

District Honors & Highlights - March 18, 2024

Orchestra Honors: Congratulations to the following 9th grade Orchestra students for being selected as part of the 2024 Kennedy Honor Orchestra!

- Anastasia Sackfield (Violin)
- Simon Vieira (Cello)
- Maddie Barnidge (Cello)
- Ashlyn Novak (Violin)
- Addison Luck (Viola)
- Lily Carlson (Violin)
- Grace Luo (Violin)
- Sahana Nagarajan (Violin)
- Sophia Weber (Viola)
- Trystan Asher (Bass)
- Rylee Passmore (Viola)
- Caleb DeLay (Bass)



Community Service Project Honor: Thanks to the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services and a grant from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, each Linn-Mar attendance center is equipped with "Stop the Bleed" kits. The kits can be used to stop life threatening blood loss during an emergency before medical help arrives. Thanks go out to the IDHHS and CDCP!



Coaching Honor: Congratulations to Mike Geers for being named the Junior High Wrestling Coach of the Year by the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association! Geers has coached middle school boys wrestling for 25 years and recently started the girls wrestling program at Linn-Mar.

Wrestling Honors: Congratulations to Kane Naaktgeboren for capturing the 3A, 144-pound title during the State Wrestling Tournament to finish a perfect season at 37-0. Kane was also named KCRG TV-9 Athlete of the Week and *The Gazette's*

All-Area Boys Wrestler of the Year! Congrats also go out to the following wrestlers for competing at State: Malik DeBow (placed 5th at 120), Nate Fish (placed 8th at 120), Grant Kress (placed 6th at 157), and Griffin Schultz (placed 4th at 215).



Basketball Honor: Congratulations to LMHS Junior Payson Nietert for tying Linn-Mar Alumni Jordan Bohannon's school record for three-pointers during regionals in Clinton, Iowa. Nietert scored a career-high 40 points!

Coaching Honor: Congratulations to Doug Streicher, LMHS PE Teacher/Head Boys Wrestling Coach, on his retirement from coaching wrestling after 27 years!



Jazz Honors: Congratulations to the Colton Center Jazz Ensemble for placing first in the Class 4A during the recent Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association District Jazz Festival! Congrats also go out to Freshman Guitarist Carter Buske who earned the Outstanding Soloist award! The ensemble advances to the Iowa Jazz Championships on April 2nd in Ames.



Art Honors: Congratulations to Benjamin Tentiger and Ella Frale, Linn-Mar High School Students, for having their artwork selected as part of the Governor's Show at the Capitol Building in Des Moines as part of Youth Art Month (YAM). Congrats also go out to Linn-Mar High School Students Mya Recker, Shea Peddicord, Raelyn FitzGerald, and Alyssa Newport for having their artwork selected as part of the Statewide YAM exhibit on display at Jordan Creek Mall in Des Moines.



Safe by B. Tentiger



Toys Aren't Us by E. Frale



Lonely Ranch by M. Recker



Still Life by S. Peddicord



Table for Two by R. FitzGerald



All Fun and Games by A. Newport

Art and Photography Honors: Congratulations to Linn-Mar High School Students Eysen Pollard and Lucie Scott for winning awards in the Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. Eysen won three regional Silver Key awards for his pieces entitled, *One Brief Moment*, *Strata*, and *The Raven*. Eysen also earned a regional Gold Key award in photography for his piece entitled, *Golden Hour*, which will advance to the National Scholastic Level Competition. Lucie Scott earned a regional Honorable Mention for her portfolio of six paintings entitled, *Holding on to Happiness*.



Photos by Eysen Pollard

Strata



Golden



Hour

One Brief Moment



The Raven

Holding onto Happiness Portfolio by Lucie Scott

