

'Battle of the Devils' in scrimmage game this Friday

It's a scrimmage, but it's still the first game of the season as the Red Devils take on the Screaming Devils in a clash against Class A opponent and potential state championship rival Warren County.

Second year Coach Lee Chomskis (say HOMskis) says Warren County is a great scrimmage opportunity. "Both teams feature a wing-T offense and a 4-4 defense. Our players can practice against the same offensive and defensive schemes we will face Friday night. It gives us another physical team matchup early, where we can get the hard hitting experience in the first game."

It might be his second year as head coach of the Red Devils, but Chomskis is no stranger to Lincoln County football or winning seasons. He was an assistant here under the legendary Larry Campbell and was on staff when the Devils won their last state championship. Since then he has racked up 101 victories and 2 regional titles at Vidalia.

The Red Devils finished last year

in the third round of the Division A championship playoffs, as did the Screaming Devils.

Team captains Tevin Gartrell, Donald Owens, and C.J. Zellars are itching to take on another team that plays hard-hitting football. Gartrell will be playing right halfback, while Owens and Zellars go both ways, with Owens at left guard and defensive end, and Zellars at linebacker and left halfback.

The Red Devils will start with an all-new defensive secondary, but have seven returning players on offense. They will also feature transfer quarterback Trey Huff. "We're ready to start building chemistry with our new guy in a real game," says Gartrell.

Huff, a 5'9 160 pound junior, played for the Commerce Tigers last year. Huff was at the helm as Commerce beat Lincoln County 17-7, took down Washington-Wilkes 28-17, and led Commerce to the state championship playoffs.

The game gives Lincoln County

the field experience needed for a tough first half of the season. Last year the Devils took on a slate of higher division teams to start the season, and face the same this year.

Starting September 3 they take on AA teams Westside, Laney, and Elbert County, and AAA Harlem, before starting Division A region play against Towns County, Social Circle, Washington-Wilkes, Greene County, and Commerce.

Coach Chomskis and the team captains agree that while that's a challenge, it gives the Red Devils an experience edge in the Division A fight. "Our guys will have faced a tough schedule against much larger schools up-front before the regional wars begin," says Chomskis.

Kickoff against Warren County is set for 7:30pm Friday at Larry Campbell Stadium in Lincolnton.

(Link - video of Huff against Washington-Wilkes - <https://www.maxpreps.com/athlete/trey-huff/MmIQVKcXEemA0ZFtwg1OMQ/default.htm>)



LCHS Red Devil team captains are (l-r) Tevin Gartrell, C.J. Zellars, and Donald Owens.

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Partners Richard "Cookie" Sweat and Jim "Papa" Harris owners of Papa's Old South Café.

Papa's Old South Café now open

If you're already cooking for 30-40 people on a regular basis you may as well open a restaurant – which is exactly what partners Richard "Cookie" Sweat and Jim "Papa" Harris did in opening Papa's Old South Café.

Sweat and Harris, longtime members of Lincoln County's Killin Time Hunt Club, are retired from their former businesses. Richard owned restaurants and provided catering services in the Atlanta area, which obviously led to his being singled out to do the cooking at the hunt club, while Jim spent 39 years as a martial arts instructor, and still owns a billing service for physician practices.

The restaurant is now open for take-out and inside dining 7 days a week with



Papa's Old South Café is located at 2634 McCormick Hiwy is now open.

traditional southern cooking fare and looks to expand operations over the next several months. "We plan to have a fresh produce stand with boiled peanuts with-

in the next 30 days," says Harris. "We also will be adding live bait including herring, an ice machine, and a propane refill station."

Sweat says they will be using extensive farm-to-market sourcing. "As a professionally trained cook, restaurant owner and caterer, I have always enjoyed cooking and especially creating my own recipes. Nothing is better than fresh ingredients, so we are not using any canned vegetables and are serving local Angus ground chuck." They currently source through the farmers market in Greenwood, which is why they look to open the produce stand as soon as possible to provide Lincoln County vegetables.

Another twist the partners offer is in pricing. Sales tax, bread, and a drink is included in their price, so the price on the menu is what you actually pay at the register.

The pair is looking to hire staff as soon as possible. Harris said he didn't intend to come out of retirement to run a restaurant seven days a week, but like just about all other Lincoln County employers they are having a hard time finding workers. "I didn't plan on working this much, but we decided to get it done then hire people to run it. But we're still looking for help."

While new expanded hours are under discussion for the fall, current hours are: Monday-Wednesday – 11-2 Thursday-Saturday – 11-8 Sunday – 11-2



Anna Kenerly sworn in as Assistant District Attorney by Judge Britt Hammond. District Attorney William Doupe looks on while Kenerly's father Mack Shealy holds the Bible.

Lincoln resident sworn-in as new Assistant District Attorney

Lincoln County now has a resident Assistant District Attorney, as Anna Kenerly was sworn into the position August 4 by Toombs Judicial District Judge Britt Hammond at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Kenerly lives in Lincoln County with husband Eric and their 3 children. She holds a Bachelor of Arts

in Sociology from the University of Georgia, and graduated with a Juris Doctor from the Florida Coastal School of Law in 2008.

She has worked as a family law attorney, an Assistant Public Defender in Key West, Florida, and in the Augusta Judicial Circuit before joining the Toombs Circuit.

Council moves to re-establish Board of Elections, County and Board of Education will follow suit

Lincoln County moved closer to having a Board of Elections following action by the City Council on August 3, while the County Board of Commissioners and School Board have scheduled action later this month. The old board was dissolved June 30 by the state following passage of Senate Bill 282 into law earlier this year and in effect since May 3. The bill specifically amended elections board appointments in Lincoln County.

City Council reappointed Gregory Zellars to serve a two-year term on the newly created board during its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 3. The re-establishment of the Board will be complete once County Commissioners appoint three members and the Board of Education appoints one member as allocated under the new state law.

The appointee of the Board of Education and two appointees of the Board of Commissioners will serve four-year terms. The third appointee of the Board of Commissioners and the one appointee of City Council will serve two-year terms.

In other City Council action, Councilmen Dwaine Biggerstaff reported that he and Fire Chief Matt Goldman have been actively searching for a new fire truck. "As you all know the last fire truck the City purchased was 21 years ago. Matt and I are seriously looking for a fire truck that the City can afford," Biggerstaff said. Goldman stated that he would leave no stone unturned to find the best deal for the city.

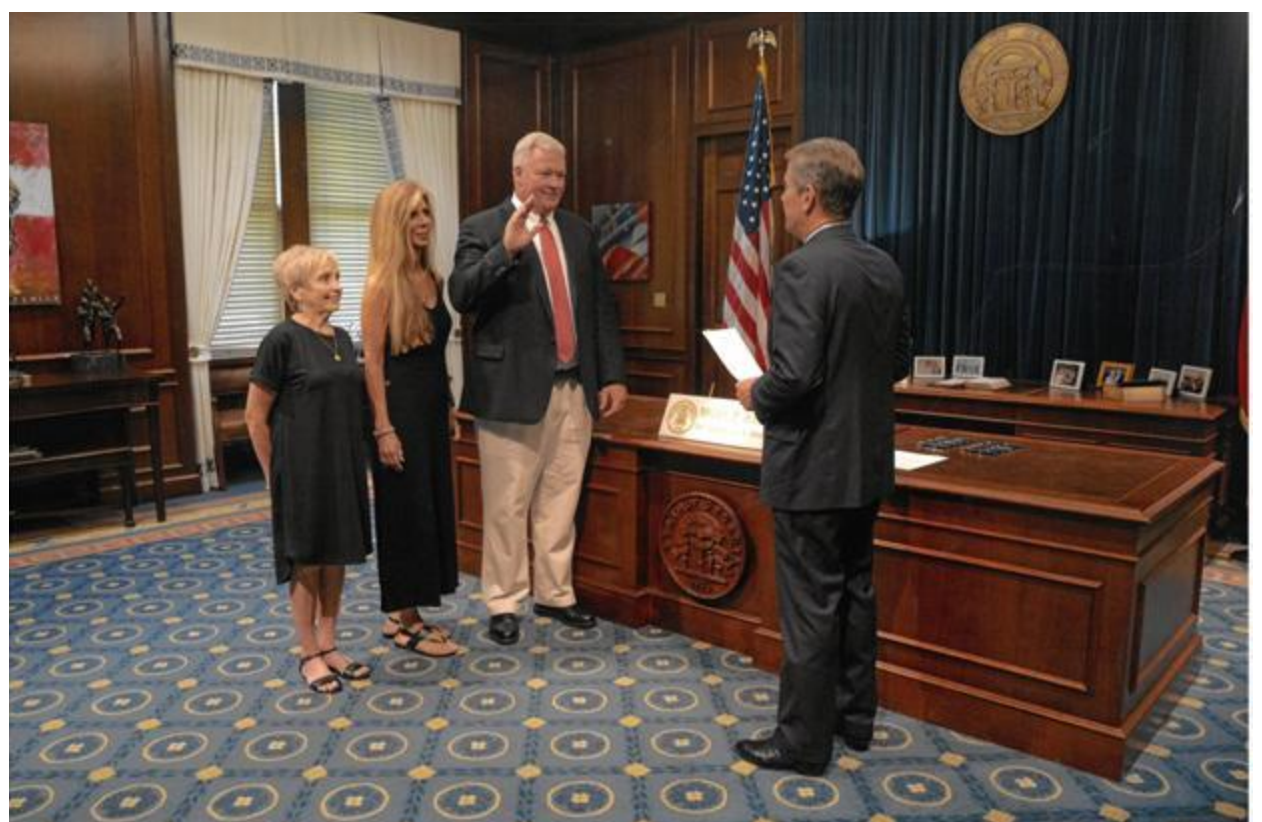
Mayor Henry Brown received approval from City Council to ac-

cept the bid from R&T Tree Surgeons to remove two pine trees on North Peachtree Street and to limb to oak trees on Dallas and Florence Streets in the amount of \$1,700.

Building and Code Enforcement Officer Larry Goolsby informed City Council that the paving and restriping of the city's portion of Rowland York Road had been completed and come in under budget. The Georgia Department of Transportation gave the City a new flashing light and Georgia Power has installed it on Rowland York Road at Metasville Road.

Councilman Alana Burke received approval from City Council to allow the water department to run a six-inch bore line under Highway 378 and a two-inch line

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Mother Jane Mattison (left) and wife Janice Mattison (center) witness swearing-in of Jim Mattison by Gov. Brian Kemp.

Jim Mattison appointed by Gov. Kemp to State Board for Engineers and Surveyors

Lincolnton native and resident Jim Mattison has been appointed to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors by Governor Brian Kemp.

"It is an honor to be appointed to the board overseeing my profession by the Governor," said Mattison. Mattison is a long-time land surveyor in Lincoln County.

The Board consists of nine mem-

bers appointed by the Governor for a term of five years: six professional engineers, two land surveyors, and a member appointed from the public at large.

The Board was created in 1937 to oversee professional engineers and surveyors. It has the power to adopt rules, set standards for licensure, adopt mandatory standards of professional conduct and ethics, and investigate and discipline un-

authorized, negligent, unethical or incompetent practice. They review applications, administer examinations, license qualified applicants, and regulate the professional practice of licensees throughout the state. Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held at the Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division office located in Macon, Georgia.