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Barn Dance set for September 10 at the Lincoln County Historical Park

Old-time Barn Dance to be held at historical park pavilion Sept. 10

Old-time barn dancing to old-time music will make for a night of fun and history in the Pavilion

Paper announces an early deadline for holiday closing

The Lincoln Journal will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Because of this, the deadline for placing all classifieds, retail advertisements, legal notices, and news items has been moved to Friday, September 3. Any of the aforementioned items must be turned in to The Journal before 2 p.m.

The office will be open again Tuesday, September 7, at its regular scheduled time.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday.

at the Lincoln County Historical Park on Friday, September 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Pavilion.

According to Historical Society Publicity Director Gary Edwards three different groups will play live Olde Time Mountain Music, and Valerie Green will call the dances. Admission is free and BBQ plates will be available for \$10. Participants will learn English country dances and U.S. dances from the mid-1800s such as the Virginia Reel, Irish Line dances, Polkas, Waltzes, and Square Dances. Learn how to Do Si Do, See Saw, Allemande, and Promenade. Dancers will learn with their partners, and also progress to dancing with other couples.

Tickets for the BBQ dinner plates are available in advance from Historical Society mem-

bers, or call Vice President Julie Ilhardt at (706) 359-6555. BBQ plates will also be sold that evening for cash only. Event planner David Donehoo comments, "It will be an enjoyable time of learning new dances and meeting new friends. Nothing could be more fun!"

Though there is no admission fee, the Lincoln County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are gladly accepted.

Event updates are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lincolncountyhistoricalsocietyga>, and the Society's web page at lincolncountyhistoricalsocietyga.org. For information, call Donehoo at 706-359-3023 or email Society President Don Thomas at dpastro@aol.com.

Board of Elections moves to consolidate polling locations

Lincoln County would have just a single polling place under a proposal by the county's new Elections Board. The plan would consolidate all voting in the Walker T. Norman gymnasium at the Curry Colvin Recreation Center on Rowland-York Road.

In the first meeting of the new Elections Board following the August appointment of board members by the City of Lincolnton, Lincoln County Board of Education, and Lincoln County Commissioners, members continued previous plans for public hearings on the issue which are scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, and Tuesday, September 28 at 6 p.m. at The Lincoln Center.

The plan would eliminate all current voting precincts in favor of a single larger consolidated facility. The Walker T. Norman gymnasium features large ADA compliant public restrooms, water fountain, and enough space to accommodate large voter lines during inclement weather. The plan would also include 40 voting machines in operation to reduce wait times.

Following public input during



New Board Members are joined by Elections Director Lilvender Bolton. (l-r) Jandi Matthews, James Allen, Brenda Leopard, Lilvender Bolton, and Gregory Zellars. Not pictured is Cathy Mason-Smith.

the hearings, approval of the plan requires an affirming vote by both the Board of Elections and Board of Commissioners.

During the August meeting, the new board also approved several items by unanimous vote. James Allen was re-elected board chairman; Lilvender Bolton was re-approved as Director of the Board

of Elections and Superintendent of Elections; and Tywrinthia Harris was approved as Clerk and Administrative Assistant.

Members also approved the drafting of new by-laws, directing Bolton to handle routine matters before forwarding issues to the Board, in an effort to support a chain-of-authority process.

Updated: The Third Wave in Lincoln COVID-19 cases surge here

The Third Wave of COVID-19 surged dramatically in Lincoln County last week according to the latest report from the Georgia Department of Health (GDH). The state agency recorded 52 new cases in the county over the 14-day period ending Friday, August 27.

The county's infection rate more than tripled from last week's report. Lincoln dropped from the 8th lowest infection rate in the state into the middle of the pack of Georgia's 159 counties in battling the latest wave of the pandemic. The surge left Lincoln with the highest rate of

infection among adjacent Georgia counties, while still below the state average.

Meanwhile the Lincoln County Board of Education reported 33 total new cases last week, with 11 cases from the elementary school, 4 from the middle school, 12 from the high school, and 6 employees. The new cases leave the school system with a total of 77 cumulative cases for July through August 27. Lincoln County Board of Education statistics are generally more current than state data, due to the reporting time required of all counties being tabulated.

14-Day COVID-19 infection rate per 100,000

State of Georgia Average – 767
 Lincoln – 640
 Columbia – 552
 Elbert – 412
 McDuffie – 394
 McCormick (SC) – 338
 Wilkes County – 270
 Sources:
 Georgia Department of Public Health
 South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
 Lincoln County Board of Education



A big rattler with 13 more hiding in a tool shed

Kathy Milton of Radford-Gay Road in neighboring McDuffie County provides a needed warning this time of year when entering outbuildings or opening little-used outside storage areas. Radford's cousin was helping with some lawnmower repairs in a tool shed when he discovered a large rattlesnake which disappeared under a cabinet. The cousin and Radford's brother then discovered it was a female that had hatched 13 young rattlers behind the cabinet, which were dispatched with a .22. A good reminder to be a little more careful when reaching into dark spaces in September.



LCES kindergarteners are all about the letter "A"

Lincoln County Elementary School kindergarten students in Katie Cook's class have been learning the alphabet starting with the letter "A" for alligator. Looking the part are (front row, (l-right) Nash Easter, Haddie Bryan, Madison Schmidt, Brylee Gowen, Emili Jerezano, Krista Sullivan, (middle) Kylan Norman, JaMarcus Norman, Emma Kate Childs, Willa Blanche Turner, Skylar Hagan, Cal Dunn, Maddox Fleschner, Morgan Norman, (back) Mason Crookham, Fulton Cartledge, Camden Davis, Braylin Harris, Makiah Bryant, Patrick Thomas, and Kinsley Hardy