



**AIDEN WYNN**  
Sophomore honors



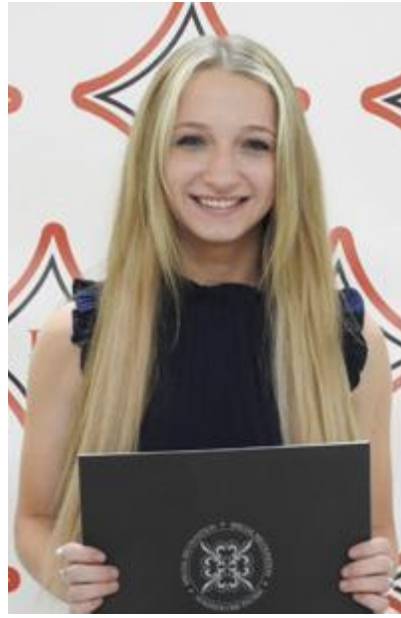
**AUBREY GRUBER**  
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**AUTUMN CROOK**  
Sophomore honors



**BAILEY BENTLEY**  
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**BRITTAN JOHNSON**  
Sophomore honors



**DALTON WATKINS**  
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**DANIELLE DEAL**  
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**ELLIE TRIEST**  
Sophomore honors



**HAGAN BALL**  
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**JACK ANTONAKOS**  
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**JOSIAH CLAXTON**  
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**LANE PARTON**  
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## Freshman and sophomores recognized during Academic Honors Night May 24

Freshman and sophomore students were recognized for their achievements during Academic Honors Night held at Lincoln County High School on Monday night, May 24.

Kicking off the evenings event was Vice Principal and Career, Technical, Agricultural, and Environmental Director Stephanie Jordan announcing students being inducted into the National Beta Club.

"Simply being invited to become a member is an honor," she said. Students at LCHS must demonstrate academic achievement by maintaining an average of 90 or above. "Inductees, I hope you feel pride in becoming members of this prestigious organization," Jordan continued. "You truly are the leaders in your school and community and are joining the ranks of over 500,000 active Beta members."

National Beta was founded upon four primary pillars, each chosen to help students learn how to make a life for themselves and to become humble, servant leaders.

Senior Beta inductees taking the pledge from the freshman class were Darby Blanton Jr., Jason Bramlett, Reagan Buki, Piper Buller, Mykia Crawford, Trevin Cullars, Sadie Danner, Hayden Da-

vis, Elizabeth Ferguson, Annalise Leclerc, Frederick Manson, Dallas Marlow, Katherine McNeese, Ava McWhorter, Landon Padgett, Avery Price, Kayden Stafford, Savannah Stump, Eliza Treadwell, Lucas Truitt, Cody Turner, Melanie Urbina-Ramos, Briana Wigginton, Riana Wortz, and Fredorian Wynn.

Sophomores inductees were Hagan Ball, Jamiyah Caser, Chance Corley, Heath Creswell, Autumn Crook, Amari Freeman, Alyssa Huffman, Rose Huffman, Savannah Jones, Ellie Layton, Wesley Price, Anna Ramsey, Ellie Triest, Ashley Veal, Dalton Watkins, and Shelby Whittington.

Students were presented National Beta certificates of membership with card and lapel pin. "These items signify your membership into this prestigious organization. We hope you'll carry and wear them with pride," Principal Dr. Chris Wolski said.

Freshman honor students who earned a grade point average of 93-95 were: Jason Bramlett, Mykia Crawford, Sadie Danner, Hayden Davis, Ava McGill McWhorter, Landon Padgett, Kayden Stafford, Eliza Treadwell, Cody Turner, Melanie Urbina-Ramos, and Dakota

Woods.

Freshman receiving "highest honors" by earning a grade average of 96 and above were Naomi Chiles, Annalise Leclerc, Dallas Marlow, Katherine McNeese, and Riana Wortz.

Piper Buller received the ninth grade's award for highest average and Darby Blanton received the award for the second highest average.

Sophomore honor students achieving a grade point average of 93-95 were: Jack Antonakos, Hagan Ball, Bailey Bentley, Lizbeth Cunningham, James Doran, Brittan Johnson, Ellie Layton, Lane Parton, Wesley Price, Robert Stephens, Eleanor Triest, Avery Wendling, and Aidan Wynn.

Sophomores receiving "highest honors" for earning a grade average of 96 and above were Josiah Claxton-Jones, Spencer Davis, Danielle Deal, Alyssa Huffman, Savannah Jones, and Leslie Turnbull.

Aubrey Gruber received the award for the highest average in the 10th grade and Autumn Crook received the award for the second highest average.

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Michelle and her Magical Poodles are sure to entertain the young and the young at heart on Thursday, June 24, at the Lincoln County Public Library

## Michelle and her Magic Poodles to perform at library on June 24

The Lincoln County Library is really going to the dogs. Well ... not really. The dogs are coming to the library from noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, with Michelle and her Magical Poodles. The show instructs, as well as entertains.

Michelle Harrell, the woman who has put this fun event together, manages to use her act with co-performer poodles to teach, in a fun way, the history of dogs, how to identify and act when around a service dog, and just maybe a secret or two about how to train your

own dog. "Having Fun With Your Dog," a trick training demonstration, will teach you the secrets of teaching a dog to jump through a hoop, fetch and retrieve, dance, and many more.

Harrell will use a few volunteers from the audience and turn them into animal trainers for a day. A hands-on meet-and-greet follows each show for an added treat. Experiences like this teach children animal awareness, responsible dog ownership, and safety around dogs.

Best of all, it's free. As Michelle says, "Come learn, be entertained, and have a doggone good time!"

A Storytime Safari will be held the next Thursday, June 30, from 11 a.m.-noon. Children are encouraged to come out to the library to see if they can spot animals hiding around the library.

Be sure to visit the library during the week of July the Fourth as well - Anne Sprinkle and her Therapy Dogs will entertain on Thursday, July 8, from 12-1 p.m.

## Board reviews changes to honors program

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ages of 96 or higher will be recognized with summa cum laude distinction, and seniors with numeric averages of 93-95 will be recognized with either magna cum laude or cum laude distinction. Juniors who possess numeric averages of 93 or higher, and will qualify for magna cum laude, will be declared honor ushers.

Courses which are considered advanced or honor courses will carry five weighted points to help achieve equality for students enrolled in the more rigorous courses. Dual enrolled degree level weighted core courses will carry 10 weighted points as calculated by Georgia Students Finance Committee (GSFC).

For the purposes of selecting honor graduates, including salutatorian and valedictorian, grades will end at the fourth nine-weeks of the senior year one week prior to graduation. Class rank will be determined by overall weighted average. AP courses and dual enrollment degree-level weighted core courses as calculated by GSFC will be weighted by adding 10 points to the cumulative total. Honors classes will be weighted by adding five points to the cumulative total. Honor graduates and honor ushers are required to earn a 93 overall average. Students who have failed any course in grades 9-12 will not be eligible for honors recognition.

According to Light, this aligns the district with the HOPE scholarship. "This is the first reading and will remain on the table for 30 days," Light said.

Other polices up for revision and review were also discussed.

The board accepted a student enrollment request from outside of Lincoln County. No tuition is needed because the student is a resident of Georgia.

After returning from executive session the board accepted the resignation of Amy Tokar and approved the hiring of Dinana Hawes and Jessica Barnes as sub-

## Reports reviewed

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in District 4.

The Public Works Water Report for the month of May showed a total of \$100,997.89 collected, which covers water, sewer, availability customers, setup, and tap fees.

The department installed four service connections and repaired five leaks on the system; performed continued maintenance on hydrants, valves, and meters; performed locates for utilities; and performed maintenance on the Savannah Bay and Pointe Shores water systems.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 8.

stitute food service employees, and Kaitlyn Smallwood as an occupational therapist.

The board also approved local supplements for the superintendent, coaches, administrators,

## Perry will be guest speaker at SAR's meeting tonight

United States Air Force Major General Perry M. Smith Jr., retired, will be the guest speaker at the Little River Chapter Sons of the American Revolution meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at the Lincoln County Historical Society pavilion located at 147 Lumber Street.

General Smith served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, many of those as a fighter pilot flying 180 combat missions over Vietnam and Laos. As a young boy, he and his family witnessed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Smith is a teacher, author, and television and radio commentator. He spends much of his time teaching corporate executives, MBA scholars, government and military leaders, church groups, and non-profit organizations. His subjects include leadership, ethics, strategic planning, heroism, innovation, and dealing with the media. Smith has lived in Thailand, Germany, France, Italy, and Turkey and his travels have taken him to more than 100 nations.

Since moving to Augusta in 1990, he has been active in community affairs including raising funds for the river rooms of Saint Paul's Church, the new Fisher

teachers, and support staff totaling \$652,778.

The next regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Education will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.



**PERRY SMITH**

House, the Kroc Center, the Boy Scouts, the Heritage Academy, and the Augusta Museum of History.

A former board member of the Augusta Kiwanis Club, he has been an effective recruiter of new members. Recently, the club, in recognition of his leadership, presented him with the George Barrett Award. Smith serves as president emeritus of the board of trustees for the Augusta Museum of History and served on the board of the Augusta Warrior Project from 2006 until 2016.

Smith is married to the former Connor Cleckley Dyess, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Dyess, U.S. Marine Corps. Dyess is the only person to have earned American's two highest awards for heroism, the Medal of Honor and the Carnegie Medal.

The public is invited to attend.

## Seniors can renew licenses online

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) is now offering Georgians who are 64 and older the option to renew their non-commercial driver's licenses online. While mail-in and fax options have been available since August 2020, the new online service gives this group another choice when conducting their licensing business.

"DDS continues working to ensure efficient, safe and customer friendly options within the law," DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore said. "Many experienced drivers are tech savvy and will appreciate having this online renewal service at their fingertips."

Georgia Law requires that citizens 64 years of age and older take and pass a vision exam prior to receiving or renewing a driver's license. A rule change approved shortly after the pandemic allows citizens to remotely submit their vision exam results that have been completed by a licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or eye doc-

tor. DDS continues to offer the eye exam at all customer service centers, but those who do not choose to visit in person may upload one of the following documents to their online services account to initiate the renewal process:

- Vision Report Form from DDS (DDS-MR-274) found on the DDS website [dds.georgia.gov/drivers-64-and-over](https://dds.georgia.gov/drivers-64-and-over).

- Vision exam dated within the last two years. The exam must include the visual acuity degrees, horizontal perception degrees, or monocular field of vision to be accepted.

After applying online, citizens will receive a decision by email. Those approved for online renewal may print a temporary license and can expect the permanent card to be delivered in approximately 30 days.

For more complete driver services information, including a menu of online services, visit [www.dds.georgia.gov](https://www.dds.georgia.gov).