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Lincoln Junior High School

# Leopard Paw Print

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## Introducing the LJHS Newspaper

The LJHS Journalism Team has spent the semester planning a way to communicate the school news to students. Stories are created by students themselves. Their creativity, interests, and writing skills will be displayed in every edition. The Journalism team plans on providing you with a newspaper every month. Not only are the students writing the stories, but they are also editing, designing, taking photos, and researching for the newspaper. The process begins with each student coming up with an idea for a page. Then they must interview students, local fellows (say that five times fast), and teachers to get the information needed. After the research is completed, the Journalism Team writes the stories. They use their rockin' English skills to produce awesome stories. The editing is a team process. The stories must be typed and inserted into one fabulous newspaper. Graphics and interesting details are added as well. The Journalism Team hopes all of the LJHS students enjoy the reading experience. If a student has an idea for a story, he or she should contact one of the Journalism Team members.



Journalism Team: Hannah McCause, Bella Watson, Riley DeLoach, Cameron Suchy, Lydia Paxton, Jackie Tavernaro, Moushumi Sahu, Ciaran Fox  
Not Pictured: Heather Spradlin, Abbi Davenport

# Bentonville Happenings

Tick, tock, tick, tock. That's the sound of your watch telling you to come on down to the Bentonville square!! At the Bentonville square, you'll find popular stores like the Mustache Store, the Station Café, Flying Fish, and so much more!! You can also go down and see the lights shown at the square! There are always things going on in downtown Bentonville! On the first Friday of every month (March-November), there are activities, crafts, and food to buy to enjoy with your whole family!

At the Mustache Store, you can buy popular knickknacks and fun items such as clocks, t-shirts, and sunglasses with their popular logo of a mustache, of course! The Station Café is a wonderful fun-filled restaurant where you actually feel like you're going back in time. It's fun for the whole family. Flying Fish is a restaurant with amazing sea food. They have wonderful fish (obviously), and it's a perfect place to bring your friends, family, or relatives to eat!

Speaking of which, make sure to bring your family down to see the Christmas lights on the square. You don't want to miss this holiday display.

Story by: Jackie Tavernaro





# Winter



# Fashion

Story By:  
Cameron Suchy



8th grader, Rebecca Geren, likes to wear a lot of bracelets, colorful socks, skinny jeans, and bright colors. One word that describes Rebecca's style is spunky.

8th grader, Ali Chapman, likes to wear bright colored pants, bedazzled things, dresses, and ballet flats. One word that describes Ali's style is bright.

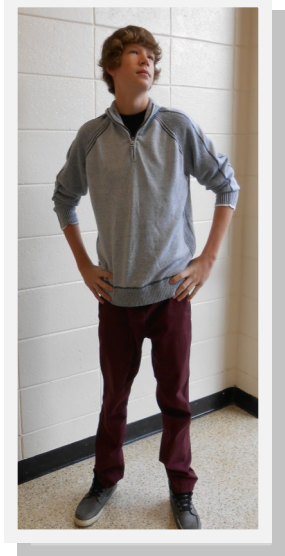
8th grader, Heather Spradlin, likes to wear sheer flouncy shirts, high-low skirts, pastel colors and boots. One word that describes her fashion is elegant.

7th grader, Kaelyn Stewart, likes to wear dark colors, eye-popping designs, and bright colored skirts. One word that describes Kaelyn's style is joyful.

8th grader, Courtney Gutche, likes to wear dresses, sparkles, boots, and fuzzy jackets. One word that describes Courtney's style is cute.



8th grader, Will McCullar, likes to wear warm colors, sneakers, high-tops, and nice hoodies. One word that describes Will's style is Will.



## WHAT'S HOT



LILY AND LAURA BRACELETS



COLORLED JEANS

LEATHER BOOTS



UGGS



COMBAT BOOTS



SPERRY'S

# CRYSTAL BRIDGES ART MUSEUM

You have all seen the beautifully constructed building in our very own town, Bentonville, but most don't know about where it came from or what it has in store!! Bentonville's Crystal bridges was named after Crystal Spring, a natural creek on the museum's wooded site that supply the ponds with their water, and also the unique bridge structure that is included in this spectacular building!



The museum's art begins in a hallway that is labeled 'Colonial.' This features many paintings of ancient families or of a peaceful mountainside. These paintings were often based off of

British or European art. The Founding Fathers were also often painted to show American citizenship and pride.



Next, you pass time zones and enter the period of the 19th century. Realistic lifestyles were often painted to forge the identity of American art. Many landscape scenes and nature was expressed through art in this period. Artists often traveled to Europe to adapt the latest artistic styles and bring them back to the states for American audiences.

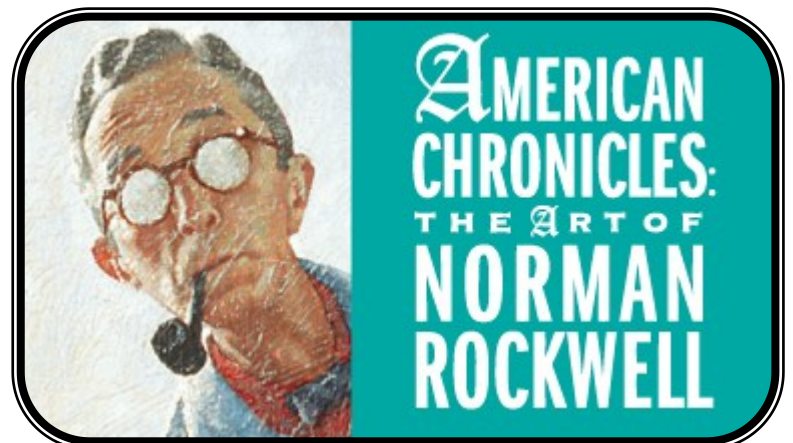
Then, you proceed down the hall to Modern Art. You might wonder what those randomly painted shapes are? These are actually real objects that are painted in different colors or shapes. This is called Cubism and Abstract. This form of art was developed after World War II.

Finally, we come upon the hall of Contemporary art. This is a hall full of weird paintings and sculptures that make no sense to anyone. For example, the large sculpture of a rectangular brain that sits in the open part of the museum, or the sculpture called Sound Suit. This is a full sized body covered in objects such as Jack-In –The-Boxes or mini Ferris Wheels.

New and exciting exhibitions will also be coming up in the next year including *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell* that will be opening in March!

Make sure to visit our local Art Museum to see all the amazing things it has in store!

Story by: Abbi Davenport





# What's on YOUR Christmas List?

Oh the weather outside is frightful and the Christmas gift choices are so delightful! This Christmas season, there are so many great presents available to give to your friends, parents, grandparents, and others. Many students are buying the latest fashion trends for their friends. Popular places to find these items include Forever 21, Charlotte Russe, Hollister, Aeropostale, and Abercrombie and Fitch. When shopping for the perfect gift for your grandparents, keep in mind that grandparents love personalized things! They really enjoy the thought that you put into making their personalized gift.



Melody's Choices is the perfect store to find personalized presents

that will warm your grandparents' hearts on Christmas morning. Another cheap, affordable option is to frame a picture of yourself or even make a picture frame to put your picture in! They will love that! Now what about parents? Parents deserve the best gift there is. They do so much for us



and this is the chance to show them how much they mean to us. Many parents love small kitchen

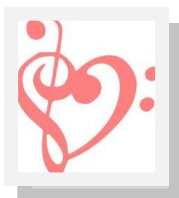
appliances and home furnishings. Bed, Bath, & Beyond is a great place to find popular home appliances such as the Keurig Coffee Maker or a Belgium waffle maker. Walmart and Target are also stores with nice, reasonably priced gifts. You could always make them a card or draw them a picture, instead! No matter what

you get your parents this Christmas season, they'll love it just because it came from you! Now that we've covered what to GIVE people, what should you expect to GET for Christmas? This season, there are many popular items to put on your wish list. Parents will be looking out for the latest technology, the newest trends, and anything that makes you happy. The iPad, iPhone 5, Kindle Fire, and Nook are very popular technological devices that your parents will be keeping an eye out for while shopping. Parents have already begun shopping, so now would be a great time to start searching for the perfect presents to give to loved ones. To pay for these gifts, you could do extra chores around the house or do work for your neighbors. No matter what gifts you give or get this Christmas, I hope you have a very jolly season!



# NWA Suzuki School

By: Lydia Paxton



The business of music is growing even more here in Bentonville. Christy Paxton

– Tureman, director of NWA Suzuki Strings, will be opening a brand new Suzuki School In January of 2013. She has played the violin since she was 5 years old, and has been teaching lessons for 22 years. It has always been a dream of hers to move from her private home studio of 45 students to a big Suzuki School.

Suzuki is a method of music learning based on early beginners and ear training. The Suzuki program teaches reading music only after the student has established an ear for intonation by listening to pre-recorded songs and learning good technique. As the school opens, it will only teach string instruments including violin, viola, cello, and bass. Hopefully, soon we will add other instruments in the school. Many of our students participate in school or local community orchestras and are in great need of private lessons. This new opportunity will open doors for many students in the Bentonville area.

If you are interested in starting lessons at the new Suzuki School, log on to [www.nwasuzukistrings.com](http://www.nwasuzukistrings.com). Let's make music part of Bentonville, and join NWA Suzuki Strings. You don't have to know anything about music; you can just start private lessons. Suzuki taught that anyone can learn to play an instrument, regardless of age, if a musical environment is created!



# Holiday Movies

Hey students! Do you ever sit on the couch during the holiday season? Do you ever do that with a bowl of popcorn and realize, "Wait a second! I don't have any good holiday movies to watch! Oh no!" If you said yes, then don't wait any longer! I've got some movies that will rock your holiday season. HEY YOU! YEAH, YOU! Don't you dare move your attention to another story. I see you with your gold-fish attention span. Anyway, a great comedy for this December is *Home Alone*. As a young boy, Kevin is left all alone at home during the family Christmas vacation. Using his quick wits and toys, Kevin defends his house from burglars. Will he make it out alive? A newer take on the classic that we all know, *A Christmas Carol*, follows Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the true meaning of Christmas. A family favorite (recently remastered), *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* is loved by all as a sweet tale following Rudolph as he discovers that everybody is different and good at their own things. Made in 1983, and set in the 40's, *A Christmas Story* tells the tale of Ralphie, as he tries to convince everyone that a Red Ryder BB gun is the perfect present for him. "Watch these movies during the festive time of holiday cheer", say Whitney Haak and Robert Halverson. You're probably thinking, "These movies sound dumb. Why should I watch these?" "Watch them to get your holiday spirit on", says Calista Wielgos. Grab one of these movies and enjoy!

By :  
Ciaran Fox

**Club  
Corner  
Student Council**

## Officers:

Maddi Weston-VP  
Devin Arnone-President  
Robert Halverson-Time  
Keeper  
Lauren Campbell-Secretary  
Devon Fernandez-Public  
Relations



## 8th Grade:

Cole Anderson  
Izzy D'Spain  
Paxton Dodd  
Will McCullar  
Courtney Gutche  
Alex Winn

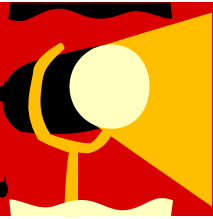
## 7th grade:

J.J. Ervin  
Cole DeWitt  
Jackson Willbanks  
Sommer Tomlin  
Ember Brown  
Whitney Haak





# Leopard Spotlight: Mandi MacLean



Mandi MacLean is a phenomenal 8th grade student here at Lincoln Junior High. She is not only an exceptional student, but is

also an active student who participates in many clubs. Mandi is in Forensics, Special Olympics, and is a flute player for the band. Outside of school, she horseback rides and loves reading. When she grows up, she wants to be a pediatric physical therapist and help kids. Mandi wants to live in California when she grows up because she loves beaches and hates the cold. Her favorite singer is Carrie Underwood. If she could be anywhere in the world right now, she wishes she could be in Paris by the Eiffel Tower. Mandi would love to go back to the time when the Titanic sank. She says, "There is a story that explains why the people on the Titanic couldn't be saved. The captain and crewmembers didn't bring a lot of life boats because they needed space to entertain the people and after all, the Titanic was unsinkable. I would warn the captain of the Titanic that that was a bad idea. I would also warn him of the iceberg so that the amount of safety equipment wouldn't even matter." She recommends the book Revived by Cat Patrick because it is a great page turner.



## Leopard LOL!

What is yours, but your friends use it more than you do?

**Your name!**

People say "Bless you!" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.

What's the most musical bone?

**The trom-bone!**

Why is the math book so unhappy?

**Because it's filled with problems!**



Story By:  
Moushumi Sahu