

## Graduating Senior Information

- Fill out Scholarships!! There will be a team of adults who will help students fill out scholarships after school on 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, and 3/5 from 3-5pm.
- Get your senior pictures for the yearbook and graduation announcements to Riki by February 15th.
- Jostens will be here **February 2nd** to discuss graduation items such as invitations, rings, and gear.
- Sr. Presentations will be on **February 15th**. See Riki to set up a time to present.
- The price for cap, gown, and tassel will be \$20.08. You can choose a purple or silver gown. There are also a few purple gowns you can borrow for graduation. See Riki for details. Deadline to purchase a gown is February 28th

## Senior of the Month: Ross Branco

By: Holly Peters and Riki Wauchek

Balthazar Ross Liam Branco was really scared to come to Lincoln at first. He decided to move to Lincoln when all of his friends from Wa-Hi did. He had a little trouble at Wa-Hi and was ready to make a fresh start. He immediately realized he had no reason to be scared of Lincoln. He has found acceptance here like no other place. He really likes all the staff at Lincoln, not just the teachers, but everyone on staff. He likes the fact that Genie calls him Rossiepoop.

Ross lives with his mother and his brother. He is from a big family and has owned many pets. This last Christmas he was able to see his sister for the first time since she was born.

Ross listed off some of his favorite things. His favorite

color is purple, although he has been leaning lately more towards light blue teal. He has several favorite numbers. They are 1,3,5,12, and 64. He said that 32 almost made the list, but never felt right. He really likes to ride his bike. His favorite shapes are squares and spheres. He says he sleeps on the top bunk in his room. He has had 5 concussions, but only remembers 4 of them.

Ross says he is a SUPER senior and he likes that title. He is glad to be graduating, even if it has



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# February



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| Gage Cleveland      | 02/03 |
| Ahshanae Fairley    | 02/03 |
| Carlos Cruz         | 02/04 |
| Mathena Fry         | 02/05 |
| Svanni Sublett      | 02/08 |
| Jordan Barnett      | 02/12 |
| Katie Kackman       | 02/14 |
| Alexander Hamilton  | 02/15 |
| Laticia Sabb-Garcia | 02/15 |
| John Stiffler       | 02/15 |
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| Virginia Romfh      | 02/19 |
| Peter Janis         | 02/25 |

taken him an extra year.

Ross will be playing the part of Mal in the upcoming production of The Addams Family Musical. The part is perfect for him and Riki wonders why he didn't join drama years ago. One thing is for sure, Ross won't need a microphone for the show.



The Addams Family Performances:

Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> -7:30pm  
 Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> -7:30pm  
 Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> -2pm  
 Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> -7:30pm  
 Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> -7:30pm

All Performances at Village Hall Theater at



## The Rising Phoenix

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## Senior Presentations

One of the requirements for graduation in the Walla Walla School District is to complete a senior presentation. The purpose of the presentation is for each student to articulate to an audience of teachers, parents, and friends their school life and plans for the future. Each presentation consists of the following:

**Personal Story**– Students talk about their family, friends, and especially themselves.

**High School Life**– Students talk about their favorite things about high school. They also discuss challenges they faced during high school.

**Best Work**– Students bring examples of their best school work. This can include assignments, artwork, and extracurricular activities.

**Community Service**–Students talk about how they earned their 40 volunteer hours and how it impacted their life.

**Beyond High School**– Students talk about their plans for the future and what steps they have taken so far.

## Staff of the Month: Ronni Tobin

By: Kerensa Kelly

Ronni Tobin became a teacher to help students. She also likes the work schedule for teachers because she enjoys getting the summers off to spend time with her family. Ronni teaches all subjects in the resource room. She also teaches a marketing type class in the Lincoln Cafe. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching students graduate, get jobs, and become successful adults.

The Lincoln Café was founded by Ronni 4 years ago. She put her own time and money to get the Café started. She found a good deal on affordable coffee beans with the Walla Walla Roastery. It all started with one espresso machine. Ronni decides what to sell in the cafe, based on student requests and her coffee squad's opinions.

The Lincoln Cafe offers students experience earning credits, learning cashiering, and customer service skills. They also receive their food handlers license. Another great thing about working in the Lincoln Cafe is that it gives you work experience that can be put on a resume. Ronni treats it just like a real job.

### Special points of interest:

- 2/13 & 2/14 Conferences for grades 9-11 from 3:30-7:00pm
- 2/15 Senior Presentations and conferences
- 2/15 & 2/16 No School
- 2/19 No School Presidents Day

Ronni's family life consists of owning 21 acres and taking care of goats, cats, dogs, pigs, chickens, and two daughters. She's crazy busy with farm work, parenting, work, and also being a leader of 4-H. The names of her animals are after old T.V. shows and spices. The piggies are Laverne, Shirley, Squiggy, and Lenny. This is after the T.V. show Laverne and Shirley. She named them this because there are 2 females that are neighbors (next pen over) to the two males. She also has pigs named after the TV show Chips: Ponch and John. Her goats are names after spices: Cocoa, Vanilla Bean, Mocha, Ginger, Cinnamon, and Spice. Her Great Pyrenees that protects her goats from coyotes is named Storm, her bulldog is Lucy Lou, and her shop cats are Dave and Lacy. She is excited for baby chicks that are due this spring.

Some of her favorite things to do are: water skiing, riding four wheelers, farming,, camping and traveling.

Ronni Quotes:

"Dreams don't work unless you do."

"I believe in everyone of you, and you can make your dreams come true if you work towards them."

"Choose to have grit."



