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## Red vs. White game is Friday night

The Lincoln County High School Red Devil football team will end its spring football practice with the Red vs. White game at Buddy Bufford Field on Friday, May 28. Red Devil fans are invited to come out and see the team in action with gates opening at 5 p.m. for Chick-Fil-A Night. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Admission is one container of laundry detergent per family. Concessions will be available.

## Georgia State Patrol urges motorists to be prepared for Memorial Day travel

The Georgia State Patrol reminds motorists to begin planning now if they will be traveling during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Colonel George Ellis, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, urges motorists to have their vehicles inspected before beginning a long holiday weekend trip to reduce the chances of a breakdown during travel.

"Summer heat takes its toll on motor vehicles, but routine maintenance and a pre-trip inspection are the best steps you can take to avoid a mechanical breakdown while traveling," Ellis said. "Make sure the inspection covers the vehicle's tire tread wear, brakes, belts, fluid levels, and hoses."

Despite the rising price of gasoline, traffic is expected to be heavy

during the 78-hour Memorial Day holiday period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, and ends at midnight Memorial Day, May 31. Traffic predictions from the Georgia State Patrol and the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety call for 2,250 traffic crashes, 575 injuries and 13 fatalities during the 78-hour holiday period. Last year, 11 people died on Georgia roads during the holiday period. There were also 2,311 traffic crashes and 554 injuries recorded.

Ellis reminds motorists to use extra care during their holiday travel. "Plan your trips carefully, don't drink and drive, and make sure your seat belt is fastened at all times," he said. "If you will be transporting children, take the time to make sure they are properly restrained as

well." Troopers are also participating in Operation C.A.R.E. for this holiday period. C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) is a program sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to promote traffic safety through high visibility patrols. Operation C.A.R.E. began in 1977 and the Georgia State Patrol has participated in each enforcement effort.

"Friday and Monday are typically the heaviest traveled days of the holiday period each year," Ellis said. "We want everyone to remember that safety must be a priority."

Ellis also reminded motorists that "Operation Click It or Ticket" and the "100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T." enforcement campaigns are also underway for the holiday period.

## Tom Poland will be featured speaker at History in the Park Series June 3

Author and Lincolnton native Tom Poland will discuss "Growing up in Lincolnton and Vanishing Rural Georgia" in the Lincoln County Historical Society's History in the Park Series Thursday night, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the May House at the Lincoln County Historical Park.

Many know of Tom through his weekly feature-length articles which appear in each edition of The Lincoln Journal, The News-Reporter, and many other rural newspapers. His website theme at [tompoland.net](http://tompoland.net) sums it up best, "May my words preserve this land, the South, its people, and way of life."

"I write a weekly column for newspapers and journals in Georgia and South Carolina about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and a changing culture," Poland said. "Whenever I come across an old store or farm or an abandoned Southern mansion, I understand how fortunate I am to see the past in person." He thinks of himself as a blue-collar historian. Moon pies, Lucky Strike, and Orange Crush form treasured memories on his journeys. For his talk, he'll address those themes as well as anecdotes of growing up in Lin-

colnton and he'll share sights from Southern backroads.

"Tom's stories often bring tears to my eyes. His explorations of roads less traveled showcase the subtle beauty of our disappearing rural lifestyle," Program Director and Past President Gary Edwards commented. "These are the types of explorations that many of us want to do, but he actually does them, and then he writes about them so we all can enjoy. His focus on this topic is totally consistent with the purpose of our Historical Society so it's great to have him as part of History in the Park. I've heard him speak several times and I know it will be interesting and exactly on the mark for our series. It will be a great talk."

Poland grew up in Lincoln County, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in journalism and education. He taught at the University of Georgia, Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. His work appears in books and magazines, journals, and newspapers throughout the South; he has written 14 books, one play, and over 2,000 articles. He's a member of the S.C. Humanities Speaker's Bureau, and



TOM POLAND

in October 2018, Governor Henry McMaster conferred the Order of the Palmetto – South Carolina's highest civilian award – upon him. He now lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

The History in the Park talks are held at the Lincoln County Historical Park, 147 Lumber Street, Lincolnton, Georgia, on the first Thursday of the month through

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## Seamless Summer Option will offer free breakfast and lunch to students

Frequently, children who depend on breakfast and lunch at school have problems meeting their nutritional needs over the summer break. The Lincoln County School System will again serve free meals to children and teens for the eighth year through its Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Meals will be served at the Lincoln County High School cafeteria, Monday-Thursday, June 9-July 1 and July 12-28.

Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The meals are free to all children and teenagers 18 years of age or younger.

"It's a great program that serves the needs of children in Lincoln County," Nutrition Director Kay Light said.

The cafeteria at Lincoln County High School is the serving site for the meals. Participants are asked to access the campus using the entrance that leads to the rear of the school, where the dining area is located. The entrance is situated on the left, before the Board of Education office on Metasville Road.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently issued a broad range of flexibilities to allow school meal programs and childcare institutions across the country to return to serving healthy meals in fall 2021 as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to reopen schools safely. Several meal service flexibilities that enable social distancing are now extended through June 30, 2022. The waivers continue the Administration's commitment to provide

safe, healthy meals free of charge to children as the pandemic continues to threaten the food and nutrition security of our most vulnerable.

"USDA will remain relentless in ensuring our nation's children get the critical nutrition they need," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "States and districts wanted waivers extended to plan for safe reopening in the fall. USDA answered the call to help America's schools and childcare institutions serve high quality meals while being responsive to their local needs as children safely return to their regular routines. This action also

increases the reimbursement rate to school meal operators so they can serve healthy foods to our kids. It's a win-win for kids, parents and schools."

A recent study from Tufts University found that in 2018, schools were the single healthiest source of U.S. food consumed across a sample of children and adults. The 2018 study found that diet quality for foods from schools improved significantly from a similar study conducted in 2003-2004.

Schools nationwide will be al-

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## Memorial Day tribute to be held at Post 194 on Monday

The community is invited to join members of the American Legion Post 194 in a Memorial Day program at noon on Monday, May 31.

The brief program will feature remembrances, poetry, hymns, displays, folk art, words of encouragement, and music.

Commanders and vice-commanders with the American Legion 11th District and County Commissioner Cooper Clatt representing the third district will be in attendance.

Special music will be provided by Tucker Stephens.

A "take-out dinner" will be provided free to all veterans, active duty military, and children under age 12. A \$5 donation will be suggested for all others.

Free American flags will be available to decorate military graves at the post home from 3-8 p.m. from May 27-31.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a financial contribution to the event should contact Al Ewing at 706-359-3445.

American Legion Post 194 is located at 1121 American Legion Road.

## Paper announces early deadlines for holiday closing

The Lincoln Journal will be closed on Monday, May 31, in honor of Memorial Day. Because of this, the deadline for placing news, retail, classified, and legal ads has been moved to Friday, May 27, at 3 p.m.

The office will be open again on Tuesday, June 1, at our regular scheduled time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



## Student athletes recognized at awards banquet

Lincoln County High School basketball players (l-r) Nazealous Hogan, Hustle and Heart Award; Keenon Lampkin, Red Devil Award; Frankquon Sherman, Offensive Player of the Year; Caleb Willis, Most Valuable Player; (not pictured) Franklin Brown, Coaches Award; Malcom Wynn, Most Improved; and C.J. Zellars, Defensive Player of the Year were honored for their achievements during an awards banquet on Tuesday, May 13.