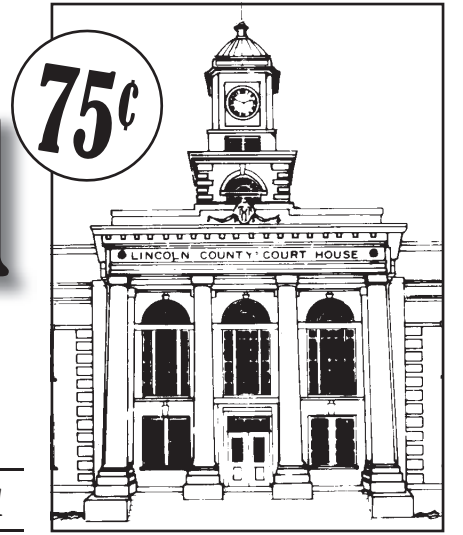


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The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce hosted a large number of attendees at its annual Chamber Banquet held recently at Williema's Restaurant.

## Uptown Peach Co., historical society named Business, Non-profit of the Year

A large crowd of 95 turned out recently for the annual Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Banquet where The Uptown Peach Company and the Lincoln County Historical Society were recognized as Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year for 2021.

"Back in 2018, the Chamber started recognizing and celebrating the business and nonprofit of the year. This year we asked the Chamber businesses and members to nominate their candidates, who had to be Chamber businesses and Chamber non-profits in good standing for this prestigious award," Chamber President Maggie Shaw said.

The nominee for Nonprofit of the Year 2021, was unanimous with current President of the Lincoln County Historical Society Don Thomas accepting the trophy.

Chamber members nominated six Chamber businesses and in alphabetical order they were; Backpaddle Brewing, Double Branches Farm and Produce Market, R & W Auto Parts, Spratlin Hardware & Building Supplies, The Uptown Peach Company and Williema's Restaurant.

Shaw says the selection process was unbiased and based on public opinion. "We asked the public to vote on whom they thought was the Business of the Year for 2021. They were vocal and I can say that all six businesses have a very proud and dedicated fan base. I am thrilled to announce that we got a whopping 629 votes from the public."

"We would like to congratulate all the companies who were nominated for providing Lincoln County



The Uptown Peach Company owners Brooks Thompson (left) and Terri Goodwin accept the Business of the Year award during the annual Chamber banquet.

with amazing service, we are proud of you all," Shaw said.

Uptown Peach, owned by Brooks Thompson and Terri Goodwin, took first place with 33% of the vote, followed by Kyle McCloud's Backpaddle Brewery with 26%, and Penny Warren's Williema's Restaurant in third with 24%.

Shaw had special praise for Wil-

liema's hosting of the banquet. "We would like to thank Penny Warren and her amazing staff at Williema's for putting everything together, for the amazing food, and atmosphere. Penny, you and your staff went above and beyond. The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce team thanks you."



## Party at the Splash Pad concludes Summer Reading Program

Several children enjoyed the "Party at the Splash Pad" which closed out the Summer Reading Program at the Lincoln County Public Library on Thursday, July 15. Along with the splash pad, children had full run of the playground and other facilities available at the recreation complex. A lunch of pizza was served and Al Ewing with America Legion Post 194 provided music throughout the afternoon.

## Open House is scheduled for all campuses August 3

It's almost over. You can hear the groans coming from all school-age children – and probably some teachers – as they mark the days off the calendar leading to the first day of school. But before school starts, there is open house, which is slated for Tuesday, August 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at all schools.

Parents are encouraged to make the most of it, as it will help ease the transition for children, whether it is the first day of kindergarten, or even if you think your child is an "old hand" at it.

Open house is designed for parents and students to have a brief time to get acquainted with teachers, see classrooms, and perhaps get quick overviews of their expectations and schedules. While it's not an appropriate time to speak to the teacher about your child's specific needs or your concerns, it is a good time to meet your child's teacher and find the best way to reach out to them at a later time.

The kindergartener will understandably be nervous; this is an unknown world to them. Take it easy and remember that small children will often "act up" when faced with something they don't understand. Quite a few parents will be coming from work; tired parents and anxious children may not be a good mix.

Older children may be nervous as well. They may have heard horror stories about certain classes. Try to know what concerns them before open house. There may not be time to address it with the teacher there, but you may be able to set up a conference for later in the month. Of course, older children may be mortified that the parent is going to show up at all.

General questions are good. How should parents communicate with the teacher? What are the homework expectations for that class? If the teacher says she assigns homework every night, then a parent will know their child has work to do, no matter what other activity they may want to do.

Read the paperwork you are given. Know the school discipline, policies, and procedures. Rules change from year to year, and if the child must know the rules, the parent should as well.

Listen to teachers when they speak. Children watch their parents for cues on who to respect.

Take pictures if you don't know the teacher; a picture will put a face with a name later, and it may be a treasured memento in years to come as well.

Remember, open house can and should be a positive experience for all concerned; the parent, child and the teacher. Children of all ages fare better when there is an open, positive line of communication between parent and teacher.

Lincoln County Elementary School and Middle Schools have also released the school supplies and wish lists for the 2021-22 school year which includes:

### Elementary

**Pre-K Wish List:** paper towels, baby wipes, Clorox wipes, gallon zip lock – boys, sandwich zip lock – girls, tissue, and Lysol spray

### Kindergarten

**Needed Student Supplies:** one composition book (wide-ruled), pencils, one box of 16 crayons, durable headphones (no earbuds), glue sticks, scissors, oversized old tee shirt for art, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and paper towels.

**Classroom Wish list:** Expo markers, large erasers, gallon or sandwich size Ziploc bags, 2 boxes of tissues, painters tape and baby wipes; and computer - one box of tissue.

### First Grade

**Student Supplies:** pencil box

or pencil pouch (large enough to hold pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue), one wide ruled single subject notebook, four pack glue sticks, pre-sharpened pencils, 16 or 24 pack crayons, student scissors, two pocket folders with prongs, headphones (no earbuds), and art tee shirt.

**Classroom Wish list:** paper towels-boys, Kleenex-girls, disinfecting wipes, gallon or quart size Ziplock bags, computer mouse for Chromebook, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, dry erase markers, and blank index cards. For special classes: music - one box of tissue; art - magic erasers and Dawn detergent; and computer - one box of tissue.

### Second grade

**Student Supplies:** Two packs of loose leaf notebook paper, one two inch or half-inch binder with pockets, two plastic prong pocket folders with paper (science, social studies or writing), one composition notebook (math), several sharpened pencils with extra erasers are needed daily, 16 box crayons, one pack of glue sticks (no bottles), two boxes tissues, hand

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## Lincoln Artisans to host monthly 'Arts in the Park' event Aug. 14

The revived Lincoln Artisans will begin their monthly "Arts in the Park" event in the Lincoln County Historical Society Pavilion on Saturday, August 14, from 9am-2pm. The event will be the first in the new monthly series set for the second Saturday of each month.

The event is open for the exhibition and sale of original paintings, sculpture, carvings, sewn goods, baked goods, drama, and music from artisans in Lincoln County and the surrounding area. Store bought goods are prohibited.

The event will also feature monthly art classes, with the first taught by local artist Tootsie Wright. Reservations are required for the classes.

Joann Ward, Lincoln Artisans Board President, says "We would like to attract all genres of artisans to exhibit their wares at the park. The goal is to create a venue where folks can see and purchase locally produced art, goods, and crafts on a regular schedule, as well as participate in arts and crafts lessons."

For more information for vendors or attending the classes contact Jo Ann Ward at lincolnaritans@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Artisans-102214855013013/>. The Lincoln County Historical Society is located at 147 Lumber Street, behind the Post Office on Elm Street in Lincolnton.



## Qualifying to be held at city hall Aug. 16-18 for mayor, council seats

The office of Lincolnton mayor and two city council seats will be up for election this November, and potential candidates can qualify to run for the positions this August.

Qualification dates for the upcoming municipal election have been slated for Monday, August 16, through Wednesday, August 18, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 2.

To qualify for any of these positions, a potential candidate must be a registered voter in the City of Lincolnton as well as a city resident for 12 months preceding the election. The qualification fees are \$120 for mayor and \$72 for councilman.

The terms of Mayor Henry Brown; Councilman Ernest Norman, Post 4; and Councilman Nicole Kelley, Post 5; will expire on December 31, 2021.

## LCFP assists Golden Harvest, welcomes volunteers

Research assistants with Golden Harvest Food Bank (top photo, l-r) Brandie Reese and Brandi Pittman were in attendance during the Lincoln County Food Pantry mobile food distribution on Thursday, July 15. The pair surveyed clients for Golden Harvest to gain input on the impact the food pantry has on their lives.

Two new volunteers were welcomed into the pantry. Bryson and Tristan Wright, grandsons of Phyllis Wright, and students at Lincoln County High School assisted in the distribution last Thursday.