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Lincoln County Food Pantry volunteers and Georgia National Guardsmen worked together to break down boxes of juice, frozen whole chickens, and sauce into individual bags for distribution last Thursday.

## Golden Harvest, LCFP deliver meals to over 200 families during food drive

Volunteers served approximately 200 families during the joint drive-through food distribution held on Thursday, April 22, at the Lincoln County Recreation Complex.

Golden Harvest Food Bank, the Lincoln County Food Pantry (LCFP), Camp Lakeside, and Superintendent Dr. Samuel Light joined forces to provide families in Lincoln County with "blessing bags" filled with child-friendly items, 15-meal boxes, along with whole chickens, sauce, bread, hamburger

buns, a gallon of milk, orange juice, a dozen eggs, and fresh lettuce.

Those from LCFP volunteering on Thursday were Gyp Hearst Jr., Robert Poss (who delivered to homebound residents), Jim Stopper, Travis Reid, Tim Easler, Johnny and Jenny Carr, Mark Wallace, Lula Crite, Paula Drew, Emily and Katelyn Enelow, Ella Norman, Evelyn Norman, Pam Collins, and Naomi Cobb.

Also, lending a helping hand were members of the Georgia Na-

tional Guard "Task Force Guardian," which assists the State of Georgia by supporting COVID-19 mass vaccination sites, COVID-19 testing sites, food bank distribution operations, and Department of Public Health and Georgia Emergency Management Agency warehouse operations.

The next scheduled LCFP drive-through food distribution will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on Thursday, May 6, at the Firetower Road location.

## Judge Hinesley disposes of cases during jury trials, pleas last week

Jury trials and pleas were recently heard for the Lincoln County Superior Court at the courthouse with Chief Judge Harold A. Hinesley presiding.

According to Superior Court Clerk Amanda Doss, "this was the first jury trial since the pandemic started in

2020, that Lincoln County has held. We've had civil hearings, probation, and plea days all along, but this was the first traverse jury trial week we've had since the start of COVID."

The following cases were disposed of during the proceedings:

- Belafonte Davis pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on a peace officer (felony), cruelty to children second degree (felony) and driving while license suspended (misdemeanor).

On the first count Davis was sentenced to 10-years, serving the first three years in confinement; balance on probation with credit for time served; and he must pay \$1,000 in fines plus surcharges.

He received 10 years probation on the second count, which will run concurrent with count one.

On the third count he received 12-months; serving the first 10-days in confinement; balance on probation with credit for time served.

- Craigory Becks pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, family violence (felony).

He was granted first offender status and was sentenced to eight years, with the first 60-90 days served in confinement at the detention center and the balance on probation.

He must enroll and complete alcohol abuse counseling; anger management; and pay a \$500 fine, plus surcharges.

- Troy Adam Pilcher pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft by receiving stolen property and obstruction of an officer (felony).

Pilcher was sentenced to 12 months confinement on count one and five years on count two, serving the first 24 months in confinement; the balance in probation; and pay \$1,000 in fines plus surcharges.

- Brad Steverson Robertson pleaded guilty to theft by receiving stolen property (felony).

He received first offender status and received five years probation; ordered to pay \$300 in restitution; and pay \$1,000 in fines plus surcharges.

- Cherish Angela Blundy pleaded guilty to lesser charges of simple battery, (misdemeanor) and a reduced count of misdemeanor reckless conduct.

On the first count she received 12 months probation and 40 hours of



Three-tiered serving trays arranged with delicious savories, scones, and treats will be served to guests at the Garden Tea set for Saturday, May 8, at the Lincoln County Historical Park.

## Historical society will host garden tea for Mother's Day

The Lincoln County Historical Society is hosting a Garden Tea in Olde Lincoln Town on Saturday, May 8, the day before Mother's Day. The tea will be served in the Lewis Family Pavilion at the Lincoln County Historical Park, 147 Lumber Street in Lincolnton, to allow for appropriate social distancing.

"It will be a great opportunity to take Mom out to celebrate Mother's Day," Event Coordinator Deborah Stone advised. "Tickets are selling fast and they won't be available at the door so get your tickets now."

There will be three separate seatings - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-2:30 p.m., and 3-4:30 p.m. - each of which will be limited to 40 people.

The cost is \$20 per person, which includes the tea fare including savories, scones (with clotted cream and jam), sweets, and a choice of three teas. In addition, each participant will receive a gift bag.

Following traditional garden tea fashion, food will be served on three-tiered trays, tables will be adorned with cloth napkins and tablecloths, and tea will be served in decorative tea pots.

For reservations, email [teatimeinlincolnton@gmail.com](mailto:teatimeinlincolnton@gmail.com) or contact Stone at 540-454-3644. Note that all reservations must be pre-paid; those making reservations should send payment to the Lincoln County Historical Society, P.O. Box 869, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

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## Commissioners approve spending on E-911 server, jumping pillow

Failure of one of the county's servers which also houses the Automatic Location Index along with the map server for E-911 a few weeks ago prompted the approval of up to \$15,000 in spending by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at a called meeting on Friday, April 16.

According to Finance Director Ernie Doss the \$15,000 would replace the server and pay for the recovery of data which would come out of the E-911 budget.

The system, which was installed in 2013, had a five-year warranty which expired in 2018. At the time of the initial installation no back-up system was purchased.

Doss stated that \$10,000 will be paid to ez911, which will provide the latest Computer Aided Dispatch server, mapping, and database services necessary. The company will



A jumping pillow complete with permanent shade structure will add another level of fun at the Curry Colvin Recreation Complex.

also assist in integrating the new version of the system into the county's existing back-up system.

Cherry Systems of Marietta, Georgia, is providing data recovery.

Commission Chairman Walker Norman advised commissioners that work sessions are being planned to discuss the E-911 department.

While those requiring 911 assistance were unaffected by the system failure, dispatchers, emergency services, and law enforcement had to use alternate address mapping services.

Commissioners also approved a total of \$36,000 out of SPLOST funds for improvements to the

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## Dr. Reinberger will give guests update on Wright House at History in the Park

Dr. Mark Reinberger will speak on "Wright House Update and Georgia Rural Architecture" in the first History in the Park talk of 2021 set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Lincoln County Historical Park. He will focus on the Wright House's kitchen structure.

"In my opinion, [it's] an extremely significant structure, very unusual, and a rare survivor; and definitely from the Wright period," Reinberger said. The UGA Historic Structure Report comments that the framing is marked with one of the most complete series of carpenter's numerals ever seen.

Reinberger will also cover a general update on dendrochronology including the most recent study on the kitchen structure as well as what it originally looked like, what he learned about ownership of the Wright House, and some general comments about the unique nature of Georgia rural architecture.

Reinberger is a professor in the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia and he has over 30 years of experience in the fields of architecture and historic preservation. He holds degrees in architectural history, historic preservation, and the history of urban planning from the University of Virginia and Cornell University; spent 15 years in architectural firms specializing in historic architecture; and has taught for 28 years in schools of architecture and environmental design, including 23 years at the University of Georgia.

His research specialty is American architecture, particularly of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries but with many forays into 20th-century material. He is widely published in both books and scholarly journals; his article "Using Dendrochronology to Date First Period Houses in the Georgia Backcountry" was recently published in Buildings and Landscapes, the Journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum.

"It's been two years since Dr. Reinberger has spoken to us and since then he's learned more about both the Wright house and its kitchen structure," Program Manager Gary Edwards commented. "The Historic Structure Report on the outbuilding of the Wright House was released last year and has great information, plus he personally spent a day researching the history of the deeds on the property. I also asked him to talk a bit about Georgia rural architecture in general, as I've noticed that many of the farmhouses have a unique look that I suspect is characteristic of the area. This talk was originally scheduled for last year but was postponed due to the virus. It will be a great talk; you won't want to miss it!"

The History in the Park talks are held at the Lincoln County Histori-



DR. MARK REINBERGER

cal Park, 147 Lumber Street, Lincolnton, Georgia, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month through November, usually skipping July. This talk will be held in the pavilion with plenty of space for social distancing. Prepackaged snacks, bottled water and soft drinks will be available. All are welcome and there is no admission fee, however the Lincoln County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are gladly accepted. For more information, contact Don Thomas, president of the Lincoln County Historical Society, at [dpastro@aol.com](mailto:dpastro@aol.com), or Edwards at 757-831-9556.

## SWAP summer camp registration to be held first two weeks in May

The Lincoln County Community Partnership's Students with a Purpose (SWAP) Summer Camp Program will be held for first- through eighth-graders from June 7-July 2, and July 12-30 at the Lincoln County Family Connection office located at the recreation complex on Rowland York Road.

SWAP activities will include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEAM), a reading program with the Lincoln County Public Library, tutoring, swimming, and field trips.

Parents interested in enrolling their children must register on May 3-6, or May 10-13, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Lincoln County Family Connection Office. Space is limited to 40 students.

For more information, contact Daravious Cullars at 706-359-5769.



Prom royalty crowned Saturday

Prom royalty crowned during the Lincoln County High School Junior/Senior prom were (l-r) from the junior class Prince Tevin Gartrell and Princess Destiny Barksdale, from the senior class, King Tyler Freeman and Queen Jordan Norman.