sylvan graduate.

Students enjoy solar eclipse



Brecken Obermueller and Evelyn Garay relax and watch the solar eclipse. (photo by Carson Walter)



Gabe Jonsson, Dillon Baxter and Landon O'Hare check out the solar eclipse. (photo by Carson Walter)

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

It's not that you're out of control, but you are behaving a little recklessly. Particularly considering the way you usually act. You're taking well-calculated risks, though, so don't feel the need to stop yourself. You've simply weighed things and decided that this would be the perfect time to go after what -- and who -- you want. And you're absolutely right.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You have a couple of delightful days coming your way, the couple of days out of every month when you are most inclined to devote absolutely every waking moment to the one you adore. Fortunately -- and this doesn't happen all that often -- this dreamy period has commenced on the eve of a weekend. So you're golden, straight through to Monday. Needless to say, this calls for a celebration. Start planning.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have only one thing to do before you settle down for some serious recreation with your favorite playmates: Make sure all your business is taken care of. You wouldn't want to be in the middle of a wonderful evening, and then suddenly remember you left the computer on, would you? And you'll want to leave the cell phone at home, right? Well then, be sure to double check on your way out the door.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

There's not much you can't do once you put your mind to it. And your mind is certainly spinning now because you've suddenly been struck with quite the urge to get really, really close to someone. Don't even try to avoid it, because absolutely nothing else will pacify you -- you'll go after what you want and get it. Sweetly and with no complaints. That's just how you get things done.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

If you know you should get into contact with a certain someone, do it sooner rather than later. Over the next few days, even the most routine conversations will be difficult to arrange. Hey, it's a great day. Why not spend it on the phone or with someone you've been wanting to get together with? Take this opportunity while you can, because it won't last forever.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

If there's anything you're astrologically equipped for, it's listening. You're a born counselor, and your sympathy and wisdom know no bounds. You'll be putting those traits to good use over the weekend, and helping a lot of loved ones with them, too. Of course, this isn't a first -- you've been that person others turn to for a long time. Just don't get so good at counseling you forget about your own needs.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

A dear one who's been trying to handle a tough situation alone will finally work up the courage to come to you and ask for your help. No fair scolding them for not asking sooner -- even if you really want to. Listen to them, do what you can and make it clear by your response that, next time, they can come to you as soon as the fireworks start -- not after the oohs and aahs.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

A whole lot of emotions are in the air, all running rampant -- no, running amok, actually. Fortunately, you're as solid and unwavering as they come, a veritable rock. So when your dear ones come to you with that look of shock and stunned surprise on their faces, do what comes naturally -- what you always do. Listen without interrupting, comfort them and offer your couch for the night.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

It's been quite the week, and there's more to come. It's all going to happen just in time to make it a warm and wonderful weekend, too. If you're attached, you'll want some quality time alone with your partner, no doubt. If you're not, get out there and resume the hunt. That perfect person is looking for you, too -- but not in the usual places. Think sophistication: art, music and beautiful, quiet places.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You're doing your best to navigate an emotional minefield blindfolded. No one -- absolutely no one -- seems willing to guide you. But you don't need them. Distract yourself any way you can. Try to remember that time really does heal all wounds and that you have your own life to live. In other words, make your plans with confidence. Your loved ones will get over it. Or not. Either way, remember you can only do so much and move on.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)

You've had quite the time over the past few days -- the past few weeks, even. You can take a breath now, however, because the heavens have arranged a break in the action. And you're probably quite happy to hear about that. The higher-ups you've been dealing with lately are probably relieved, too, because if anyone can be stubborn, you can. Fortunately, they're fond of you.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

If anyone can say what's on their mind in a succinct fashion, it's you. So now that you're feeling chatty, your friends won't quite know what to make of you. Well, don't give them a chance to think about it. Keep talking. It's about time you said what's on your mind and got some answers to those questions, too. While you're at it, break out that phone card you've been toting around.

Opinions

Climate change: it's a problem

Climate change is arguably one of the biggest crises that face the human race today. Climate change is already affecting us. Storms are more powerful and destructive than ever. People are finding their drinking water contaminated and undrinkable.

It is true that the world has been continually increasing since the last ice age over 11,700 years ago. The thing is humans have accelerated the warming of the planet exponential thus causing mass changes to the environment.

By the year 2100 Miami and Hollywood among many others, are expected to be under water. Scientists predict that if the continuance of carbon emissions could cause the sea levels to rise to at least 14 feet above current conditions. This would put thousands of cities and even countries at risk of disappearing below the ocean's waves. Hollywood is predicted to be under water as soon as 2025 and New York at 2095 which would displace 8.7 million people.

All around the world countries are pouring money into clean energy. From building solar fields to putting up wind farms almost every modern country is doing some kind of clean energy push. The US is slacking at best when it comes to cleaning up the environment spending only \$5 billion a year on energy research. That compares to other countries such as who plans on spending in upwards of \$360 billion by the year 2020.

If we not only as a country but as a species want to continue to thrive on Earth than we need to look at the facts that we are killing the earth. Denying science and undermining some of the most experienced scientist in the world is only making the situation worst. I understand that \$5 billion that is being spent already is a massive sum of money that can be going to other things such as education and healthcare but none of that will matter if there is no food or fresh water left to sustain the population.

The main danger comes from melting permafrost. Permafrost is soil that remains frozen year round. When permafrost melts, it releases methane that is a 34 times stronger warming greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. This can cause the planet's temperature to increase exponentially do to the 1.8 trillion tons of methane currently trapped in melting permafrost which would increase the warming of the planet by 86%. By the year 2080 NASA predicts that most of the agriculture on earth will be wiped out do to drastic heat and extreme, permanent droughts which are also predicted to be the worst drought in over a thousand years if carbon emissions aren't drastically reduced now.

Action has been put off for far too long. If nothing is done now than there won't be another generation to take on the fight. Between the years 2030 and 2050 250,000 additional deaths due to malnutrition, malaria, and heat stress brought on by climate change. We not only as a nation but as a human species need to tackle climate change now and hard. Because if we don't then we are that last of our kind to call Earth home.

Why can't we just get along?

Woah...a lot has gone on in the political world since I last wrote for the newspaper. There's been firings, hirings, tweets, protests, bickering, division, strength, new enemies made of each other, and the list could go on and on and on. As most of you know, I admire the political world and enjoy voicing my opinions on current events. Since I've missed out on this over the summer and the first month and a half of school (How has the school year gone this fast?), I'm going to give a brief opinion on some political items that occurred over that time period. I apologize ahead of time if it sounds like I'm just ranting about things.



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Dylan's Deliberations

First off, Healthcare
Healthcare has been a hot issue over the past four months. Sadly, our congressmen and women have not decided to work together to help create a bipartisan health care plan that will help benefit people on all sides of the spectrum, while still providing good services at lower costs. I will agree that most of the replacements of Obamacare that have been brought up for a vote, weren't the best options. But I feel that this issue should have been a priority and solved before the end of the summer. Our country deserves better than Obamacare and the ridiculously high premiums that come with it.

Second, Trump's Tweets
I understand why Trump is trying to reach out to his supporters by using social media; however, I definitely think he needs to take it down a notch. I think that it looks unprofessional for our own president to be calling out people and organizations with hurtful words. The United States strives to be the best country in the world, and I think those kinds of tweets don't represent ourselves well.

Third, the Bickering between Parties
How is our country ever going to get things accomplished when many Republicans and Democrats refuse to work with each other? Now, I respect everyone and their political views; however, I think those who are still upset about how the elections went last year need to move on. I understand why you're frustrated; but it is what it is. Our country has so many issues to tackle and they aren't going to be solved if we just stand around and point fingers at each other.

Finally, the Questioning of Freedoms in America
There's been a lot of questions going around on who is entitled to the freedoms listed in our nation's constitution; especially with the first amendment. I fully support all peaceful protests, the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the freedom of religion, and the right to petition; EVERYONE who is a citizen of our country is entitled to these freedoms. It doesn't matter if you're black, white, latino, asian, gay, straight, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Republican, or Democrat, etc.; you have those rights, and you can use them. It angers me that there are people who support the first amendment for things that they believe in, but not what others believe in. Think about it, do you feel bad when others criticize you for standing up for what you believe in? You should understand that everyone has different views and that it is okay for them to stand up for them.

Floorays

It's my last year of high school and my last year of working on yearbook and newspaper.....I guess that could be a boo-hoo as well but, oh well.

I went to NYC this summer and got to see my favorite painting, Starry Night, go up in the Empire State Building, see Times Square, Grand Central Station, and two subway rats :)

I don't have to do a plant or insect collection this year, good luck to you juniors that are in biology!1!!1!!!

That eclipse was amazing, so amazing that I decided it's the last thing I ever want to see....now I'm permanently blind.

Halloween is coming up and I've already decorated my house and filled almost every bowl in our house with Halloween candy.

I don't have to sell magazines *cough* juniors *cough* but I still have to sell wreaths so if you want one or 20...HIT YA GIRL UP.

I'm finally getting caught up on my homework from missing school because of different journalism events....THX MR. CURTIS

My fall TV shows are starting their new seasons and I can't tell you how excited I am for alllllllll of them (seriously, it's like 5 different shows).

Boo-hoos 
Two of my seven classes have less than four people.....is this what senior year was supposed to be like?

We still haven't done anything with the yearbook and it's one and a half months into school, but hopefully we'll finish it before it's two months past school being out.

I still haven't seen It but there's so many people talking about what happens that I feel like I have.

Next. (inside Youth Group joke if you're confused)

I had to take a Physics, Calculus, and Government test and do an essay for English this past week...which was also Homecoming, so I'm glad that's finally over with.

College applications, scholarships, and FAFSA are due soon soooooo SENIORS.... DO THAT.

Seniors have to memorize the Preamble....why? Shouldn't we focus on remembering and learning something as opposed to just memorizing it for a day and then forgetting it. @ Wolting

Trump's doing a good job of draining the swamp, we know because they're using taxpayers money to fly out of Washington DC.

Don't forget to buy a yearbook!

Bring \$40 to Mr. Curtis's room to reserve your copy!



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Amanda's Analysis

Reviews



Drama/Thriller
Runtime:
106 Minutes
Rated:
PG-13



Drama/Crime
Runtime:
143 Minutes
Rated:
R

The movie Dunkirk came out July 21, 2017 and Detroit came out August 4, 2017, both movies are about a historical moment in time. Dunkirk is set in May 1940 when Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk, France. This movie doesn't have much dialogue and is often quiet, I think this was to show how serious war is, you didn't need to know what they were saying because you could see it clearly on their faces and in their actions. Many people that are used to normal movies that have more of a dialogue don't like this movie but if you don't think about it as a typical movie, and instead think about it as a historical movie showing the realness of war, you would enjoy it. Detroit is about rioting and civil unrest that starts to tear apart the city of Detroit in the summer of 1967. One night, there's a report of gunshots which prompts the Detroit Police Department, the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Army National Guard to search and seize occupants of the Algiers Motel. This movie has a lot more concentrated action in various spurts to Dunkirk's long and drawn out battle scenes. Both Dunkirk and Detroit are about a single day or in Detroit's case, a single night. I had never heard of either of these events but I am glad that I have now learned of these influential events. These movies are about important moments in history and I would highly recommend seeing both of them.

Tweet of the Issue:



Sean Obermueller
@SeanO_20

Went by @jackie_garay14 house today... I've never seen so many little dogs

7/18/17, 9:40 PM

13 Likes

The Prowl's Growl

Do you like the 7 hour schedule? Why or why not?

 Freshman Tyler Good Yes, because it makes classes go by faster.	 Sophomore Yani Wolf No, because it cuts off elective that I needed to take.	 Junior Mikayla Breneman No, it makes classes longer.
 Senior Maruby McQueen No, because I want more electives.	 Faculty Mr. Wolting Yes it is wonderful, because it gives me more time to bore people and get more done.	

LEOPARD VOICES

Students speak their minds on current events.

What is your opinion on NFL players kneeling during the national anthem?



"I don't agree with it. We should honor the flag and the people that fight for us."
- Brecken Obermueller, 9

"I think people should do what they stand for and I feel people are making a big deal out of it."

- Evelyn Garay, 9



"It is wrong because they live in this country and should be respectful of it."
- Gabe Jonsson, 9

"It is disrespectful to the people defending our country."

- Tyler Good, 9



"It is very disrespectful, it is stupid and a publicity stunt."
- Tyler Walford, 10

"I don't think that it is right to kneel during the national anthem because they disrespect our country."

- Macy Winters, 10



"I feel like if those football players want to kneel, then let them."
- Megan Salsberry, 10

"I think it is disrespectful to those who have served and who are serving in the military."

- Trevor Kirk, 10



"It is disrespectful to our troops. Not only our president but our country. Grow up."
- Macy Squires, 11

"I think it is disrespectful. I say this because they think they are more important than the people who have served our country."

- Aubry Donley, 11



"Very disrespectful."
- Drew Biggs, 11

"It is very disrespectful to the people that served our country."

- Connor O'Hare, 11



"I feel that it's basic freedom of speech. Everyone else needs to realize they can't just pick and choose the freedoms they care about."
- Maruby McQueen, 12

"It is disrespectful to those that served in the military."

- Colin Obermueller, 12



"The NFL players who are kneeling are silently protesting and are trying to bring attention to social injustice. It is freedom of speech."

- Jackie Garay, 12

"It is very disrespectful. Respect the people that fight for us."

- Dylan Wiebke, 12



Bump! Set! Spike!

New Head High School Volleyball Coach Debbie Breneman answers questions in a Q&A

Q: How is your season going?

A: Our record does not reflect how well we have played. This is a group of incredibly hardworking girls. They practiced three mornings a week at 6:30 this summer and played summer league at Salina. The team continues to work hard every day at practice to attack the ball at every opportunity, not just the perfect set. Serving is more consistent and aggressive and our passes are improving. Most of all they show great spirit.

Q: What do you think the team's strengths are?

A: This team is full of our school's leaders, most are multi-sport ath-

letes that are also involved in KAY Club, StucCo and the National Honor Society to name a few.

Their leadership shines on and off the court. Every person is important to the outcome of our games. It is not just Junior Varsity and Varsity. They support each other during practice and the games, their energy is contagious.

Q: What do you think the team's weaknesses are?

A: My one big disappointment this summer was losing Amanda Wolleson to an ACL injury. She would have been another big hitter for us this season. She has still been a big supporter of our team

and has supplied awesome photography for our games. Brianna Wilson is also a great help, she is our manager and is in charge of recording our games.

Q: Do you think the team is improving?

A: The Lady Leopards are definitely improving and I am confident our win column will eventually reflect that. There has not been a home game yet. It will be nice next month to have the home court advantage. We have had a good following of students and hope to see more out on October 3rd for our first triangular at home against St. John's and Wilson.



Senior Mackenzie Lyne jumps up to spike the ball over the net in a set against Rock Hills on September 30. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)



Macy Squires, junior, dives down to bump the volleyball to a teammate at a match in the Rock Hills Volleyball Tournament. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)



A group of Lady Leopards gather together to celebrate a point made in a set against Osborne. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)



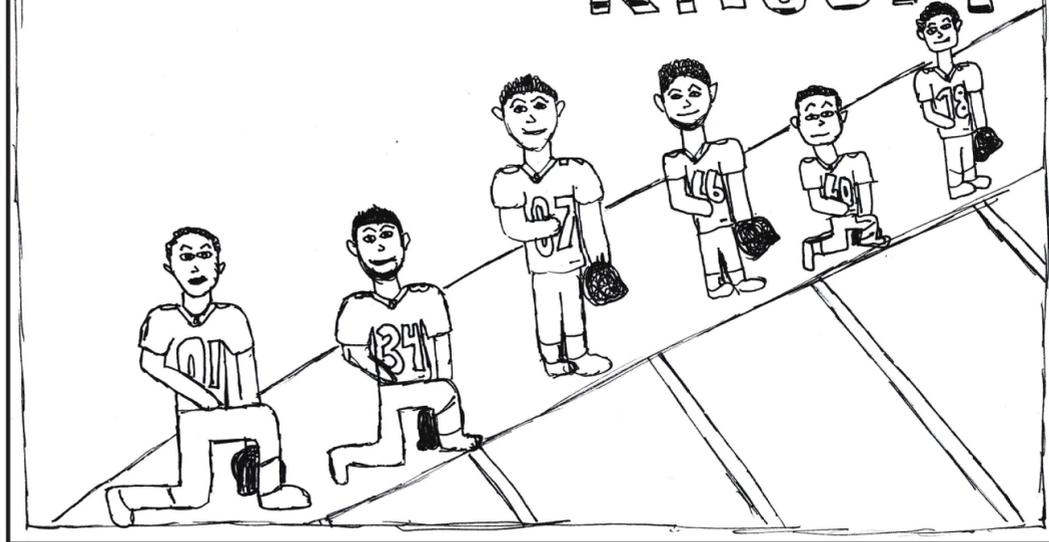
Sean Obermueller, senior, runs the ball in the game against Bennington. The Leopards were defeated by the Bulldogs, 54-6. (photo by Carson Walter)



Sophomore Trevor Kirk dives for a fumble during the September 29 game against Bennington. (photo by Carson Walter)

Tales from the Inside

Stand or Kneel?



To kneel or not



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The Extra Point

Kneeling in football was never a big deal until September 1st, 2016, when backup quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers Colin Kaepernick decided to kneel during the pre-game playing of the Star Spangled Banner. What began soon after is one of, if not the, most controversial decisions to ever be made in the NFL, and all sports.

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder," Kaepernick said, after a 2016 preseason game, referencing recent incidents where police had shot and killed suspects of color.

Now, what began as one player, has exploded, with over 200 players either sitting, kneeling, or remaining in the locker room while the National Anthem was played. Included in that were Chiefs players Travis Kelce and Justin Houston, who both knelt, and Marcus Peters, who sat with a fist raised.

The Pittsburgh Steelers chose as a team to remain in the locker room while the anthem was played, save for left tackle Alejandro Villanueva, a US army veteran who stood on the edge of the tunnel, with a hand over his heart. Afterwards, Villanueva apologized for the move, saying it "made my teammates look bad."

Even "America's Team", the Dallas Cowboys, knelt before the playing of the Nation Anthem, then locked arms with the Arizona Cardinals while the anthem was played. Cowboy's owner Jerry Jones even knelt and locked arms with his team, seemingly retracting his statement from September 23, 2016, which read -"You are simply paid performers on a stage, and that field is my stage. You will stand, with your hand over your heart and with respect, or you will no longer be a Dallas Cowboy...or have any association with the Dallas Cowboys organization. I will immediately fire you, no matter who you are."

"I don't think you can disrespect our country, our flag, our national anthem," Trump said. "For people to disrespect that by kneeling during the playing of our national anthem I think is disgraceful."

Almost everyone has weighed in on this controversy, many either very for or very against it. Some against it include President Donald Trump, who, along with the quote above, Tweeted "The issue of kneeling has nothing to do with race. It is about respect for our Country, Flag and National Anthem. NFL must respect this!"

That's just what this all boils down to in the end. Respect. Many against kneeling for the national anthem say it shows disrespect for the men and women who have given their lives fighting for our flag. But many for the right to kneel say those men and women gave their lives for freedom, and with freedom, equality.

New face on the football sideline



New High School Assistant Football Coach Ed Prince watches the Lincoln vs. Bennington game from the sidelines. Prince played college football at the University of Mississippi and Kansas State University. There were plans to continue playing in the NFL, but his career ended with an injury. (photo by Carson Walter)

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This past summer Lincoln High School gained a new assistant coach, Ed Prince. He is working as a para in the high school, and helping Don Long, head football coach, instruct the players during practices and games.

"I was born in Irving, Texas, but I grew up in Starkville, Mississippi. I went to Starkville High School, a 6A school, and lettered in football and basketball," Prince said.

After high school, Prince

went on to play at The University of Mississippi, in Oxford, Mississippi on a football scholarship, but transferred to a Jr. College, Copiah Lincoln, in Wesson, Mississippi after one semester. He played at Copiah Lincoln for one year, and then transferred to play at Kansas State University.

"I ended up at Kansas State because of all the visits I took. When I went on my official visit to K-State, I just felt more at home than any other of my visits. They had a winning tradition and a great fan base and I just fell in love with everything about the

school," Prince said. Prince had plans of finishing college and moving up to play in the NFL, just like his dad, but his life didn't quite work out how he had planned.

"I had a career ending injury during a game in Chicago against a team called Chicago Eagles. I ended up having a really bad case of spinal stenosis, and I ended up having to have cervical spine surgery," Prince said.

Even though he was injured playing arena football, he still looks back on his college football years with fondness.

"It was a fun experience, and I met a lot of people who are still in my life to this day. But it was a lot of hard work having to manage playing football and being a full time student. It is an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything," Prince said.

Prince ended up playing for the Salina Bombers after he was fully healed, and that is where he met our coach, Don Long. When one of the assistant coaching spots opened up, following the retirement of Dalen Rathbun, Long asked Prince to fill the spot.

"This past arena season

I was at a game and he was there watching his son play. I ran into him after the game and he told me he was looking for a coach and I told him that I was very interested. It kinda happened from there," Prince said.

Prince has only been here for a couple of months, but he has been enjoying it since he started.

"I love Lincoln, everybody has been really nice and supportive I enjoy working with the kids. It's just been a blessing and an honor to be here," Prince said.

Run like the wind



Jaycee Vath, freshman, runs at the Southeast of Saline Invitational. Vath placed forth at the meet. (photo by Chaz Edmundson)

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The LJSHS cross country team is up and running and at the midpoint of their season. The team is smaller than usual this year, but the runners have been finishing near the top at every meet. The team is also relatively young with no seniors on the squad, which sets the team up for a few years of dominance. Although the team is small, each runner makes sure to be there for the rest of their teammates.

"This team has done a great job of supporting each other," cross country coach Steve Crist said.

Sophomore Preston Howard said, "Since we're

a small team, we are closer together as friends, we just bond better since we are close in age."

This year's runners are juniors; Sarah Cagle and Aubry Donley, sophomores; Preston Howard and Josh Rees, freshmen; Albus Huskey, Gabriel Jonsson and Jaycee Vath, and finally, 8th grader Reagan Stewart. The team has performed well at their meets so far. Lincoln has attended four meets up to this point in the season and one or more runners have placed in the top 10 per meet.

"It has gone well," Huskey said. "I think we have improved."

The team does not have enough runners to qualify for team medals. They would need five girls and five boys to place for a team. The runners will only be placing with individual medals this season.



Freshman Albie Huskey looks forward as he competes at the Southeast of Saline Invitational. (photo by Chaz Edmundson)

"I hate not having enough runners to qualify as a team," Huskey said. "But we are a very close knit team."

Donley will no longer be running this season due to her Compartment Syndrome, but she will continue with cross country as a manager. Donley had surgery this past week and is recovering well. Compartment Syndrome is when your muscles swell inside the compartments they're in, but the compartment cannot expand to fit the muscle, so your muscle is putting pressure against the compartment, which cuts off blood circulation.

"I'm just happy that it wasn't something more serious, and I will hopefully be back for track," Donley said.

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: Mackenzie Lyne	Juniors: Drew Biggs	Sophomores: Marissa Winters	Freshmen: Landon O'Hare	Faculty: Mr. Feldkamp
MLB September 29 Arizona Diamondbacks @ Kansas City Royals	Arizona Diamondbacks	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals	Kansas City Royals	Arizona Diamondbacks
HS Volleyball October 3 - 4 p.m. Lincoln vs. Wilson	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
HS Football October 6 - 7 p.m. Lincoln @ Solomon	Lincoln	Lincoln	Solomon	Lincoln	Solomon
College Football October 7 - 11 a.m. Texas Tech @ Kansas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
College Football October 7 - 6 p.m. Kansas State @ Texas	Texas	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State
NFL October 8 - 7:30 p.m. Kansas City Chiefs @ Houston Texans	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City Chiefs
Record:	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Homecoming

Battle of the Blues



Tyler Good runs the ball for a first down against the St. John's-Tipton Blujays. The Leopards lost the game 44-42, after failing to convert a 2-point conversion with seconds remaining on the clock. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Juniors cheer for the Leopards during the homecoming parade. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



The homecoming candidates take time for a picture in the park before the parade. Front row: Amanda Wollesen, Jackie Garay, Mackenzie Lyne, Lainie White and Allison Crist. Back row: Sean Obermueller, Dylan Wiebke, Dylan Babcock, Colin Obermueller and Cody Behrens. Mackenzie Lyne and Dylan Wiebke were the crowned royalty. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



The Lincoln High School Marching Band leads the parade down mainstreet. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Mikayla Breneman carries a golfball on a wooden spoon during the class games and bonfire. (photo by Amanda Wollesen)



Colin Obermueller drives Lainie White and Kaley Schneider through the homecoming parade. (photo by Joseph Foulke)



Jackie Garay pushes Sean Obermueller off the chair during a game of musical chairs at the homecoming assembly. Musical chairs has become a popular tradition at the event. (photo by Joseph Foulke)