



Wright House renovations continue

From interior and exterior painting, siding being replaced, and other much-needed upgrades, the Wright House is getting much needed attention from Lincoln County Historical Society members, along with contracted labor. Likewise, a grant of \$6,000 from the Watson-Brown Foundation was also put toward the repairs of the home, however, much more is necessary to keep the restoration process in motion. According to society members Dwaine Biggerstaff and Gary Edwards, these repairs are an exciting start and much more is anticipated for the future as more history continues to be unearthed on the grounds of the Wright House, and through the restoration as well.

Council approves LCFD purchases

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ignated place of employment. She also requested that the vehicles assigned to those facilities remain at designated locations.

"We know that employees split up between water and wastewater," Burke said. "It would just make for a smoother flow and transition between the two departments if they clock in where they work. 'Everybody's got their timecard, where it's supposed to be, and there is no writing-in on timecards. It just helps at the administrative end if the timecards are all turned in from the proper departments,'" she said.

The motion was made and passed unanimously.

The Council also approved an \$800 contribution to LC Paws for veterinary services. Council will also review its financial situation in six months to see if an additional \$800 contribution could be made later in the year. The additional \$800 would keep the City in line with last year's contribution.

"Not having animal control, it is well worth the investment to see if we can help them out," Councilman Dwaine Biggerstaff said.

Fire Chief Matt Goldman informed the council that a faulty

probe linkage on the water level gauge has been replaced on Engine 21. The cable linkage on the parking brake is beginning to fray and will need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Goldman also presented a list of items needed by the fire department which included miscellaneous adaptors, ball valve, generator cord with distribution box, leather radio holster, hand microphone for radio, Pro Bar with axe, and a hydrant strap with two spanner wrenches totaling \$2,970.95.

After a brief discussion Council approved the list as presented.

Police Chief Brandon Lively's report showed that the department answered 293 calls for service in January. The calls included 14 incident reports, 58 miscellaneous, 6 accident reports, along with 31 citations, and 35 warnings.

The report indicated that the police department was working with other agencies in the area on multiple training exercises which included active shooter training and drills for schools and bank situations.

Lively also informed Council that all of the patrol cars are out of the repair shop at this time and that the 2005 Crown Victoria will be

taken out of service starting in February. Both the vehicle and the motor/transmission currently stored in the barn will be sold or auctioned off, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of another vehicle in the future.

Wastewater Treatment Supervisor Ben Alligood's monthly report showed that the approximate influent for Lincoln County was 712,000 gallons, while the influent for the city was approximately 10 million gallons. Treated effluent that was discharged was a little over 10.5 million gallons. Routine facility, equipment, and grounds maintenance was performed, along with the line repairs, and the clearing of clogged sewer mains. Sampling data has also been completed and recorded.

The report also indicated that the department lost no time due to accidents or incidents.

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Jodi Lee's report showed that 14.8 million gallons of water were treated, with 14.1 million gallons sent to distribution, and 6.1 million gallons sent to the county during the month of January. Rainfall for the month of January was recorded at 4.25 inches and the Clarks Hill reservoir stands at 328.2 feet. Both emergency generators are testing weekly with no problems and both fuel tanks are full.

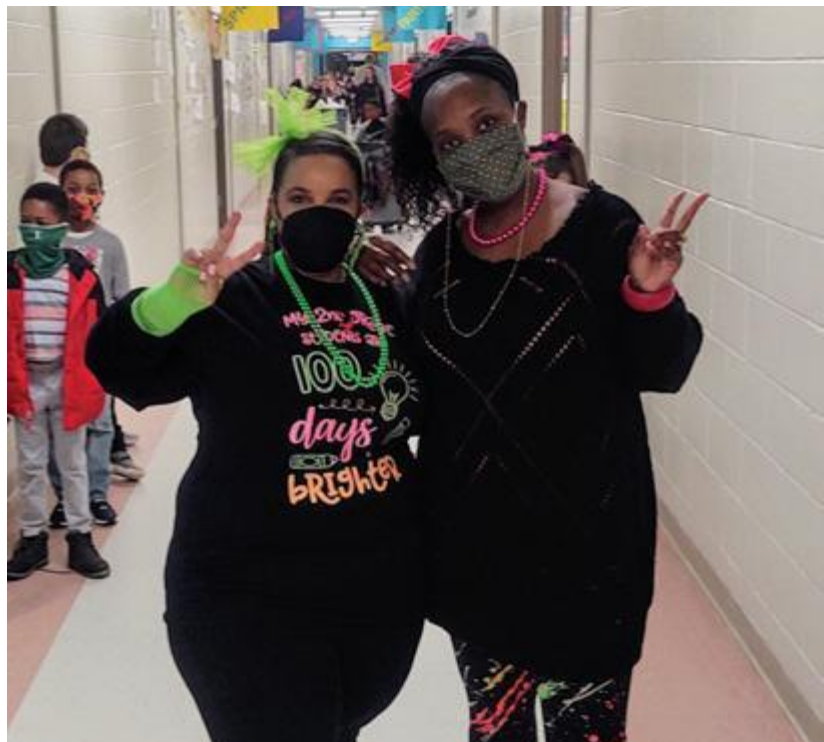
City Council approved Mayor Brown's signing of the Local Option Sales Tax Certificate. The certificate shows that the City of Lincolnton will receive 20 percent of the LOST revenues and the county will receive 80 percent. According to Brown, the percentages are based on population.

Also approved were amendments to the 2020 General, Hotel Motel, and Water Fund budgets.

Councilman Nicole Kelley was approved to attend Newly Elected Officials Institute Training.

Brown thanked employees for their continued work during the pandemic. "I don't think this is going away anytime soon. I encourage everyone to wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and keep one another safe," he said.

The Lincolnton City Council's next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, at City Hall.



Teachers go retro at LCES

Teachers Keke Elam and Latanza Williams rocked the 80s attire during the "100 Days of School" celebration at LCES.

Recent arrests, incidents reported

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pending. A property bond of \$1,400 was set.

Alvin Murray, 74, of Lincolnton, was charged with cancelled registration and driving while license suspended. A property bond of \$2,820 was set.

Rebecca Redfern Owens, 54, of Grovetown, Georgia, was charged with driving while license suspended. She was released on her own recognizance.

Javierus Daquan Smith, 23, of Lincolnton, was charged with driving while license suspended. A property bond of \$1,410 was set.

Dequavis Larone Turner, 22, of Lincolnton, was charged with driving without driver license. A cash bond of \$175 was set.

Andre Romont Wilkinson, 49, of Washington, Georgia, was charged with speeding and driving while license suspended. A property bond was set.

Bruce Holloway Zellars, 53, of Lincolnton, was charged with failure to maintain lane, failure to provide assistance report, hit and run, and failure to report accident. A property bond was set.

Antonio Blackmon, 32, of Lincolnton, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property. A property bond of \$10,000 was set.

Martha Davis, 52, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Troy Adam Pilcher, 35, of Thomson, was charged with burglary, aggravated assault on a police officer, three counts of obstruction of an officer. No bond was set.

Linda Serrano, 43, of Lincolnton, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, enter behind guard line with controlled substance, and battery. A property bond was set.

Michael Bailey Weaghting, 25, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with failure to appear (superior court). No bond was set.

Jaquante Keshawn Carter, 23, of Lincolnton, was charged with DUI. A property bond of \$1,966 was set.

Thomas James Corbett, 57, of Lincolnton, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident. A property bond of \$1,692 was set.

James C. Ferguson, 59, of Lincolnton, was charged with criminal trespass and two counts of obstruction of a law enforcement officer. A property bond of \$16,500 was set.

Jason Erik Janssen, 33, of Martinez, Georgia, was charged with failure to maintain lane and hit and run. A property bond was set.

John Tyrone Jones, 38, of Lincolnton, was charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on his own recognizance.

Curtis Paschall, 57, of Lincolnton, was charged with public drunkenness. A cash bond was set.

Joe Carroll Bedgood, 40, of Blyth, Georgia, was held for Richmond County Sheriff's Office. No bond was set.

Clint Wayne Bennett, 60, of Lincolnton, was charged with disorderly conduct, loitering, probation violation, and obstruction of law enforcement officers. No bond was set.

John Peyton Norman, II, 27, of Lincolnton, was charged with battery family violence and cruelty to children third degree. No bond was set.

John Peyton Norman, Jr., 55, of Lincolnton, was charged with battery family violence and cruelty to children third degree. A property bond of \$5,000 was set.

Robert Spencer Crawford, 47, of Lincolnton, was charged with aggravated assault, criminal trespass, cruelty to children third degree, theft by receiving stolen property, possession of firearm by convicted felon. A property bond of \$150,000 was set.

Alma Marie Lockhart, 46, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Derick Devekio Martin, 29, of Hartwell, Georgia, was charged with speeding and driving while license suspended. A property bond of \$3,900 was set.

Robert Todd Blackmon, 54, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with criminal attempt. A property bond of \$10,000 was set.

Porcha Nicole Cox, 31, of Thomson, Georgia, was charged with cruelty to children third degree and simple battery family violence. A property bond of \$7,000 was set.

Roderick William Cox, 30, of Lincolnton, was charged with cruelty to children third degree and simple battery family violence. A property bond of \$7,500 was set.

Yakira Naquesha Cunningham,

25, of Lincolnton, was charged with driving while license suspended and unsafe operation of radio or telephone. A property bond of \$1,900 was set.

Kris Gordon Walton, 43, of Lincolnton, was charged with battery family violence and cruelty to children third degree. A property bond of \$7,500 was set.

Joshua Antwain Whimbush, 32, of Lincolnton, was charged with disorderly conduct. A cash bond of \$350 was set.

Abigail Laura Miller, 45, of Washington, Georgia, was charged with burglary first degree. She was bonded.

Elizabeth Branigan Barnett, 36, of Lincolnton, was charged with simple battery family violence. She was bonded.

Daniel Grady Beckum, 39, of Lincolnton, was charged with burglary in the first degree. No bond was set.

Eddie Jones, 58, of Lincolnton, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property. No bond was set.

Alma Marie Lockhart, 46, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Rekeem Ledell Ware, 22, of McCormick, S.C., was charged with battery family violence, cruelty to children third degree family violence, kidnapping family violence, theft by taking. A bond of \$145,000 was set.

Jeremy Benson Barnett, 41, of Lincolnton, was charged with simple battery family violence. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

Robert Spencer Crawford, 47, of Lincolnton, was charged with aggravated assault, criminal trespass, cruelty to children second degree, possession of firearm by a convicted felon, theft by receiving stolen property. A bond of \$75,000 was set.

Yakira Naquesha Cunningham, 25, of Lincolnton, was charged with aggravated assault. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

George William Harrison, 54, of Lincolnton, was charged with cruelty to animals. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

Ryan Allen Hayes, 19, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with battery family violence. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

Thomas Allen Hayes, 51, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with battery family violence. A bond of

\$5,000 was set.

Edith Norman Hickman, 69, of Lincolnton, was charged with aggravated assault, criminal damage to property first degree. She was bonded.

Raejuan Lagarius Jones, 21, of Lincolnton, was charged with DUI, driving while tag suspended, speeding. He was bonded.

Cody James Love, 32, of Plum Branch, S.C., was charged with expired or no registration, no insurance. He was bonded.

Jason Robert Lowes, 36, of Lincolnton, was charged with simple battery. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

James Kevin Partridge, 52, of Lincolnton, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property. He was bonded.

Ronald Donarell Richardson, 53, of Lincolnton, was charged with driving while license suspended, failure to maintain lane, failure to report accident, leaving the scene of accident. A bond of \$7,820 was set.

Emery Elmory Samuels, 58, of Lincolnton, was charged with violation of Georgia Sex Offender Registry. A bond of \$5,000 was set.

Darren Eugene Smith, 21, of Lincolnton, was charged with public drunkenness, criminal damage to property second degree. He was bonded.

Norris Hogan, 61, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation. No bond was set.

Stephen Joseph Weeks, 53, of Lincolnton, was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a knife during commission of a crime. No bond was set.

Michael John Doty, 39, of Lincolnton, was charged with probation violation, child support/contempt of court. A bond was set.

Shanua Marice Miner, 47, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with disorderly conduct. A bond of \$4,000 was set.

Hallie Elizabeth Paradise, 21, of Lincolnton, was charged with DUI, endangerment of a child, and failure to maintain lane. A bond was set.

Stephanie Gene Towne, 45, of Tignall, Georgia, was charged with disorderly conduct. A bond was set.

Crystal Dawn Weaghting, 41, of Calhoun Falls, S.C., was charged with disorderly conduct. A bond was set.

DPH reports sixteenth fatality as COVID-19 cases rise to 460

Lincoln County had its fifteenth reported COVID-19 fatality according to the Georgia Department of Public Health's (DPH) website as of Monday, February 8.

The Lincoln County Health Department was unable to confirm the fatalities as of press time.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County increased to 460 with sixteen reported fatalities as of the 3 p.m. posting by the Georgia Department of Public Health on Monday.

Neighboring Wilkes County lists 618 cases and fifteen deaths, McDuffie County reports 1506 cases and 31 deaths, Columbia lists 10,011 cases and 128 deaths, and Richmond County reports 17,608 cases and 302 deaths.

Also reported as of 3 p.m. Monday, 775,466 Georgians had tested positive for COVID-19. Of those patients, 51,928 were hospitalized, and 13,361 deaths have been reported.

COVID-19 vaccinations are being administered locally by the Lincoln County Health Department.

Chief Lively reports on recent incidents

In a recent report issued by the Lincolnton Police Department, Sterling Devonte Brown, 28, of Lincolnton, was charged with speeding, no proof of insurance, possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce, obstruction of officer. A bond 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: Miguel Angel Carrasco-Quiroz, 38, of Charlotte, N.C., was charged with driving while unlicensed. A cash bond was set.

ment and vaccinations here will continue as long as time and vaccine doses are available.

The State of Georgia is currently in Phase 1A+ of the vaccine rollout. That means that healthcare workers, long-term care facility workers and residents, law enforcement personnel, and adults over 65, regardless of health conditions, and their caregivers are eligible for the vaccine. Others will be included as future phases are rolled out but the time of that is unsure at present.

Those who qualify may call the health department at 706-359-3154 to schedule an appointment. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned within five business days to get you scheduled."

The LCHD will be operating its vaccination clinic in a drive-through model, where scheduled appointments will arrive and park in the back parking lot of the health department. After arriving, registration and vaccination will take place inside the driver's vehicle. The entire process from start to finish will take approximately 30 minutes.

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