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SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Lincoln County School System
Breakfast Menu
Mon., Feb. 1 - Fri., Feb. 5

- Monday - Cereal bar, yogurt, orange wedges.
- Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, banana.
- Wednesday - Strawberry bagel, apple wedges.
- Thursday - Sausage biscuit, fresh fruit.
- Friday - Mini donuts, apple-sauce cup.

All breakfast menus include choice of milk, 100% fruit juice.

What's for Lunch?

Lincoln County School System
Lunch Menu
Mon., Feb. 1 - Fri., Feb. 5

- Monday - Deli sub or PBJ, romaine garden salad, baked chips, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit assortment.
- Tuesday - Asian chicken w/ roll or pizza, steamed broccoli, fried rice, buttered corn, rosy applesauce.
- Wednesday - Chicken fajitas or pizza, green peppers & onions, Spanish rice, black bean fiesta, baby carrots w/dip, fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ on bun or pizza, baked beans, potato wedges, creamy coleslaw, sidekicks frozen fruit cup.
- Friday - Crispy chicken tenders w/hot rolls or PBJ, macaroni & cheese, seasoned turnip greens, cinnamon apples, fresh fruit assortment.

All meals include a choice of milk. Salads offered daily at middle and high school.

Ribbon cutting for gallery shop to be held Feb. 8

The MACK has received a generous gift enabling it to proceed with a major rehabilitation project. As a result the MACK Artisans Guild & Gallery Shop will be moving to 218 S. Main Street, McCormick SC, 28935 beginning February 2021. Relocation allows the MACK Rehabilitation Project to begin and ensures the historic site meets accessibility, safety, and program goals.

A red ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by the McCormick County Chamber of Commerce, will take place Monday, February 8, 2021, at 12:00 noon. The MACK Artisans Gallery Shop will operate at full regular hours of operation, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, February 9th.

The shop will have a 'soft opening' just in time for Valentine's Day. Support your local artisans and find special gifts and treasures for your loved ones. The shop features quality, handcrafted items that include jewelry, cards, pottery, fine art, and more.

The official Grand Opening will take place Friday, February 12, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Artisan goods will be featured as door prizes for supporters and customers who attend the Grand Opening. We request that customers wear a mask, use the provided hand sanitizer, and respect social distancing requirements.

Festival entries wanted

The American Legion Post 194 and Classic South Quilt Guild is looking for entries for their upcoming quilt, craft and sewing festival scheduled for June 12-13. If you have quilts, sewing crafts, or toys, novelty items, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, etc., please contact Linda Buesching at 706-359-1572 or Al Ewing at 661-666-3749 for more information on entering your items.

Sit, Sew classes

The American Legion is hosting additional classes: "Sit & Sew" classes, meet monthly on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday morning, from 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.
 "Quilting Classes" are monthly, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7-9:30 p.m. Call Linda Buesching/Instructor at (706) 359-1572.

Sewing and quilting stations are appropriated spaced and masks are required.
 All levels of quilting welcome. The cost is a "donation" to the American Legion.

Across The Savannah
A Mess of Collards

By TOM POLAND
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Last week an email from my friend, Pat Branning, known for her gorgeous Shrimp, Collards, & Grits cookbooks, sent me on a quest. Pat and I are graduates of the University of Georgia and we share common interests such as writing, photography, Southern culture, and the subject of her email: "Collard Greens and Potlikker." Getting her email was great because I had been aiming to write about collards but just hadn't gotten round to it as we say down here.

Her column begins, "A mess of greens" is the way to go this time of the year. I'm not really sure why grandma always referred to them as a "mess" but that's what most folks down South call 'em."

She's right. We love a mess of greens, but that wasn't always the case for me. I remember a time when I didn't like collards, boyhood. Mom would cook up a mess and sit it before me. I'd drag out the meal, just sitting there not wanting to eat those dark wet, shiny green "things." When Mom went into the kitchen and wasn't looking, I'd open the dining room window, unhook the screen, and toss the greens out to the dogs. I'm sure the dogs were grateful. And mom? Well, she never caught me but if she had, I'd been in a mess of another kind.

Today I love collards. I sprinkle some hot sauce or vinegar on them

and grab some cornbread, and it's Out behind his barn, collards welcomed the soft blue light filtering through clouds, and I enjoyed just looking at the greens, mustard greens too.

and grab some cornbread, and it's feast time. I like to crumble cornbread into the juice, my DIY quick and easy way to create potlikker. When I dine on collards and potlikker, I'm enjoying a food that goes way back to the times of slavery. Today it's a vital part of Southern cuisine as another University of Georgia graduate, John T. Edge, has famously written about. John authored The Potlikker Papers, A Food History of the Modern South. It's a must-read book, and we can thank collards and cornbread for its great title. I hope to meet this fellow alum one day. When I do we'll sit down to a fine mess of greens.

I like collards on three levels. One, as a great food. Two, as a great topic for a Georgia boy like me to cover, and three, they are beautiful to photograph. No, let me add a fourth level. I like to ride the back roads looking for a fine patch of collards and this past Sunday my quest to find them led me to Willington, South Carolina. On a cold day I met Thomas Ware at his home with its handsome barn. Thomas and I had a great talk about the South, hawks, arrowheads, tornadoes, lightning, big trees, and you guessed it, collards.

Collards. I suspect you love 'em too, lest you be from elsewhere. Now I'm not going to get all pointy headed and talk about collards as being loose-leafed cultivars of Brassica oleracea, the same species as cabbage and broccoli. No, I just want you to envision collards on their way to the kitchen where they'll be lovingly washed and prepared for the pot. Imagine, too, some hot cornbread to go with them. Sit down to a mess of greens on a cold winter day by the fire. That old saying, "Southern by the grace of God" ought to pop into your head as you sop up some potlikker, a likker we can make at home without worrying about the High Sheriff calling. Heck, if he does, he'll sit down with you and ask you to pass the vinegar.

And the cornbread.

Elam named to Dean's List at Valdosta State

Valdosta State University announced that Jonathan Elam of Lincolnton, was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List.

Dean's List honors are reserved for the highest achieving students at VSU. Elam is one of more than 2,100 distinguished and accomplished students recognized for exemplifying excellence in the attainment of their educational goals.

To qualify for Dean's List at VSU, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Established in 1906, Valdosta State University is a premier comprehensive university that offers both the extensive academic, cultural, and social opportunities of a major university and the small classes and close, personal attention of smaller institutions.

VSU boasts more than 100 degree, certificate, and endorsement programs on campus and online for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a full menu of extracurricular activities, from national championship athletic and academic teams to honors organizations, sororities and fraternities, intramural sports, educational and service clubs, a symphony orchestra, art and theatre, research opportunities, and more.

VSU is committed to creating a campus culture focused on individual student success, providing students with expanded transformational and experiential learning opportunities, and increasing regional impact by serving as a resource and innovative leader for South Georgia.

Royal Rangers to conduct Pinewood Derby on Feb. 26

The Royal Ranger's Outpost 106 will conduct its annual Pinewood Derby race on Friday, February 26, in the Family Life Center at First Assembly of God on Thomson Highway. The race is open to all boys and girls in the county between the ages of 3 and 14.

There will be five categories: Boys & girls ages 3-4, Boys K-2, Girls K-2, Boys & Girls grades 3-5, Boys & Girls grades 6-8. The top three finishers in each category will receive a trophy. There will also be a trophy for the overall winner and "Best of Show" and "Most Creative." Prizes will be given to all participants. The cost to enter is \$0.00. (Free)

The night will start with a supper at 6:30 p.m. for the racer and an adult - preferably the person who assisted in the building of the car. Racing will begin as soon as dinner is completed. Cars must be weighed in by 7:00 p.m.

Depending on the number of racers, the racing portion should take between 1-2 hours. Again the cost is free.

Kits for the cars can be purchased from the Hobby Lobby, Michaels or Online.

To enter, you must pre-register. Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the church office of First Assembly of God. Deadline for registration is February 22.

For further information please call the church office at 706-359-7237.

Divorce care group

Are you divorced or separated? Need Godly guidance with others who are struggling also? Faith Community Church is starting a Divorce-Care group starting on Sept. 2 that will meet for 13 weeks. It will be on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. Childcare is available. Please email Lee.haskins7@gmail.com for more information or see church's website.

Ellis fund set up

The Coach Ellis Dedication Fund has been set up at Farmers State Bank for those wishing to make a contribution to help with funding the sign and plaque recently approved for the track and field at Lincoln County High School and to initiate a scholarship fund in his honor. Those wishing to contribute can drop a check off at FSB or mail to P.O. Box 99, Lincolnton, GA 30817. Make the check payable to the Coach Ellis Dedication Fund.

Artisan event cancelled

All Lincoln Artisans January events have been cancelled. The next board meeting will be held Wed., Feb. 3, 6 p.m., in the Development Authority Board Room.

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