

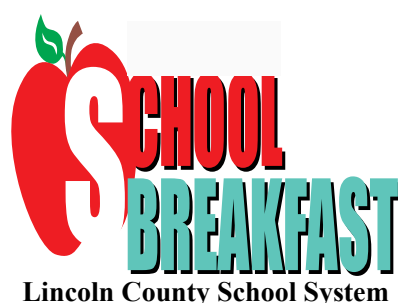
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Lincoln County School System Breakfast Menu
Mon., April 19 - Fri., April 23
 • Monday - Honey bun, fruit.
 • Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
 • Wednesday - Strawberry yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges.
 • Thursday - PBJ uncrustable, applesauce.
 • Friday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
 All breakfast menus include choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menu subject to change due to availability.



Lincoln County Elementary School Lunch Menu
Mon., April 19 - Fri., April 23
 • Monday - Chicken & cheese quesadillas w/salsa or pizza, lettuce & tomato salad, oven fries seasoned corn, honey glazed carrots, fruit assortment.
 • Tuesday - Grilled cheese sandwich or PBJ, creamy coleslaw, baked chips, celery sticks, sidekicks frozen fruit cup, 100% fruit juice.
 • Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo w/breadsticks or pizza, seasoned green beans, Italian salad, fresh fruit assortment.
 • Thursday - BBQ on bun or pizza, French fries, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, peaches, 100% fruit juice.
 • Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich or PBJ, potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, whole kernel corn, fruit, 100% fruit juice.
 All meals include a choice of milk. Menu subject to change due to availability.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Lunch Menu
Mon., April 19 - Fri., April 23
 • Monday - Chicken fajitas w/peppers and onions or grilled BBQ chicken sandwich, romaine garden salad, French fries, seasoned corn, fruit assortment.
 • Tuesday - BBQ on bun or pizza, baked chips, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, peaches, 100% fruit juice.
 • Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo w/breadstick or pizza, seasoned green beans, Italian salad, fresh fruit assortment.
 • Thursday - Chili w/beans and saltines or PBJ, baked potato, steamed broccoli w/cheese, carrot sticks w/dip, sidekicks frozen fruit cup, 100% fruit juice.
 • Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich or PBJ, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, pickle, whole kernel corn, fruit, 100% fruit juice.
 All meals include a choice of milk. Salads offered daily at middle and high school. Menu subject to change due to availability.

LCDA to meet

The Lincoln County Development Authority will meet on Mon., April 19, 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Welcome Center.

Across The Savannah

William Bartram's Wild Azaleas

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Blooms, blossoms, and bracts splash color everywhere you look this time of year. Daffodils and now dogwoods and azaleas add their voice to the spring symphony. They proclaim spring is here despite the late cold snap.

In yards and gardens we see landscaped vistas with plants placed just so to coordinate and maximize their appeal. Out in the woods, however, seen by few, blooms a spectacular plant, the wild azalea. The one you see here blooms near sister Brenda's garage. When she and her husband built their home the wild azalea stood in the way. They transplanted it and it thrived.

Don't confuse wild azaleas with azaleas of Asian origin. Those are evergreen. The ones we have here in the Southeast are deciduous and produce two types of buds. Known also as honeysuckle azalea it falls into the genus Rhododendron.

In April 1775, the American botanist, ornithologist, natural historian, and explorer, William Bartram, departed Charleston to travel up the Savannah River. During his exploration up the Savannah in April and May, Bartram encountered wild azaleas. Using his own Latin names he mentions two species of azalea in his book, *Travels: Azalea coccinea* and *Azalea flammea*. He didn't get too specific in his notes. He often just wrote "azalea."

Bartram passed through Lincoln County Georgia, my home county. I read that Bartram ranged some four miles inland from the Savannah River, sometimes crossing it. The Fall 2014 edition of *The Azalean* states that Bartram encountered an azalea above Augusta. He didn't refer to this azalea as coccinea. Did he by chance see the ancestors of the wild azalea my sister's plant sprang from? He stayed close to the Savannah but as the crow flies my sister's place is within the range of his travels. So might the answer be maybe?

What's not to be guessed at is Bartram's style of writing, which

Back to Yesteryear set for April 17 at Legion Post 194

American Legion Post 194 will host "Back to Yesteryear" with Elvis tribute artist Kelly Ray Burkham on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. Admission will be a \$5 donation. A cash bar and free snacks will be available.

The event is being sponsored in cooperation with Al Ewing Entertainment and Kelly Ray Burkham. For more information contact Al Ewing at 706-825-2363 or alpost194@nu-z.net.

LCCHS 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 average of 80 and above, and 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, 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.

Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: 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.

Mail in tithes

Price Grove Baptist Church members are reminded that they are able to mail in their tithes to Price Grove Baptist Church, P.O. Box 916, Lincolnton, GA 30817.



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has been described as rich and emotional. It's impossible not to note the old way of writing and spelling. The words, "florid" and "complicated" come to me. Plant lovers, by the way, view the following passage as one of the more famous passages in his book.

"It is early May, 1775. I arose early next morning and continued my journey for Fort James. This day's progress was agreeably entertaining, from the novelty and variety of objects and views; the wild country now almost de-populated, vast forests, expansive plains and detached groves; then chains of hills whose gravelly, dry, barren summits present detached piles of rocks, which delude and flatter the hopes and expectations of the solitary traveller, full sure of hospitable habitations; heaps of white, gnawed bones of the ancient buffalo, elk and deer,

indiscriminately mixed with those of men, half grown over with moss, altogether, exhibit scenes of uncultivated nature, on reflection, perhaps, rather disagreeable to a mind of delicate feelings and sensibility, since some of these objects recognize past transactions and events, perhaps not altogether reconcilable to justice and humanity."

Consider taking a hike through woods. Look for the bright pink and white wild azalea. You won't see, I daresay, the gnawed bones of men half grown over with moss but you might spy wild azaleas. They're out there just as they were in Bartram's day although manmade reservoirs cover much of their habitat today. We love our Asian azaleas but our native azaleas are just as lovely. Walk through the woods, do some forest bathing, as it's known in Japan. Bartram did. You can too.



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