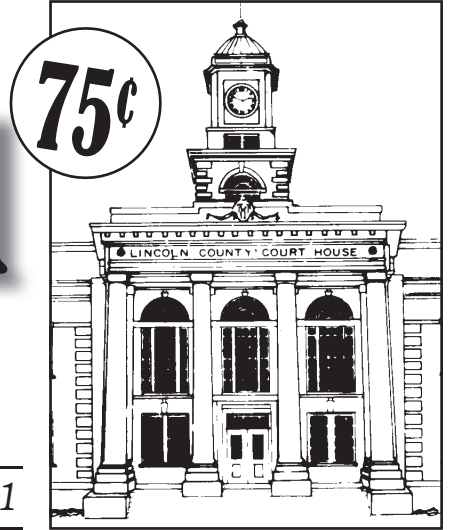


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Students rocked the 80s style at LCES

Lincoln County Elementary School students celebrated "100 Days of School" on Friday, February 5. Students were asked to dress in the style of the 1980s, marking the final 80 days left in the school year. LCES students (l-r) Hunter Farley, Joshua Floyd, Phoenix Ingram, Bennett Crook, Jontavious Partlow, and Davis Dunn definitely had some 80s attitude.

Heroes of the Hornet's Nest ceremony to be held via video-conference Fri.

The annual Heroes of the Hornet's Nest commemoration will be held via ZOOM video-conference this year on Friday, February 12, starting at 1:30 p.m. Former Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (GSSAR) state president Charlie Newcomer will act as the master of ceremonies and Washington-Wilkes Chapter GSSAR member retired army Lieutenant Colonel Alan Burton will present the keynote address, "Henry Knox – George Washington's Artilleryman."

This event is normally held at Elijah Clarke's gravesite at Elijah Clark State Park, but COVID-19 has forced the event to be held via the ZOOM format.

Various parts of the ceremony have been pre-recorded and will be played as part of the event; the introduction, welcoming remarks, and the master of ceremonies' parts were acted out on January 22 and the musket salutes were conducted on January 31 at the park.

The wreath laying will be done virtually and those wishing to lay a wreath should register at the website below.

Both the virtual wreath laying ceremony and musket salute will honor Georgia's patriot leaders Elijah Clarke, John Dooly, and other "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest" who participated in the Battle of Kettle Creek.

Prior registration is required to be able to watch the ceremony on ZOOM. Information on registration is available at <https://gasocietysar.org/event/heroes-of-the-hornets-nest/>.

Participation is open to all those interested in local history and in honoring those who won the freedoms now enjoyed.

Burton is a history instructor at Augusta University and believes the story of Revolutionary War General Henry Knox is fascinating because his service during the war years led directly to at least one major victory.

The Battle of Kettle Creek was significant because it was the first real setback to the British Southern Strategy during the American Revolution. After a period of fighting in New England, which resulted in the occupation of New York City by the loyalists, the British shifted their emphasis to the South, took Savannah and Augusta, and expected to be able to roll up Georgia, S.C., and N.C. They were hoping to be able to recruit loyalist troops in the back-country of these areas.

Loyalist Colonel John Boyd was

returning from an expedition to S.C. with about 600 of these recruits and camped on February 14, 1779, on the banks of Kettle Creek in Wilkes County, about eight miles west of Washington, Georgia. A Patriot force of over 300 led by Colonel Andrew Pickens, Colonel Dooly, and Lieutenant Colonel Clarke caught up to them there.

In a decisive victory for the patriots, Boyd was killed, and remains of his force retreated with less than half of them eventually rejoining the British army. Though a small battle overall in the context of the American Revolution, it provided an early

Drugs, assault, and family violence top list of arrests by Sheriffs Office

In a recent report issued by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Miguel Rontavious Andrews, 25, of Lincolnton, was charged with obstruction of a law enforcement officer, drugs not in original container, possession of drug related object, possession of Schedule I controlled substance, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of firearm during commission of crime, theft by receiving stolen property. A bond of \$210,000 was set.

Several arrests were recently made by officers with the department as outlined below.

The listed arrests are taken from the limited information in arrest reports provided by local law enforcement officials, and no arrests are left out. An arrest does not imply guilt; criminal charges are merely accusations and a defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty and convicted.

Those arrested were: Daniel Grady Beckhum, 39, of Lincolnton, was charged with burglary first degree. He was released on property bond.

Stacey Alan Bramlett, 45, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Lauren Elizabeth Harter, 33, of Beech Island, S.C., was charged with forgery in the fourth degree and exploitation of disabled person or elder person. A property bond of \$25,000 was set.

Thomas Benjamin Kelly, 40, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Brandon Lee King, 38, of Newnan, Georgia, was charged with stalking. No bond was set.

Bryant Bobby Peacock, 23, of Dewy Rose, Georgia, was charged

indicator that the British Southern Strategy was doomed.

The next year, in September 1780, Dooly was murdered and buried near his home place on land that became Elijah Clark State Park. Clarke went on to participate in many battles, was injured multiple times, survived smallpox and mumps, and lived through the war to eventually serve in the Georgia General Assembly.

His son John Clark served as Governor of Georgia. Dooly's son John became a judge and politician in post-war Georgia, and Dooly County is named after the elder John Dooly.

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Santonio Dewayne Ramsey, 30, of Thomson, Georgia, was charged with possession of VGCS "MDMA." A property bond was set.

Nickolas Paul Thomas, 25, of Lincolnton, was charged with fishing without a license, aggravated stalking, and possession of methamphetamine. A property bond of \$36,000 was set.

Paul Anton Wessels, 56, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Matthew Lewis Bentley, 45, of Lincolnton, was charged with speeding, driving while license suspended, possession of drug related object, and possession of methamphetamine. A property bond of \$30,000 was set.

Quandarius Jamon Dowson, 22, of Washington, Georgia, was charged with possession of marijuana less than one ounce and DUI/drugs. A property bond of \$4,000 was set.

William Howard Ferguson, 55, of Lincolnton, was charged with simple battery. A property bond of \$3,000 was set.

Billy Lemar Gartrell, 33, of Washington, Georgia, was charged with crossing guard line with a weapon without consent, DUI, failure to maintain lane, and possession of firearm by a convicted felon. A property bond of \$44,000 was set.

Terrance Demetrius Holloway, 34, of Lincolnton, was charged with two counts obstruction of an officer and disorderly conduct. A property bond of \$6,000 was set.

Donald Brooks Maxwell, 25, of Washington, Georgia, was charged with driving while license sus-

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Water tank refurbishment completed; Council approves funds for LC Paws

The refurbishment of the Drinkard Street water tank was a topic of conversation at the Lincolnton City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2.

Building Code Enforcement and Planning and Zoning Officer Larry Goolsby informed Council that the refurbishment has been completed by Southeastern Tank and Tower.

The \$138,000 project included the sandblasting, repair, and re-coating of the interior of the tank, water blasting and re-coating the exterior, repainting the signage, and the installation of spikes to deter buzzards.

Goolsby also informed Council that there were valves on the tank that needed replacement. He indicated that Kenny Greene with G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers will be providing Council with the cost of replacement. Goolsby explained that with the change order that Council approved last month, there should be enough money left to cover the valve replacement. He also reminded Council that contingency funds are also available.

Goolsby also expressed his appreciation to City Clerk Martha Jo Austin and Becky Goldman for assisting him in his new role with planning and zoning. "They are very knowledgeable and have taught me a lot," he said. "Things are really starting to pick up. We have several new homes being built



The refurbishment of the Drinkard Street water tank is complete including a fresh coat of paint on the "Home of the Red Devils" signage.

in the city, along with other building projects, which is a good thing for the city."

The planning and zoning monthly report showed that one Emergency 911 address was assigned, and four building permits were issued totaling \$1,444.25. Goolsby performed 17 inspections on building permits; did three plat approvals; performed one temporary power turn-on;

and held five meetings with property owners/contractors during the month of January.

Water and Wastewater Chairman Alana Burke made a recommendation that employees at the water treatment plant and employees at the wastewater treatment plant be required to clock-in at their des-

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Red Devils quarterback Keonon Lampkin signed to play linebacker at Georgia Military College last Wednesday, surrounded by supporting family, friends, and teammates. Those pictured are (front row, l-r) Elaine Lampkin, aunt, Lamkin, Hope Ferguson, mother, William Harris Jr., Serenity Paschal, cousin. (back) LCHS Principal Dr. Chris Wolski, Superintendent Dr. Samuel Light, and Red Devils Head Coach Lee Chomskis.

Lampkin agrees to play for GMC on National Signing Day Feb. 3

Hard work pays off, as senior Red Devil quarterback Keonon Lampkin proved by signing to play at Georgia Military College last Wednesday on National Signing Day. Having brought his last year of high school football to a close with a bang — the Devils making it to the quarterfinals of playoffs — Lampkin is now looking forward to the future.

"I'm happy I'm going to play football, but I'm definitely going to miss high school," Lampkin said. "I'm excited to go, but it's difficult to leave — it's bitter-sweet."

Lampkin will begin school this fall and play as a linebacker, a position he feels he's well suited to as he's also played as an outside linebacker for the Devils.

"It's special to go on and play as a Red Devil in college, there's a lot of history here and a lot of good players have come out of Lincolnton, it's an honor to be listed among them," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting to work, to

get on the field, and do what I have to do to get somewhere else — I'm just excited for the opportunity to play football."

The Red Devils ended the season with a 7-5 record, with Lampkin finishing out his final year with 1,045 yards passing. Out of 116 pass attempts, he completed 65, scoring 11 touchdowns; rushing 87 times for 350 yards, resulting in two touchdowns.

"[This signing] is a result of hard work," Red Devils Head Coach and Athletic Director Lee Chomskis said. "He's done his due diligence in the classroom, and he is not going to GMC because he does not qualify, he is qualified, he and his family felt like this was the best option at this time and we're excited for him."

"We all love you and are happy for you," he added, motioning to a room full of Lampkin's supporters. Those in attendance were teammates, coaches, family, friends, LCHS teachers, and administra-

tors. "I'm excited, I never thought he'd go to GMC — but it's a good school and it'll be closer to home, I'm very proud," Hope Ferguson, Lampkin's mother, said. "All these people here supporting him are going to make me cry."

Although Lampkin is excited to begin school in the fall, he also reflected on his senior year of football with great enthusiasm, explaining that the most memorable moment was the playoff game against Hancock County.

"It was amazing, the crowd was unbelievable, my teammates were incredible," he said. "In the second round of the playoffs they were expected to beat us because of their talent and speed, but we showed them what we're capable of."

So, while the future is bright for Lampkin, he promised that no matter how far he goes, no matter where his skills take him, he will continue to be a Red Devil — always.