

Students recognized during Honors Night



ANNALISE LECLERC
Freshman honors



AVA MCGILL
Freshman honors



CODY TURNER
Freshman honors



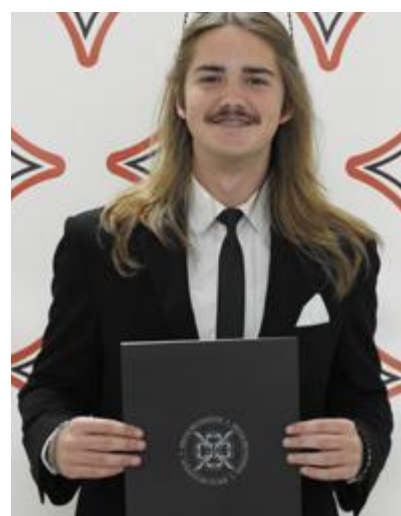
DALLAS MARLOW
Freshman honors



DARBY BLANTON
Freshman honors



ELIZABETH TREADWELL
Freshman honors



HAYDEN DAVIS
Freshman honors



JASON BRAMLETT
Freshman honors



KATIE MCNEESE
Freshman honors



KAYDEN STAFFORD
Freshman honors



MELANIE URBINA RAMOS
Freshman honors



MYKIA CRAWFORD
Freshman honors



PIPER BULLER
Freshman honors



RIANA WORTZ
Freshman honors



SADIE DANNER
Freshman honors

DDS celebrates Ride to Work Day

The Department of Driver Services (DDS) Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) encourages all motorcyclists and scooter riders to help show support and raise motorcycle safety awareness with their commute to work to celebrate the 30th International Motorcycle and Scooter Ride To Work Day, on Monday, June 21

"Riding a motorcycle to work is a great commute option for those who are properly licensed and capable of safely handling a motorcycle," said DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. "If you are not properly licensed, please consider a GMSP training class to ensure you are sharing the road safely."

June marks the official start of summer, and as the weather temperature rises so will the number of motorcycles and scooters you see on the road. Motorists paying attention and sharing the road with

two-wheel and three-wheel riders are imperative to the safety of motorcyclists and can help lower the rate of two-vehicle motorcycle-related traffic collisions.

"Motorcyclists already know how much fun it is to ride and how easy motorcycles and scooters are to maneuver in traffic and to park," said Holly Hegyesi, GMSP Program Manager and avid motorcyclist. "Ride To Work Day" helps call attention to the benefits of riding a motorcycle and gives us a chance to share our enthusiasm with non-riders."

Ride To Work Day is celebrated on the third Monday in June and is a call for riders from all walks of life to come together to show how motorcycles and scooters are an economical form of transportation.

A motorcycle work commute is beneficial when you take into con-

sideration it can be more fuel-efficient and take up less space compared to passenger cars. Although motorcycle riding is fun and brings many riders joy, it also comes with risks that support the mission behind GMSP to improve the safety of motorcyclists on Georgia's streets and highways.

Ride to Work Day is a perfect opportunity for motorists to identify with the people under the helmet, have discussions on how everyone can work together to keep Georgia's roads safe and highlight the need for rider education.

A RiderCourse offers motorcyclists and scooter riders fundamental safe riding techniques in a range of courses led by certified RiderCoaches. In addition to the trainer bikes available in the Basic RiderCourse, students have the option to ride their scooters if they meet the requirements.

Baseball's Best

At the right place, at the right time

By LAMAR GARRARD
Baseball historian



"Lou Brissie was shot up in WWII, had a bad leg, and wore a protector over his shin. Phil Rizzuto still bunted on him, and Brissie would throw at Rizzuto because of this. He went after Phil, threw at his head. He felt that this was taking advantage of a wounded veteran. He was one guy we all knew not to bunt against." - Charlie Silvera, Yankee reserve catcher.

The powerhouse New York Yankees won five straight World Series from 1949-53 under the "ole professor" manager Casey Stengel. Stengel possibly learned some of his baseball skills in yesteryear when, as a young player, he played in Augusta, Georgia, one year for spring training. Stengel was a better-than-average player in his 14 major league career compiling a lifetime batting average of .284 in over 1,200 games. Ironically, his first six years in the bigs, he played for Brooklyn, the rival he would defeat several times in the World Series as the Yankees manager.

Charles Dillion Stengel had a way of confusing his opposition and even his players with some of his baseball strategy. It must have worked even if he butchered the king's english in his discussions with the press, radio, and TV for he won 1,905 games in his 25 year

managerial career. Augustan Bill Johnson, third baseman, was in two of those five-winning-streak World Series titles. Johnson hated Casey's platooning of players. Bill always said about righty/lefty switching, that if a ball player could hit right handed pitchers, he could hit left handed pitchers.

Stengel is quoted thus about reserve catcher, Charlie Silvera: "He knows how to handle pitchers and is a timely hitter." Even with the admirations of his manager, Silvera played in only 193 games in his 10 years with the Yankees.

Charles Anthony Silvera was born in San Francisco in 1924. A great high school hitter, he batted .640 in his senior year and soon was playing minor league ball in the Yankee farm system at the tender age of 17. Answering the beckons of the military in WWII, Charlie served from 1943-45 mainly playing service ball entertaining the troops.

After a stint in the minors for three years, Silvera was called up to the Yankees full time in 1949. His hopes of playing every day were non-existent as the starting catch-

er was future Hall of Famer Yogi Berra. Fate took over that first year and Charlie played in 58 games and batted .315 while Berra was recovering from a broken thumb.

Charles Silvera was a good catcher and probably would have been the regular catcher on many other teams during that era. He chose to back up Berra and be a team player and it reaped him rewards. Playing in only 227 games during his major career he had a very respectable .282 batting average. A great fielder, he only made 12 errors in his 11 years in the big leagues.

He collected six World Series rings with the Yankees and seven World Series pay checks, as one year they lost the series. Charles was jokingly known as the "Payroll Bandit" by his Bronx Bomber teammates. He picked up his seventh World Series ring as a coach for the 1997 Florida Marlins. Later in life he said he could not have written a better script for the way his life unfolded.

Charlie passed away in 2019 at 94 years of age, but he was for sure at the right place at the right time.

Homeowners, landowners don't let flightless geese cause frustration

Library summer program

Tails and Tales Learning Programs being held at the library include:

- June 23 - Stuff animal sleep over, 12-1 p.m.
- June 24 - Magic Poodle show, 12-1 p.m.
- June 30 - Storytime Safari, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- July 8 - Ann Sprinkle & her therapy dogs, 12-1 p.m.
- July 15 - Party at the Splash Pad!

Contributions needed

The Lincoln County Food Pantry welcomes contributions. Your donations are tax deductible. You may mail your contributions to: The Lincoln County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 473, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

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.

City Council meetings

The Lincolnton City Council meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Sunday services

Blessed Hope Bible Baptist meets at the Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for prayer meeting. Come join us. For more information call 706-359-6759.

The Canada goose thrives in a variety of habitats, often near areas close to people, such as neighborhood ponds, office complexes, parks and other developed areas. This closeness can become a frustration for homeowners and landowners when geese begin to molt in the summer, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Our offices report that calls about Canada geese tend to increase slightly in late June and early July. This increase is almost certainly caused by the fact that geese are 'hanging around' an area longer than usual," says Tina Johanssen, Assistant Chief of the WRD Game Management Section. "Why? Because they cannot fly right now. Geese go through a molting process in the summer during which they lose their flight feathers and are in the process of growing new ones."

What can you do if you have goose problems? Most times of the year, geese can be scared away with the use of harassment techniques. But, because geese cannot fly during the molt, these techniques may not work right now. During the molting season, WRD personnel encourage affected landowners and homeowners to be patient. The new feathers will soon grow in, and the geese will regain their ability to fly and will likely move on.

However, if geese continue to cause problems, here are a few tips to try:

- Harassment: First, try a variety of harassment techniques (also called hazing), including mylar balloons, noise makers, or even

trained herding dogs. These techniques may scare the geese away from your property.

- Chemical Repellents: Repellents can be sprayed on the grass in your yard to deter geese from feeding in treated areas. Most repellents require re-application after mowing or after rains.

- Physical Barriers: Barriers, such as wire or string 12-18 inches above the ground, or heavy vegetation (like cattails), along property lines or the shoreline can deter geese from using your property. This method requires consistency from the property owner and may not always be 100% effective.

- Special Permits to Remove Geese: In cases where the above techniques have been unsuccessful, homeowners who want to reduce or eliminate the goose population on their property can obtain a permit from their local WRD Game Management office (www.georgiawildlife.com/about/contact). This permit allows them to have geese captured and relocated to a suitable area, or allows them to legally and lethally remove the animals. The removal can be done by the homeowner or by a licensed nuisance wildlife trapper.

It is important to remember that Canada geese are a protected species under state and federal law. It is illegal to hunt, kill, sell, purchase or possess Canada geese except according to Georgia's migratory bird regulations.

For more tips and information about Canada geese, go to www.georgiawildlife.com (click on "Living With Wildlife" on the home page, and then scroll down and click on "Canada Geese").



Quilts of Valor presented to three local veterans

The Classic South Quilt Guild sponsored a quilt show last weekend June 13-14, at the American Legion Post 194. Nearly 200 people passed through the show and were excited to attend the first quilt show in Lincolnton. Members sold tickets for a quilt drawing, sold handmade items in the boutique, and showed lovely quilts.

The Quilts of Valor (shown above) were presented to three Vietnam veterans by past-president Theresa Maendele and friend of the veterans, Janet Zimmerman. The recipients were Earnest Guthrie, US Army; David Murphy, US Marine Corp; and William Rovam, who serve for 22 years in the US Army, all from Lincolnton.