



Local volunteers and the Georgia National Guardsmen showed up in force for the Golden Harvest and Lincoln County Food Pantry (LCFP) food distribution on Thursday, November 5. LCFP will be distribution at its Firetower Road location on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Golden Harvest, LCFP step up distribution in 2020

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at LCHS...DPH reports sixth fatality as COVID-19 numbers climb... Pop Warner teams ready to play at Buddy Bufford Field...Smithsonian offers interesting facts about hummingbirds.

September 3 - Devils take on Yellow Jackets in season opener...GEFA awards city \$516,000 loan for water treatment plant upgrades...DPH reports seventh fatality as COVID-19 numbers climb...County's public works employees are community's 'unsung heroes'...LCHS Lady Devils softball season in full swing... Golden Harvest, LCFP join forces to distribute meals to 230 families...Paper announces an early deadline for holiday closing... Young to speak at History in the Park on 'The Georgia Gold Rush of 1829.'

September 10 - County faces reduced funding due to lack of Census reporting...Stewart has 'big plans' to take advantage of spaciousness of new Agriculture Center...Blood, toy drive to be held at Lincolnton Baptist Saturday...Two candidates profiled for Post 5 seat to fill unexpired term on City Council...Council review departmental reports, hydrants to be flushed, pressure tested...Corps to host primitive weapons hunt... Health Dept. provides free testing; COVID-19 numbers rise to 200.

September 17 - BOE approves naming of complex to 'Howard Ellis Track and Field'...Lincoln County School District offers free meals to all students...County approves one-time hazard pay; Ernie Doss hired as financial director... Health Dept. provides free testing; COVID-19 numbers rise to 205...Cheerleaders ready to 'fire up' fans Friday night...Studio sets up for Christmas Kids Oct. 20-22...Graves Mountain opens for fall dig...Former councilman is candidate for Post 5 seat on City Council.

September 24 - Parents have option to change back to face-to-face learning by Sept. 25... Rivera will speak on Berlin Airlift at History in the Park Oct. 1 at 7... Final Census 2020 push underway as Georgia's reporting remains low...Donations, helpers needed to assist Secret Santa program... Interpress Studios will set up for Christmas Kids Oct. 20-22... LCMS girls softball teams faces Thomson today...Pop Warner tams face off at Buddy Bufford Saturday...Voter registration deadline is Oct. 5; absentee ballot applications available...Library installs new computers, offers hot spot to students...Health Dept. provides free testing; COVID-19 numbers rise to 212.

October 1 - SGE facilities face foreclosure unless federal EIDL approved...LCFP expanding food distribution throughout October... Two-vehicle collision results in road closure and power outage... Mattison loses life in plane crash... Health Dept. delivering flu vaccine in office, curbside, or to shut-ins... Park ready for fall visitors...Water expansion project now underway...Rivera will speak on Berlin Airlift at History in the Park Oct. 1 at 7...Devils score twice in the fourth to beat Laney, host Harlem next...Health Dept. provides free testing; COVID-19 numbers rise to 213...The man who signed Jackie Robinson.

October 8 - County passes resolutions setting tax levy and budgets...Early voting begins Oct. 12 for General, Special Election... Students and staff will observe 'National School Lunch Week'... Free COVID-19 testing appointments can now be scheduled online...Christmas Kids photo

shoot set for Oct. 20-22...Day use fee collections resume at Clarks Hill and Hartwell Lakes...Golden Harvest, LCFP to distribute food today...Law enforcement agencies statewide to crack down on distracted drivers...Goldman receives fire prevention material from State Farm to promote home safety... Carr warns Georgia consumers to beware of loan scam callers...Varsity cheerleaders to host a public pep rally and parade.

October 15 - Commissioners approve rates for transportation to Augusta... 'Smiles of Joy' toy drive now underway...Council approves FY21 tentative budget, millage rate remains unchanged at 7.10... District offers academic support to all distance learning students... Varsity cheerleaders to host a public pep rally and parade...Journal requests seasonal photos from community...Pre-k students learn about Africa and importance of sharing...Post 194 seeks sponsors, donors for upcoming Veterans Day events...Interpress Studios arrives Oct. 20 for 'Christmas Kids' photo shoot...Golden Harvest, LCFP deliver meals to local families... Free COVID-19 testing appointments can now be scheduled online...Basketball registration to run Oct. 14-Nov. 19 at recreation complex.

October 22 - Board members exchange heated words over reports and non-resident enrollment... Homecoming activities underway at LCHS; queen and princess will be crowned Friday...Glaze, Willingham commit to hosting Lincolnton Christmas Parade Dec. 5...Applications being accepted for Secret Santa... Authority offers new program to five small business startups...Light, Sward deliver hot lunches to Sheriff and more...L.C. Pop Warner hosts playoff games for EGPW at Buddy Bufford this Saturday...Donehoo will be guest speaker at History in the Park Nov. 5...Free COVID-19 testing appointment can now be scheduled online...LCMS softball team named CSRA Region runner-up.

October 29 - Early voting wraps up October 30, polls open on election day at 7 a.m...Queen, princess crowned at halftime...Dedication ceremony on Nov. 5 will honor Coach Howard Ellis...Smallwood family celebrates season...Spratlin Hardware celebrates 100 years...LCFP, Golden Harvest to host joint food distribution Nov. 5... Homecoming court presented... Donehoo will be guest speaker at History in the Park...Devils fans cheer on parade.

November 5 - Survey asks Georgians to comment on the weight of year-end test scores...Ladies sew pillowcases for Ronald McDonald House...Drugs, simple battery, armed robbery top list of arrests by Sheriff's Office...Residents 65 and over can apply for CSRA EOA heating assistance...Local election results...Shepard to collect CCP at blood drive...Community is invited to Veterans Day program at Post 194 November 11...Glover receives Lifetime Achievement Award...LCES observes Red Ribbon Week with creative anti-drug activities... Free COVID-19 testing available... Food distribution gets underway today at 11 a.m.

November 12 - Council approves the low bid on water tank refurbishment...Ellis overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support at dedication...Kelley wins City Council Post 5, Leverett claims State House seat...DPH reports eighth COVID fatality, free testing available at health department... Deadline to register is November 16 for Lincolnton Christmas Parade...Guardsmen, volunteers help deliver needed meals to families.

November 19 - County to pursue

chase patrol car; seeks grant/loan for ambulance...LCFP annual turkey distribution is today and November 23...Remsen seeks approval to dedicate board office for Dr. Randall Edmunds...Schools closed until November 30...LCES students celebrate Veterans Day... Journal announces an early deadline for holiday closing...Stewart receives several awards...Lincoln Artisans board making changes to organization with hands-on approach...LCMS receives Girls Empowering Movement grant... Veterans, families, past members honor those who served at Post 194...Free COVID-19 testing at health department.

November 26 - Georgia school board moves to wipe out year-end test scores...Six senior Red Devil players, coach reflect on a season filled with heart...Secret Santa deadline approaches; donations, contributions needed...Sit and Sew class series held Wednesdays...Thanksgiving Eve Pickin' Party to be held at Smith Farm Supply...Corps to inspect, repaint 'witness trees' around lake...Turkeys arrive for distribution Monday...GDOT suspends construction on interstate highways, routes...LCES students answer the question, 'What are you thankful for?'

December 3 - Light Up Lincolnton festival, parade set for Saturday...Voter registration deadline is December 7; absentee ballot applications available...Restoration, in-depth dendrochronology of Wright House reveal surprising results...Minor charged in shooting of Mitaiveon Tutt on November 30...Free COVID-19 testing at health department...LCFP, Golden Harvest to host joint food distribution December 3.

December 10 - Kelley sworn in as new councilman; City adopts its General Fund Budget...GDOT awards \$3.6 million contract to widen Hwy. 43, add passing lane... Early voting to begin on Dec. 14 for runoff...Red Devils to host Panthers in quarterfinals on Friday night...County receives ACCG grant to promote a healthy lifestyle...Residents turn out for annual Christmas parade and festival...Georgia Foundation for Agriculture offering \$65,000 in scholarships...Paper announces an early deadline for holiday closing...DPH reports ninth COVID fatality, testing discontinued at health department.

December 17 - Multiple reappointment dates cause dispute within BOE...Nine Devils make First Team All Region 8A; coaches reflect on team's accomplishments... Commissioners approve several grant requests, recognize Lamar Wade's dedication to District 4... Paper announces an early deadline for holiday closing...Purdue makes pit stop in Lincolnton... King urges Georgians to use caution while decorating this holiday season...McCall elected to two-year term as Georgia Farm Bureau President...Total COVID-19 cases now 300.

December 24 - Election office offers extended hours during early voting on Dec. 28-29...Hogan and Hopkins families celebrate the 'gift of life' through organ donation...Law enforcement agencies join forces to warn drivers to not drink and drive...LCMS students respond to Journal's annual Christmas question.

December 31 - Early voting wraps up today, polls open at 7 a.m. on January 5...LCMS Georgia Studies class selected to participate in panel discussion with judges on 'Bill of Rights'...Journal recaps headlines of first six months... LCES students answer Journal's question, 'Who would you spend New Year's Eve with?'



Lincoln County Middle School Junior Beta Club members collected over 400 cans of soups, vegetables, and fruits which were donated to the Lincoln County Food Pantry. Those assisting in the project were (front row, l-r) Thomas McWhorter, Fortson Partridge, Nathaniel Chiles, Tucker Bentley, Anthony Attardo, (middle) Katy Glenn Chapman, Allie Drake Robertson, Whitney McCauley, Amelia Hall, Emmie Minyard, John Hodnett, Tripp Parks, Kenya Jones, Kristian Glover, David Turman, (back) Lincoln County Food Pantry volunteer, Mary Claire Matthews, Kyla Turner, Catherine Seals, Kate McWhorter, Natalie Wellmaker, Banks Griffith, Chandler Leverette, Javon Alston, Ali Cox, and Kaitlyn Jenkins.

LCMS students serve community through 'Project Care' initiative

The annual "Project Care" initiative at Lincoln County Middle School was deemed "an incredible success" this year as students raised the most money ever donated for the Angel Tree program.

Students, faculty, and staff members at LCMS, along with members of the community, donated over \$2,200, and also collected almost 400 cans of goods. Every dollar donated went toward helping local families in need.

"This year our students asked businesses and churches to help with the donations and it truly was such a blessing to see the outpouring of love from our community," Principal Tonya Burt said. "We are so grateful for the wonderful businesses and churches that donated to our Angel Tree and canned food drive."

The Junior Beta Club also sponsored an "Angel Tree" to help provide Christmas gifts for children who might not receive any presents from Santa Claus.

In order to collect items for the food pantry, the LCMS Junior Beta

Club asked students to help build a Christmas tree in the school office using cans of food. When all was said and done, the tree boasted over 400 cans of green beans, chicken noodle soup, peaches, corn, and peas, along with many other varieties.

To accomplish this, the club requested that students make \$1 donations to place angels on the tree in honor of an administrator or teacher of each student's choice. Students were likewise challenged to reach a range of monetary goals, which would result in different rewards. At the \$800 goal, the teacher or administrator with the most angels would be required to dress up as Mrs. Claus and sing Christmas carols to the students at lunch on the last full day of school before Christmas break. If the students reached the \$1,000 goal, the top four "angels" would be slimed. Overwhelmingly, the students broke the Angel Tree record and collected \$3,000, garnering themselves both rewards.

The "winning" teacher who had

to dress as Mrs. Claus was seventh grade math teacher Caleb James.

The teachers and administrators returning for a repeat slimming included Burt, Dr. Howie Gunby, Janice Mattison, and Coach Kenn Barnett. Newcomers slated for slimming this year include Caleb James and Charles McDonald. The slimming will take place after Christmas break.

According to Burt, who is also the Beta Club advisor, "the students had a wonderful time collecting cans for the food pantry and money for the Angel Tree."

"They knew they were playing a part in making this a Christmas to remember for children and hungry families right here in Lincoln County," Burt added. "We are extremely proud of our students and the role they played in making this a Christmas to remember for several families."

"They truly had the Christmas spirit of giving this year, we have some fine young citizens at LCMS."



Smiles of Joy toy distribution provides gifts to local children

The Lincoln County Recreation Department in conjunction with the Road Legends Chevy Truck Club (RLCTC) completed its "Smiles of Joy" toy drive and distribution on December 19.

RLCTC members (top photo, l-r) Tasha Willingham-Wynn, Lena Gartell, Lisa Willingham, and Nakeya Reid rolled out bicycles which were given to local children in time for Christmas.

Quan Childs (bottom, left) was just one of the many parents who received wrapped gifts from (l-r) LCRD Assistant Director Lisa Willingham, and RLCTC members Tasha Willingham-Wynn, and Lena Gartell.

On behalf of the LCRD and RLCTC, Willingham thanked all those both locally and from surrounding communities who donated to this special program which helped bless and put smiles on the faces of many local children Christmas morning.