

# The Lincoln Journal



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## OES, Sheriff's Office receive new equipment

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Captain Leighton Taylor (right photo) was presented the keys to the 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit, while Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services (top photo, l-r) Paramedic Justin Garnell, Captain Tim Quarles, Chief of Staff Wanda Duncan, and Captain Shane Toy stand behind the Stryker Power Pro XT electric lift assist stretchers and state-of-the-art Philips Tempus Pro Monitor/Defibrillators, purchased using grants/ loans with the United States Department of Agriculture.



## County payroll will receive relief from American Rescue Plan funds

County taxpayers will benefit from \$230,162 of federal money from the American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARF) following the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approval to use the funds for payroll costs in a called meeting on August 25. Commissioners also approved \$2,433 from the fund to offset increased costs to the Coroner due to the pandemic, and \$43,092 for the Code Red program.

### Payment on New County Tractor Approved

Costs for a replacement tractor for the county unit damaged in a roll-over accident was also approved with minimal no general funds from Lincoln County. The \$32,700 cost was covered by \$23,768 from insurance reimbursement and the remaining \$8,932 was paid from the county's SPLOST funds.

### Commissioners Discuss Complaints over High Property Tax Appraisals

Chairman Walker Norman and Commissioner Cooper Cliatt brought attention to numerous taxpayer complaints over higher property appraisals. Walker point-



New Kubota tractor replaces unit damaged in rollover accident.

ed out that the Commission has no legal authority over the appraisal process. "We can't change the assessment, only the millage rate," Norman told fellow commissioners. "By state law, we have nothing to do with assessments of property. We will not take in any new money in this year's budget, so all we can do is rollback the rate to provide relief." The Board took no immediate action on the issue. The Board of Commissioners, School Board, and Development Authority have yet to set next year's millage rates

and could provide relief for the higher appraisals through lowering rates.

### Maxim, Lewis Family, Hephzibah Church Road Set for Paving

The Board approved a total of \$449,200 for resurfacing three county roads. Maxim Road will receive \$152,400 for 3.81 miles of improvement; Lewis Family Road is approved for \$92,800 for 2.32 miles; and Hephzibah Church Road is set for 5.1 miles of paving for \$204,000.

## Update: The Third Wave in Lincoln

**From 1918-1919:** Epidemic Costs State \$45 million; 1,243,900 cases to date; 17,000 deaths. – *The Lincoln Journal*

**Epidemic not over, warning is sounded:** The Surgeon General says "this epidemic is not ended." – *The Lincoln Journal*

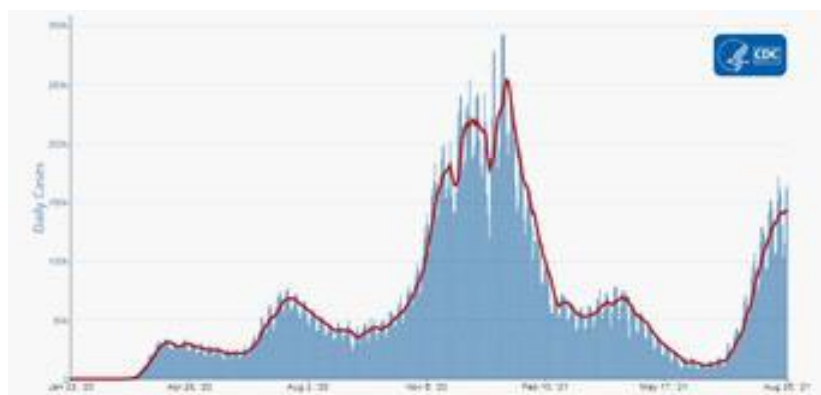
**Surgeon General on how to combat the disease and fight against spread** – "The first epidemic of influenza was brought to this country in 1647 from Valencia, Spain. . . . It is very important that every person who becomes sick with influenza should go home at once and go to bed. This will help keep away dangerous complications and will at the same time keep the patient from scattering the disease far and wide." – *The Lincoln Journal*

**Lincolnton Red Cross to Aid in Epidemic** – Red Cross Committee Members May Perryman, Mrs. J.M. Bussey, Mattie May, Mrs. D.T. Clary, Mrs. Carrie L. Bohler, Mrs. Lillian Partridge, Natalie Crawford, Minnie Perryman, Mrs. H.W. Moss, G.W. May, C.S. Bond, R.E. Freeman, Mrs. W.B. Crawford, and county physicians Drs. Estes, Burch, Crawford, May, Mitchell, Crumley, Cliatt, Colvin, and Starkey will render all possible aid to those who have been stricken. – *The Lincoln Journal*

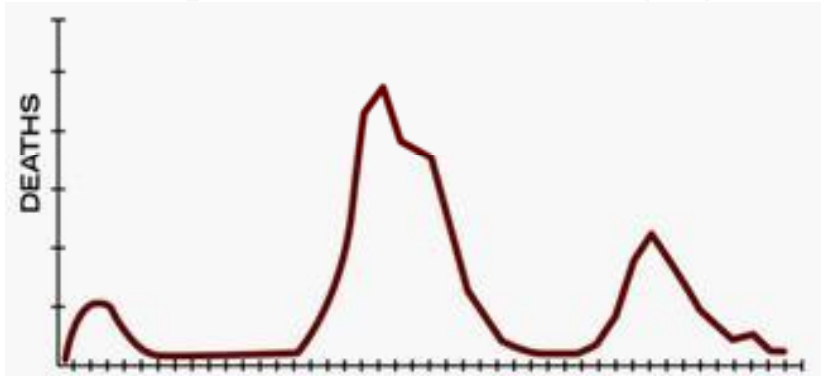
**Georgia Board of Health has produced a vaccine:** The treatment consists of three injections of the vaccine...the pneumonia that follows the attack of the influenza is different from any other type of pneumonia. – *The Lincoln Journal*

**Specific Cure discovered in Lincolnton** – Dr. James Crumbley...is sure he has discovered the correct and specific treatment for influenza...not a single case treated has failed to recover. "Iodine internally is the specific medication...I have already sent the information to...the Surgeon General...the Navy, and Department of Public Health. – *The Lincoln Journal*

**Then and Now**  
Lincoln County has been through this before. 102 years ago this newspaper reported all the above news from just the few weeks from December 19, 1918 to February 6, 1919, and the reports continued throughout that epidemic. For history buffs you can find



Graph of 2020-2021 Waves of COVID-19 (CDC)



Graph of 1918-1919 Waves of Spanish Flu (CDC)

the complete files of the referenced excerpts on The Lincoln Journal Facebook Page at [lincolnjournalonline.com](http://lincolnjournalonline.com).

This week the New York Times opines that the current wave of COVID is now on the decline in many parts of the country, as each wave experienced since 2020 lasted about two months. If that turns out to be the case in Lincoln County we would begin seeing an increased drop in the rate of new infections by the end of the month, which is already reflected in this week's report from the Lincoln County Board of Education.

Judging from our past, while this decline will likely not be the end of this pandemic, the end may come in the relative near future. The Spanish Flu lasted until April 1921, or about two-and-a-half years.

As to the present, the Georgia Department of Health (GDH) recorded 59 new cases in Lincoln County over the 14-day period ending last Friday, September 3, only slightly more than last week's 52 new reported cases.

The county's infection rate has Lincoln slightly better off than the state average in fighting this latest wave of the pandemic. Lincoln started the current wave of Delta variant infections in August among

the least infected counties in the state but suffered a surge in week 3. Lincoln ranks 3 out of 6 among adjacent counties in the highest number of infections this week.

The Lincoln County Board of Education reported 19 total new cases last week, nearly half of last week's 33 new cases. The elementary school reported 11 new cases, none from the middle school, 7 from the high school, and 1 employee.

**14-Day COVID-19 infection rate per 100,000**  
State of Georgia Average – 865  
Elbert – 760  
McCormick (SC) - 729  
Lincoln – 714  
Columbia – 643  
Wilkes – 479  
McDuffie – 361

Sources:  
*The Lincoln Journal Archives*  
*Georgia Department of Public Health*  
*South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control*  
*Lincoln County Board of Education*  
*U.S. Centers for Disease Control*  
*The New York Times*

– Stone

## Joint blood/toy drive to be held at Lincolnton Baptist Saturday

Lincolnton Baptist Church and Shepard Community Blood Center will be honoring National Childhood Cancer Awareness

Month this September by collecting toys for the children at the Children's Hospital of Georgia (CHOG).

A joint blood/toy drive will be held on Saturday, September 11, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Lincolnton Baptist Church.

"Please support the community and help Lincolnton Baptist Church collect blood for patients and toys for children going through cancer treatments. One donation can save up to three local lives. The nation is currently experiencing a blood shortage, so every donation is needed and appreciated to keep our local hospitals stocked with the lifesaving products needed to treat patients," said Senior Recruiter Jacqueline Clemmons.

Some of the items CHOG has requested included Fisher-Price toys, Hot Wheels sets, Lego sets/ Mega blocks, playing cards (like Uno), superhero action figures, and boy's and girl's Halloween costumes (infant through teens).

Alana Burke was elected first vice president of the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) District 7 during the association's Annual Convention in Savannah on Aug. 8. She is now in line to become president of the district.

In this role Burke will serve as a liaison between GMA and municipal officials in GMA's District 7. She will also attend GMA-sponsored events, including the association's annual convention; promote engagement in GMA activities and programs with other cities in the district; advocate for GMA's legislative priorities; and share with GMA staff any needs and concerns of member cities in their district. As the District 7 First Vice President, Burke will also serve on GMA Board of Directors.

Created in 1933, GMA is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA currently represents 537 cities in Georgia.



ALANA BURKE

## Alana Burke elected first vice president of GMA District 7

A full list can be found on Shephard's Facebook page. Donations can be dropped off at the Lincolnton Baptist Church office or during the blood drive on Saturday.

To ensure a donation is successful, 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 Shephard donor card is required when donating. All presenting donors will receive a special edition Childhood Cancer Awareness t-shirt.

Clemmons also thanked the 20 donors that took time out of their day to donate in July, Lincolnton Baptist Church is located at 235 South Peachtree Street.

For more information, contact Clemmons at 706-737-4551 or visit the Shephard Community Blood Center website at [www.shepardblood.org](http://www.shepardblood.org).



## Second 'Arts in the Park' is Sept. 11

The new members of the Lincoln Artisan board (top photo, l-r) Secretary Deborah Stone; Treasurer Maggie Shaw; Vice President Tootsie Wright; and President Joanne Ward, invite the public to its second "Arts in the Park" event at the Lincoln County Historical Park this Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Visitors can try their hand at "paint pouring" on a mini canvas or let children enjoy a mini craft paint session for a minimal fee.

President of the Lincoln County Historical Society Don Thomas will give a tour of the historical park at 11 a.m.