



Students from the Class of 2020 who missed out on being pinned last year due to the pandemic were included in this year's pinning ceremony and included (l-r) Kristen Wigginton, Haleigh Collins, Alexandria Gilpin, and Sasha Sullivan.

LCHS juniors, seniors recognized during 'Academic Honors Night'

The 42nd annual Lincoln County High School "Academic Honors Night" for juniors and seniors celebrated an evening of well-earned student achievement while announcing this year's 2021 graduating class representatives, as Julianne Mattison was named Valedictorian and Jordyn Deason received the honor of Salutatorian on Monday night, May 24.

Mattison is the daughter of Jim and Janice Mattison of Lincolnton. Deason is the daughter of Timothy and Deborah Deason of Lincolnton.

Honor graduates named at the ceremony for this year's graduating class include Crystal Treadwell, Beatrice Jackson, Robert Bradley, Aubree Comtois, Shamaya Lockhart, Rhianna Aycock, Sasha Sullivan, I'lyiah White, Sydney Radford, Trontaisha Hawes, Gianna Anderson, and Benjamin Wade.

Graduating with highest honors were Lydia Partridge, Jenna Kinzle, Chloe Cliatt, Alexandria Gilpin, Madison Welch, Ethan Leclerc, Rachel Jordan, and Anna Cox.

Several members of the graduating class received the SAT/ACT High Achiever award, the product of a community effort to recognize those members of the senior class whose combined scores on the verbal and math sections of the SAT are equal to, or greater than, 1170, or whose comparison composite score for the ACT is 24 or higher.

High achievers for the class of 2021 are Anna Cox, Jordyn Deason, Anna Ruth Huffman, Ethan Leclerc, Julianne Mattison, Benjamin Wade, and John Wise.

This long-standing tradition of the High Achiever award was started many years ago by George Leverett and Farmers State Bank and has continued through the many



Junior Merit Scholars were (l-r) Gavin Heitman, Charlotte Hodnett, Aaron Clegg, and (not pictured) Emily Starbuck.

donations by individuals and businesses in the community.

Seniors were also given awards for highest achievement in certain subjects, including Anna Cox for English, math, science, and Spanish; Jordyn Deason for social studies; Tranter Duncan for band; Aubree Comtois for chorus; Ben Wade, I'lyiah White, and Rachel Jordan for musical theater; Crystal Treadwell and Beatrice Jackson for visual arts (two); and Keenon Lampkin for physical education.

Furthermore, Academic Honors Night celebrated members of the junior class who committed themselves to hard work, scholastic excellence, and educational integrity throughout the academic year. Several students were honored for such achievements.

Junior honor students were recognized for their academic achievements as they earned a cumulative grade point average of 93 or higher and have earned one Advanced Placement or dual enroll-

ment course credit. These students served as honor ushers at graduation. They are Brynlee Bentley, Madison Bufford, Aubree Floyd, Annaleigh Griffith, Charlotte Hodnett, Mikenzie Norman, Emily Starbuck, Aaron Clegg (second highest 11th grade academic average), and Gaven Heitmann (highest 11th grade academic average).

The University of Georgia, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, also recognized Georgia Certificate of Merit Scholars across the state for outstanding scholastic achievement throughout the first three years of high school. Recipients of the award must be in the top five percent of their junior classes. LCHS Junior Merit Scholars are Aaron Clegg, Gavin Heitmann, Charlotte Hodnett, and Emily Starbuck.

The East Georgia State College L.E.A.D. The Way Program is designed to recognize juniors through

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Martin's Crossroads Congregational Holiness Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, June 13.

Church to celebrate its rich history

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lost and dying world. It is still devoted to this cause.

On January 29, 1921, the Congregational Holiness denomination was organized in High Shoals, Georgia. Martin's Crossroads became the first local church to be organized as a Congregational Holiness Church following the organization of the denomination.

In February of 1921, a small group of Holiness and Pentecostal believers gathered in the home of Zeb B. Angel. It was here, about one mile from the present church, that Martin's Crossroads was organized. The minister in charge of the organizational meeting was Rev. Hugh Bowling. Rev. W.L. (Leslie) Myers was the church's first pastor.

Martin's Crossroads Charter Members are Zeb and Maggie Angel, Jim and Fannie Crook, J.H. and Betty Fowler, Pat and Kate Myers, L.P. and Louise Angel, John and Leola Edmunds, Jim and Sallie Howard, and Julia Stockton.

L.P. Angel was elected trustee at the organizational meeting and served in that capacity for 52 years until he passed away in 1973. The church has elected only one man as a deacon for life during its 100-year history and that was Thomas Haynes who was converted during the great revival in 1949 and passed away in 1985.

Initially, worship services were held in what was known as the Old Kenner Schoolhouse. In 1925, the church moved into its new church building which was located on the property where the present church now stands. In fact, most of the present auditorium is the original church building. The property was given to the church by Mamie (Babe) Bohler.

The local church was the official headquarters of the denomination from 1925 until 1965 when the headquarters was moved to Griffin, Georgia.

At least 15 ordained ministers have called Martin's Crossroads home. They are Pierce Ashmore,

Addison Belangia, Rudolph "Jack" Burke, Bobby Ford, Larry Ford, Fulton Ginn, Wayne Hicks, Brandon Lanier, Floyd Naton, J. Riley Powell, Bobby Rape, L. M. Reese, Clyde Davis, Mike Snider, and Steve Snider.

In 1964, the church pastorium was built, and Rev. Cullen L. Hicks was elected as the first full-time pastor.

In 1992, the church underwent a major renovation under the leadership of Rev. Horace Martin. The auditorium was enlarged, and more Sunday School rooms were added, among other improvements. During the renovation of the church, documents and items of informa-

tion regarding the church's history were sealed and placed in the masonry wall with the inscription, "Historical Documents enclosed. Not to be opened until 2046 A.D."

The church has had 23 pastors during its 100-year history, four of whom are still living. They are W. L. Myers, Hugh Bowling, W.J.A. Russum, Hogan Smith, Watson Sorrow, F.D. Sorrow, John H. Norman, Glenn Parton, Cleo Sorrow, Harmon T. Drake, H.W. Marchant, Elton B. Marchant, Henry T. Meadows, Starr Miller, John D. Overcash, Cullen L. Hicks, James Martin, Hugh Smith, Horace Martin, Ronald Wilson, Ryan Smith, Kenneth Law, and James A. James.

City hears departmental reports

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dent had been installed. "We have a little more work to do before it is finished. Mr. Goolsby has been a big help making sure that everything is done right," Alligood said.

He also stated that a sensor replacement at the plant seems to have fixed the issues the plant was having with the influent pumps.

The monthly report also showed that the approximate influent for Lincoln County was 595,000 gallons, while the influent for the city was approximately 5.1 million gallons. Treated effluent that was discharged was a little over 5.7 million gallons. Routine facility, equipment, and grounds maintenance was performed, along with the line repairs, and the clearing of clogged sewer mains. Sampling data has also been completed and recorded. The report also indicated that the department lost no time due to accidents or incidents.

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Jody Lee's report showed that 5.4 million gallons of water were treated, with 14.2 million gallons sent to distribution which includes 8.1 million gallons sold to the county during the month of May. Rainfall for the month was recorded at 2.32 inches, with Clarks Hill

reservoir at 331.1 feet.

Both emergency generators are tested weekly with no problems found and both fuel tanks are full. High service pumps three and four will be repaired when parts come in.

The next regular meeting of the Lincolnton City Council will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at City Hall.

DPH reports on COVID-19 cases

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County was reported at 525 with twenty-five reported fatalities as of the 3 p.m. posting by the Georgia Department of Public Health on Monday, June 7.

Neighboring Wilkes County lists 683 cases and twenty-three deaths, McDuffie County reports 1710 cases and 42 deaths, Columbia lists 11,182 cases and 165 deaths, and Richmond County reports 20,347 cases and 428 deaths.

Also reported as of 3 p.m. Monday, 896,081 Georgians had tested positive for COVID-19. Of those patients, 63,770 were hospitalized, and 1 death has been reported.



The Classic South Quilt Guild's 'Quilts of Valor' will be on display Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, at American Legion Post 194.

'Quilts of Valor' will be presented at craft, sewing festival June 13-14

American Legion Post 194 will host the first annual Classic South Quilt Guild Craft and Sewing Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

On display will be traditional, modern, mixed-media, handmade and machine made quilts. There will also be fabric and sewing art including bed and bath articles, wearable, and fashion accessories.

Visual art is included from the collections of Denver watercolorist, Joyce Howard and pop art/graphic artist Al Ewing.

Quilt of Valor nominees will be named and their quilts will be presented early Saturday afternoon. These quilts will be on display along with various other fabric art.

Vendors will be on hand with artwork for sale, along with toys,

wearables, novelty items, jewelry, and fashion accessories.

Food, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase through Hoppy's Kitchen.

In the Cantina parking lot of the American Legion will be the monthly "Coffee and Classic Cars" Cruise-In from 8 a.m. - noon. There is no entry fee for the car show.

Both events will be held at 1121 American Legion Road, Lincolnton, Georgia.

There is a \$5 suggested donation for entry into the show. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of fabrics for Quilts of Valor and/or handmade donations by guild members presented to the Ronald McDonald House in Augusta.

For more information contact Al Ewing at 661-666-3749 or Linda Buesching at 706-359-1572.



LCHS graduating class of 2021

Lincoln County High School graduating class of 2021 celebrates students (front row, l-r) Anna Cox, Rachel Jordan, Madi Welch, Jenna Kinzle, Julianne Mattison, Jordyn Deason, Chloe Cliatt, Alexandria Gilpin, Ethan Leclerc, Lydia Partridge, Beatrice Jackson, (second) Rhianna Aycock, Gianna Anderson, Sydney Radford, Aubree Comtois, Ben Wade, Crystal Treadwell, Shamaya Lockhart, Trontaisha Hawes, TJ Bradley, I'lyiah White, (third) Tyler Coulson, Kristen Wigginton, Brooks Lively, Danielle Gibbs, Bryson Segars, Bennett Ivey, John Spoon, Anna Ruth Huffman, Tranter Duncan, (fourth) Jackson Bryant, Jessica Walton, Michael Bowen, Nikiyah Hartfield, Mackenzie Martin, Natalie Newman, Kendrick Mansion, Colby Hoyt, Octavious Zellars, Khloe Reeves, (fifth) Keenon Lampkin, Destiny Booker, Jakolbe Reid, Reginald Reid, Christian Mueller, Yoshira Martin, Diamond Bolton, Haleigh Collins, Jamiyah Riles, Tonia Glaze, (sixth) Caleb Willis, John Wise, Lakya Maddox, Andre' Freeman, Dormeshia Elam, Tyler Freeman, Sasha Sullivan, Jordan Norman, Miles Parks, La'princia Mansion, Colton Willis, (not pictured) Storm Bessinger, Alexis Claxton, Alea Riviere, and Malcolm Wynn.