



LCES names March Bucket Fillers

Bucket fillers are based from the book *Have you Filled A Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. Bucket Fillers are students who demonstrate good character and aid in filling up buckets through good manners, helping others, and trying their best each and every day. Lincoln County Elementary School March bucket fillers were, back row standing l-r: Bryson Anderson, Morgan Lamar, McKenna Logan, Annabelle Padgett, Zariah Jones, Lollie Antanokos, Harper Cunningham, McKensy Collier, Makayla Leverett; middle row: Issaiah Davis, Ayden Albea, Justus Jones, Carsen Kornaus, Zhuri Anderson, Jayla Elam, Colton Parks, Levi Lightfoot, Jacob Chamberlain; front Row: Brady Moates, Easton Kea, Josie Dion, Rhett Byrne, Finley Ann Driver, Adalynn Lively, Hendrix Accord, and Carter Chester.

**Baseball's Best
Cobb never got a hit off Niekro**

By LAMAR GARRARD
Baseball historian



"I never knew how to throw a fastball, never learned how to throw a curve ball, a slider, a split-finger, whatever they are throwing nowadays. I was a one-pitch pitcher." — Phil Niekro, Braves Hall of Fame pitcher.

Unfortunately, in the last several months, baseball has lost many iconic superstars of yesteryear. None could be more popular or more of a fan favorite than Phil Niekro, the Hall of Fame knuckleballer who could be classed as one of the most competitive pitchers ever to play the game. Phil was tough and he played to win.

The Blaine, Ohio, native passed away on December 26, 2020, at the age of 81 in Flowery Branch, Georgia, where he had lived on Lake Lanier for many years. Niekro's hobby was fishing and at one time he appeared on TV fishing shows displaying as much skill with a fishing rod as he exhibited with his knuckler.

Phil and his brother Joe, also deceased, hold the record for the

most major league wins by brothers. In his 24-season big league career, mostly with the Braves, the hard-to-hit pitcher won 318 games and that mark may never be seen again because of the limited times a pitcher pitches today. Striking out 3,342 batters, the five-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner compiled an earned run average of 3.35. He won 20 games or more three times and pitched a no-hitter in 1973. Playing until he was a remarkable 48 years old, he is ranked as 16th on the all-time majors win list.

I reflect back on the two times that I was fortunate to be around Phil and have conversations with him. The first time was a few years back at a banquet in Columbia, South Carolina, sponsored by the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. I sat at a table with Phil and he graciously shared with us how he won his 300th game at the time with the Yankees and how his dad was in the hospital and got to hear it on the radio.

Phil was so pleased that his dad

was still alive to share in his victory even though the elder Niekro passed away a short time after. As the keynote speaker that evening, he encouraged the audience to do whatever was their task to the best of their ability and to give the effort 100 percent. Phil certainly did that in his career and that is why he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987.

The second time I was around Phil was in Augusta at Ty Cobb's former home for the dedication of a marker there to honor Cobb. Being the keynote speaker that day, he injected some humor into his speech when he said that Ty Cobb never got a hit off of him! The audience chuckled knowing that the two players played in different eras.

We miss Phil, his positive attitude, his tenacious yet gentle nature and his love for the great game of baseball. Rest in peace, Mr. Niekro, your performances gave the fans many thrilling moments.

Carr encourages residents to learn to manage money

In honor of Financial Literacy Month in Georgia, Attorney General Chris Carr is encouraging Georgians to take advantage of the educational resources available through the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

"Understanding how to manage money, reach financial goals and save for emergencies helps people have greater ease and success in their lives," says Attorney General Carr. "Georgians can visit our Consumer Protection Division's websites for guidance on how to navigate major purchases, avoid scams and protect yourself against identity theft."

The Consumer Protection Division developed ConsumerEd. georgia.gov to help Georgians become savvy consumers. It contains tools and information on creating a budget, improving your credit, managing debt, buying a vehicle, purchasing a home, and protecting yourself from identity theft. The site also features a bi-weekly blog entitled "Ask Consumer Ed," which answers consumer questions on a wide variety of topics.

In addition, the Consumer Protection Division created The Georgia Consumer Protection Guide for Older Adults, a comprehensive resource to help protect seniors from becoming victims of fraud and scams and navigate the difficult and unique challenges that come with aging. Available in English and Spanish, it offers information about scams, identity theft, credit and debt, reverse mortgages, charitable giving, home repairs, funerals, advance directives, long-term care, elder abuse and more. You can download the guide at consumer.ga.gov or request a hard copy by calling the Consumer Protection Division at (404) 651-6800.

April is also Military Saves Month. Resources for our service members and veterans can be found at consumer.ga.gov/military and from our partners at militarysaves.org.

LCHS seniors eligible to apply for scholarship

Seniors at Lincoln County High School may apply for the W. E. Mason Pioneer Scholarship by submitting an application to the Pioneer Educator Committee.

The scholarship is available to students with a grade point average of 80 and above; is designed to give preference to first generation college students; and those interested in pursuing the field of education. Students must have been accepted into an institution of higher education by the submission deadline, which is April 22.

Interested students should contact the high school counselor or principal

For more information about the scholarship or to contribute contact Luther Jones at 706-410-4349.

VBS at LBC

Come join us as we go to Mystery Island tracking down the one true God!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lincolnton Baptist Church on Sunday, June 13, from 4-6 p.m., Mon., June 14, – Thurs., June 17, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Commencement Service will be held on Thurs., June 17.

Four-year olds through fifth-grade are welcome. Pre-registration will be available after April 12, on the LBC website at lincolntonbaptist.org and click on the VBS tab. For more information call the church office at 706-359-3303. LBC is located at 235 S. Peachtree St.

Game night at Post 194

The American Legion Post 194, offers games for its members and the general public as "guests of the legion" on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

The range of games available are billiards, darts, poker (with house chips), various card games like Hearts, Spades, Gin Rummy, etc. The Legion has added an "Old School" collection of games: Checkers, Chest, Pick-Up-Sticks, Dominoes, Jacks (with the bouncy red ball), Battleship, UNO, Jenga, Tic Tac Toe, Cribbage & Scrabble and much more.

The Gamesmanship comes with a background of great food, great adult drinks, Karaoke, "Music by Request" 50's, 60's 70's Classic Rock n' Roll, Country and Motown Era music.

The Legion is back with its new Military and Americana make-over and it's a beautiful thing.

For more information, contact Al Ewing at (706) 825-2363.

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LOON	IRA	HORDE	RAMROD
BOON	COMPANION	ORIOLE	
OFT	ROMEOS	BRAINESCAN	
WAIT	TABLES	TINT	SILR
SHEA	YEROUT	OSE	AID
PJILE	STERNEVOICE		
AFT	TEMPITS	ENE	AIRMEN
COOKE	ISLANDS	TITLE	
HAREMS	ABOU	ARTS	MAW
EMMYS	STOWEAWAY	PIECE	
DYE	SUER	TRAC	CANDID
SHAMU	LOCKE	PICKLING	
MORTAL	MOI	SEDATE	AGE
GREENE	APPLE	WEEDS	
MTB	DSL	SYSOPS	APPS
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