

# LCMS eighth grade students share plans for Independence Day

The Lincoln Journal reached out to Lincoln County Middle School eighth grade students with the following question: How does your family celebrate Independence Day?

As always, their answers provide inspiration on ways to celebrate the day.

Me and my family sometimes try to find friends that are having a party and it's very easy so we go the parties. We just eat, sometimes swim, and do fireworks. - *Ethan Washington*

Me and my family celebrate the 4th of July by popping fireworks and have a big cookout. Sometimes we get in the pool, but that's very rare. - *Syriah Hogan*

Me and my family always have a

cookout with the rest of the family. My aunt always tells us to come over to celebrate with her. We pop firecrackers and eat grilled food. Also, we play music. - *Kaitlyn Jenkins*

The 4th of July I will go to the lake with a lot of people. We will get there in the morning and swim and when it is night, we will light fireworks. - *Tommie Rhoten*

One thing I do with my family on the 4th of July is have a BBQ. - *Daisy Elam*

On the 4th we shoot fireworks. - *John Banks*

For the 4th of July, we don't do anything. - *Annagrace*

When me and my family celebrate Independence Day, we always go up

to the lake and stay the weekend. We fish, swim, ski, ride boats, jet skis, and a lot more. - *Westen Chester*

My family celebrates early because my sister's birthday is on the second of the month. We celebrate by launching fireworks and having a nice dinner. - *Anthony Attardg*

My family goes to see fireworks on Independence Day at the River Walk. - *Chandler Crite*

Me and my family get together and have a cookout. - *Bryson Leverett*

Most of the time, we shoot fireworks. - *Jeremy Tutt*

Me and my family goes to the lake all day and then we watch fireworks. But one year we had this big water slide. - *Shyann Lairson*

On the 4th of July me and my family go put a flag on my grandfather's grave. We also shoot fireworks and just have fun. - *Aniyal K. Jones*

We go to the lake and ride the boat. Then we come back to the house after being on the lake all day and eat. Then, last, we will shoot fireworks at night and then go home and sleep. - *Bryson Dawkins*

My family and I spend time with family and friends. We shoot fireworks and go out on the lake. We also have a bonfire that night and grill out. - *Jamie Adams*

Normally my family grills at the lake and watches fireworks down near the water for July 4th. - *Angel Carroll*

On Independence Day we cook a hog and shoot fireworks. - *Caleb Plueger*

We get with our family and cookout and spend time with each other. At night, we shoot fireworks. - *India Wright*

We will be shooting guns and cooking a pig. - *Tripp Keener*

For the 4th of July, we have a big family cookout at my dad's mom's house and shoot lots of fireworks. - *Yasmin Terry*

My family and I usually have a cookout on Independence Day. - *Jaige*

On Independence Day we cook out. - *Shannon Leverett*

For Independence Day, we have a big bonfire and launch fireworks. - *Noah Edwards*

We go to the lake with our family and watch fireworks. Sometimes we even grill out. - *Brookelyn Harris*

For Independence Day, my family gets together and has a cookout and pop fireworks. - *Nhydra Green*

We are usually cooking and grilling. - *Christian Harris*

For Independence Day my family and my friends grill out at my house and do fireworks and go swimming. - *Madison Bowen*

Usually my brother and I are up visiting in Indiana and we watch the local parade. - *Aidan McCloud*

My family goes to the lake and has a cookout on Independence Day. Sometimes we shoot fireworks and go out on the boat. - *Savanna Starbuck*

We have friends over, have a cookout, and shoot fireworks. - *Romen*

I watch fireworks and have a party with my family and friends. - *Aidan Deutschle*

We do fireworks and eat dinner together. - *Gabby*

On Independence Day my family and I watch fireworks, go to the lake, and cook out. - *Kiersten Brown*

On July 4th, my family cooks out and we eat, play games, and dance. Later on that night, we go to the QTP to see fireworks. - *Cayden Glaze*

On Independence Day we usually go to Myrtle Beach and have a low country boil on the beach and watch fireworks. - *Donavan*

My family treats Independence Day as a normal day. - *Dylan Smalley*

On Independence Day I have a cookout with my family and friends. - *Mariah Cross*

For Independence Day I go out on the lake and party and I also go swimming in the pool. - *Levi Bessinger*

We cookout with family and have fireworks and wear red, white and blue. - *Johnny Saxon*

On Independence Day me and my family do fireworks and cook out. - *CJ Crite*

On the 4th of July, I go and cook out with family. - *Bryce Meaders*

I get with my family and shoot fireworks and play games. - *Justin Simmons*

We cook out with family, mostly at the lake, and watch fireworks. - *Tailynn Haynes*

On Independence Day I fire fireworks and wear red, white and blue. - *Jayden Slaughter*

For Independence Day, I cookout with my family and we do fireworks. - *LaKayla Blackwell*

My family usually goes to the lake and watches fireworks on Independence Day. - *Aubrey Welch*

For Independence Day, my family usually goes to my Nana's house. There we fish, swim, tube, and a lot more. - *Nate Delancey*

My family and I are usually at the beach so we go and watch fireworks on the beach. - *Emma Grace Cliatt*

For Independence Day, my family usually grills and cooks a bunch of food and basically we have a barbecue. If we are on vacation, we sometimes spend the whole day at the pool and we shoot fireworks. - *Kaitlyn Banks*

I will usually spend the day at the lake. We usually have a public barbecue and we all go swimming.

Sometimes we will rent out dunk tanks and water slides. Then we go out on boats of to the lake to shoot fireworks. - *Kalynn Bargeron*

For Independence Day, my family just spends time with each other and eats dinner. - *Brooke Phillips*

My family and I don't really do anything for Independence Day. - *Madison Collier*

My family just watches movies and cooks out. The parents go to sleep early while the teens stay up snacking and watching fireworks. - *Annaliese Pearson*

My family has a party to celebrate Independence Day. - *Shermoriah*

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On the 4th of July, we grill out and light fireworks that night. We also go swimming. - *Jordin Hilton*

For Independence Day my family cooks and shoots fireworks. - *Cole Thornton*

My family watches fireworks and goes out to eat for Independence Day. - *Lee Olson*

My family just hangs out together and makes food for Independence Day. - *Landon Garrison*

My family goes riding dirt bikes, four wheelers, and side by sides. Then we finish the day off with fireworks. - *Memphis Ingram*



## Junior Beta Club members inducted, receive stoles

The National Junior Beta Club induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 1, at Lincoln County Middle School. Serving as officers will be (l-r) president Kaitlyn Banks, vice president Emma Grace Cliatt, secretary Brooke Phillips, treasurer Ali Cox, reporter Amelia Hall, and member representative McKenzie Curry.



Eighth grade stoles were presented to (front row, l-r) India Wright, Kaitlyn Banks, Hannah Norman, Trinijah Mason, Camia Knotts, Brooke Phillips, Alton Deal, Kalynn Bargeron, Mason Ball, (back) Angel Carroll, Khydra Green, Aubrey Welch, Emma Grace Cliatt, Landon Garrison, Shenorah Bussey, Jordin Hilton, Christian Harris, Nate Delancey, (not pictured) Elizabeth McKenzie, Eli Partridge, and Lily Ratliff.



Seventh grade inductees were (front row, l-r) Jakaly Royster, Kenya Jones, Brayden Crook, Nathaneal Chiles, Katy Glenn Chapman, Tucker Bentley, Kadence Elam, John Hodnett, Tripp Parks, (middle) Natalie Wellmaker, Emmie Minyard, Joseph Morris, Thomas McWhorter, Kate McWhorter, Adelee McNeese, Whitney McCauley, Mary Claire Matthews, Allie Drake Robertson, Fortson Partridge, Chandla Leverette, Kristian Glover, Banks Griffith, Justice Norman, Brooklyn Seagraves, Kyla Turner, Davin Turman, Amelia Hall, Ali Cox, (not pictured) Thomas Crook, Abigaile Jones, and Madison Lands.



Sixth grade inductees were (front row, l-r) Jalayah Jones, Austin Harris, Joel Delancey, Bryar Rhoden, McKenzie Curry, Noah Ogletree, Jacobe Moss, Parker Jordan, Bailyn Roberson, (back) Aysha Elam, Nahum Chiles, Lucy Bailey, Grace Qualls, Christian Hopkins, Jonathan Norman, Trayon Jones, Triston Jones, Andrew Washington, Kennede' Wideman, and Hannah Williams.



Coleman Kennedy (right) presented the LWREA Leadership Award to Dr. Roger Williams (center). LWREA member Welcome Mason, along with other members were present for the occasion.

## Norman recognized by AARP

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fire, interest and energy, pride in the magnanimity that keeps alive the American spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, and together helping their community become a neighborhood."

"On behalf of the members and staff of AARP and the National Retired Teachers Association, thank you for your exemplary service and congratulations on being selected for this honor."

"Please accept our best wishes for the future."

Along with the award, letter and pin, AARP also honored her

with an inscribed paperweight.

Mrs. Norman has dedicated over 20 years and countless hours of volunteer service to the community.

Dr. Williams thanked Naomi Cobb, Teri Eno of The Lincoln Journal, food pantry volunteers, LWREA members, and others for their attendance and support.

The presentations took place at the Lincoln County Food Pantry, where two of the recipients continue to provide service to the community. It was also a very fitting time to recognize the president of LWREA for his service.

## Residents asked to roll up sleeves for community blood drive July 10

Shepard Community Blood Center will host the Lincolnton Community Drive from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at Lincolnton Baptist Church.

In honor of National Ice Cream Month, which is July, Lincolnton's local Milky Way Freeze Bar has partnered with Shepard and is providing the first 30 donors at the blood drive with a coupon for a free large ice cream cone.

"The nation is experiencing an ongoing blood shortage, and Lincolnton is no exception," Shepard Recruitment Specialist Jacquelyn Clemmons said. Shepard is currently in urgent need of all blood types, but especially O Positive and O Negative donors.

"Shepard supplies blood products to several local hospitals, so when you donate with Shepard, you are helping people in your own community. Each single donation can save up to three local lives, so please come donate if you are eligible - your community needs you," Clemmons said.

To ensure a donation is successful,

ful, be sure to eat a full meal before donating, stay hydrated, and get lots of rest the night before. Donors must be in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental consent) to donate. A photo ID or Shepard donor card is required when donating. All donors will receive points to use in Shepard's Donor Store on incentives such as T-shirts or gift cards.

Lincolnton Baptist Church is located at 235 South Peachtree Street.

For more information, contact Clemmons at 706-737-4551 or visit the Shepard Community Blood Center website at www.shepardblood.org.

## License requirements

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•You must satisfy the same requirements as a 16-year old. Please keep in mind:

•The DDS-approved driver education courses are offered by various high schools and private driving schools. Prices generally start at around \$250. DDS has also approved online virtual programs. Online Virtual programs are lower in cost. For a list of approved schools visit Driver Training Schools.

•All teens must hold a learner's permit for 1 year and 1 day before being issued a Class D license. A learner's permit is required for the behind-the-wheel training.

A driving log is not required for supervised driving or parent-taught behind-the-wheel training. But a parent or guardian must be present when applying for the license at DDS. The parent will be required to attest to the teen's completion of this training.

For complete teen driver training information including a practice knowledge test, please visit the DDS website at www.dds.georgia.gov. DDS also recommends downloading the free mobile app, DDS 2 GO.

## Reserved seat tickets for football season go on sale July 12-22

Reserved seats for the 2021 Lincoln County Red Devil Football season will be on sale at the high school, located at 200 Charles Ward Elam Street, beginning July 12 and through July 22. The ticket window will be open daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

If you have purchased season tickets in the past, you must come during this time to purchase your tickets. After this time, all unsold reserved seat tickets will be made available to the public.

Season ticket packets (six games) are \$60. General admission will be \$8 per game. No cash or checks will be accepted, you must bring a credit/debit card to purchase tickets.