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**Lincoln County  
 Elementary School  
 Breakfast Menu**  
**Mon., March 29 - Fri., April 2**

- Monday - Mini donuts, orange wedges.
- Tuesday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- Wednesday - Poptart, Elf Grahams, apple wedges.
- Thursday -
- Friday -

All breakfast menus include choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menus subject to change due to availability.

**Lincoln County  
 Middle/High School  
 Breakfast Menu**  
**Mon., March 29 - Fri., April 2**

- Monday - Mini donuts, orange wedges.
- Tuesday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- Wednesday - Peanut butter granola bar, yogurt, apple wedges.
- Thursday -
- Friday -

All breakfast menus include choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menus subject to change due to availability.

**What's for  
 Lunch?**

**Lincoln County  
 Elementary School  
 Lunch Menu**  
**Mon., March 29 - Fri., April 2**

- Monday - Chicken wrap or pizza, lettuce & tomato, oven fries, honey glazed carrots, fruit.
- Tuesday - Turkey & gravy w/ roll or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.
- Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo w/breadstick or PBJ, Italian salad, steamed broccoli, pears.
- Thursday -
- Friday -

All meals include a choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menus subject to change due to availability.

**Lincoln County  
 Middle/High School  
 Lunch Menu**  
**Mon., March 29 - Fri., April 2**

- Monday - Chicken wrap or pizza, lettuce & tomato, devil fries, baked beans, broccoli slaw, rosy applesauce.
- Tuesday - Turkey & gravy w/ roll or pizza, buttered rice, green beans, peaches.
- Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo w/breadstick or PBJ, summer squash, steamed broccoli, sidekicks frozen fruit cup.
- Thursday -
- Friday -

All meals include a choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Salads offered daily at middle and high school. Menus subject to change due to availability.

**Planning, zoning meetings**  
 The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28. These meetings will be held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. each month if there is an agenda.

**This weeks tips from the BBB**

Gift cards have become a multibillion-dollar industry, a gift that always fits and stands up to social distancing. Worldwide, consumers spent billions on gift cards last year. However, that total comes with an asterisk - it includes the gift cards on which scammers increasingly rely to extract payment from their victims.

An in-depth investigative study by Better Business Bureau (BBB) finds an increase in reports of scams involving gift cards, with hundreds of millions of dollars in losses over the last few years. The study - Gift Card Payment Scams: BBB Reveals Why Scammers Love Gift Cards - looks at the scope of fraud involving gift cards as a payment method, the way various cards work, the scammers who exploit them, the efforts to combat the scams and the steps that the industry can take to further tackle this scourge. Read the full study at BBB.org.

**Capital update**

By: Sen. Lee Anderson (R - Grovetown)

The Senate has completed week ten at the Georgia Capitol and we are quickly approaching Sine Die, the last day for legislation to be passed. This past week we met for four legislative days and numerous committee meetings, ensuring legislation that makes it to the Senate floor is perfected and ready to be voted on. I am pleased to update you on all we have accomplished this week.

As a lifelong farmer and the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, I am always looking for ways to protect and assist our farmers in this great state of Georgia. I am proud to say we passed House Bill 693, which I was proud to carry through the Senate. This bill would give farm tractors carrying equipment the right of way on roads and allow them to be operated on any state or local roadway so long as they comply with the code. As always, we expect farm tractor operators to drive with caution and have respect for all people using the roadway.

Last week we also made significant progress in the area of foster care. I am proud that the state of Georgia is always looking for ways to improve the lives of children, especially the most vulnerable. We did this by passing House Bill 114, which would which would increase credit against income taxes for the adoption of a qualified foster child from \$2,000 per year to \$6,000 for the first five years, then \$2,000 per year until the child is 18. This bill will encourage more parents to adopt foster children and provide these children with loving homes.

I was also pleased with our work to honor those who choose military careers in the state of Georgia. House Bill 208 would designate the second Wednesday of February as "National Swearing-in Commitment Day" in Georgia to acknowledge those committing to a career in national military service. This bill recognizes those committed to jobs in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Coast Guard. We continue to thank and support those who so selflessly decide to dedicate their lives to country. Your sacrifices are never overlooked.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the bills. I am never too busy to hear from you so please reach out with any questions, feedback or concerns. I look forward to keeping you updated as we move closer to Sine Day, our last day of session. Thank you for your continued trust to represent you here in the great state of Georgia.

**LWREA offers scholarship to Lincoln students**

High school seniors from Lincoln County and Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School may apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators Association (LWREA). To qualify for the LWREA scholarship, students must plan to attend a college or vocational school for the academic year 2021-2022, and write a 250-500-word essay on the topic, "A High-er Education Will Afford Me the Opportunity to..."

The deadline for the essay to be submitted to the high school counselor is Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The scholarship will be issued after verification of enrollment. For further information, call 706-359-4592 or 706-678-1660. Applications are available at the high school counselor's office.

**Easter Sunday services**

First Assembly of God will host Easter Sunday worship on Sunday, April 4, with three morning services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. with nursery and Children's Church available, and 11 a.m. services with nursery and Children's Church available.

According to the study, payment by gift card is a common thread among many scams that have been the subject of previous BBB studies, including government impersonators, business email compromise frauds, tech support frauds, romance scams, fake check scams, prize/sweepstakes scams, and online sales of nonexistent vehicles.

Available data suggests that gift card payment scams are growing fast. The losses reported to BBB Scam Tracker for this payment type nearly tripled between 2017 and 2020, with a median loss of \$700 in 2020; consumers over 65 were more likely to lose money than younger consumers. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that roughly one in four people who lost money to a scam not related to an online purchase paid with a gift card, with reported losses of \$245 million since 2017 in complaints made directly to the FTC.

Typically when gift cards are requested as payment in scams, the scammer instructs the consumer to buy a gift card - or several - and either read the numbers on the back over the phone or send a photo of the numbers on the back. If victims ask questions about why gift cards are being used for payment, scammers invent a plausible excuse, such as that the government has recently entered a contract with a gift card company to handle transactions. Commonly requested gift cards include eBay, Google Play, Target, iTunes, Amazon, and Steam, an online gaming company. The scammer might promise to reimburse the consumer later or may send a check in advance for the consumer to deposit. In reality, the funds do not materialize, or the check is invalid, and the consumer has lost the funds forever.

Gift cards cannot be tracked easily and do not carry the same legal protections as credit or debit cards, making them an attractive option for scammers. While the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR) has extensive provisions governing telemarketing - which prohibits the use of reloadable cards such as Green Dot cards - it does not currently prohibit the use of gift cards in telemarketing.

One woman in her 80s received a call in November 2020 from someone who claimed to be with Apple and told her that her iCloud storage was compromised. The woman was instructed to buy gift cards in order to protect her data and tell any cashier who questioned the transaction that they were gifts for grandchild.

**Free martial arts classes**

The American Legion Post #194, is sponsoring free Martial Arts classes for one month beginning March 2, 2021 at the Legion Ballroom, 1121 American Legion Road, Lincolnton, each Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Classes are for adults and children of all ages. For older adults, movement classes similar to Tai-Chi (gentle movement) are offered.

The instructors are expert in Taekwondo, Karate, Mix-Martial Arts, Aero-kicks for self-defense. For more information: SRE Taekwondo School of Martial Arts, (706) 452-1801 or (706) 401-2241, email: SRETAEKWONDO@GMAIL.COM.

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