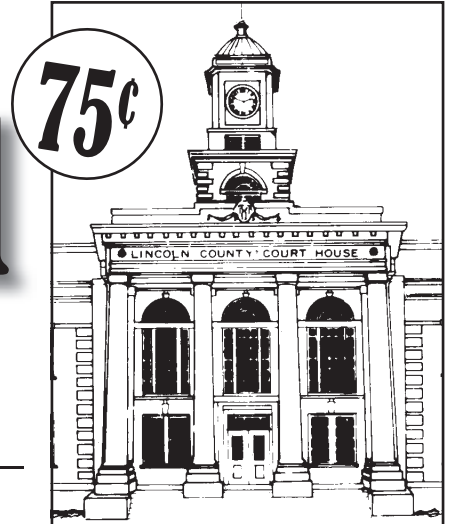


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LWREA members attending the awards ceremony were (front row, l-r) Ruby Avery, Mamie Garnett, Evelyn Norman, Sadie Harris, Roger Williams, (back) Leverta Elam, Clarice Sanders, Nellie Kennedy, Coleman Kennedy, Willie Harris, and Welcome Mason.

Williams, Cobb, and Norman recognized by LWREA at awards ceremony June 17

Dr. Roger Williams, Evelyn Norman, and Naomi Cobb were all recognized by the Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators Association (LWREA) during an awards presentation on Thursday, June 17, at the Lincoln County Food Pantry on Firetower Road.

LWREA President-elect Coleman Kennedy presented the "Georgia Retired Educators Association's Leadership Award" to Dr. Roger Williams, president of LWREA. This prestigious award was presented in appreciation and recognition for his dedicated leadership, service, and support to LWREA in the accomplishment of its goals.

Representative Nellie Kennedy followed with the presentation of the "LWREA Community Service Award" to Lincoln County Food Pantry President Naomi Cobb. "Mrs. Cobb has done wonders with the pantry. She and her volunteers have been a light of hope, providing food distributions to needy families in Lincoln and surrounding counties during the COVID-19 pandemic," Kennedy said.

President Roger Williams then presented Evelyn Norman with the "American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Service Award." Williams then read a letter of recognition from AARP Chief Executive Officer Jo Ann C. Jenkins which stated:

"AARP is delighted to recognize you with this Community Service Award and commemorative pin for all the good you have done in your community over the past year.

"Your efforts have enriched the lives of friends and neighbors and made your community a better place to live. We join with your state AARP office team in honoring you for the tremendous gifts of your time and talent.



Dr. Roger Williams (right) presented the AARP Community Service Award to Evelyn Norman.



Nellie Kennedy (left) presented the LWREA Community Service Award to Naomi Cobb.

"Every year, AARP joins organizations and communities across the country in recognizing exemplary volunteers such as yourself and inviting others to follow their example. Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus,

AARP's founder, once said, '... to our thousands of volunteers, words of appreciation for their enthusiasm, admiration for their

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Mitigation plan helps county, city be prepared for natural disasters

Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton are both better prepared for disasters with the recent approval of the Lincoln County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is a long-term strategy to reduce the community's vulnerability to natural disasters.

The plan identifies hazards and potential hazards in Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton, and it creates a framework to help community officials make decisions that may ultimately protect lives and property.

The plan also outlines a strategy for implementing mitigation projects in Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton. Those projects are taking proactive steps to lessen the impact of future disasters and the costly expenses associated with them.

History shows that the physical, financial, and emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced significantly through hazard mitigation planning. The planning process encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision

making regarding land-use planning, floodplain management, site design, and other activities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews and approves state, tribal, and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. State mitigation plans must be approved every five years, and local and tribal mitigation plans must be approved at least once every five years.

Joshua's Law goes into effect today expanding requirements for teens

Seventeen-year-olds will be required to successfully complete the Joshua's Law component of Georgia's driver training program starting today, July 1, according to the Department of Drivers Services.

House Bill 466, which passed during the most recent legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly, makes Joshua's Law driver training mandatory for 17-year-olds. Anyone under the age of 18 will not be issued their initial Class D license without completing the required training.

Teen Driver Education – Senate Bill 226, also known as "Joshua's Law," requires 16- and 17-year-olds to do the following to get a Georgia Driver's License:

If you are 16 years of age, applying for a Class D License or Motorcycle Permit (Class MP):

You must complete an approved driver education course with a certified private or public driver training school using one of the following methods. Approved classes are offered online and tend to be more economical. You must also complete each item in the method you choose.

- Method 1
- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- 6 hours behind the wheel training at the certified school
- 40 hours of supervised driving with a parent or guardian (6 hours of the 40 hours must be at night)

- Method 2
- 30 hours of classroom instruction at the certified school
- 40 hours parent-taught behind-the-wheel training. Use the Parent/Teen Driving Guide (includes 40 hours of supervised driving with parent or guardian)

- Method 3
- 30 hours of online instruction with a certified virtual program
- 6 hours behind the wheel training at a certified school
- 40 hours of supervised driving with a parent or guardian (6 hours of the 40 hours must be at night)

- Method 4
- 30 hours of online instruction

with a certified virtual program ●40 hours of parent-taught behind-the-wheel training. Use the Parent/Teen Driving Guide (includes 40 hours of supervised driving with parent or guardian)

If you are 17 years of age, applying for a Class D License or Motorcycle Permit (Class MP), on or after July 1, 2021:

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Freedom Fireworks coming July 3!

The annual Freedom Fireworks Extravaganza on The Square in downtown Washington is set for Saturday, July 3, with activities beginning in the afternoon and the fireworks show just after dark. Contributions are still needed and may be dropped off at the W-W Chamber of Commerce office on The Square or mailed to W-W Fireworks; P.O. Box 661; Washington, Georgia 30673. "We also need food vendors for the event," Chamber of Commerce Immediate Past President John Keen said. "Due to the pandemic many of the vendor businesses did not survive and the ones that did are having a difficult time getting staffing." Anyone wishing to sign up as a vendor should contact the Chamber for an application at washingtonwilkeschamber@gmail.com or 706-678-2013. (Photo by Mercer Harris)