

Baseball's Best New Hall of Fame inductees

By LAMAR GARRARD
Baseball historian



"Hank Aaron's generosity of spirit and legendary accomplishments will live in Cooperstown forever." Jane Forbes Clark, Chairman The Baseball Hall Of Fame on the passing of Hank Aaron.

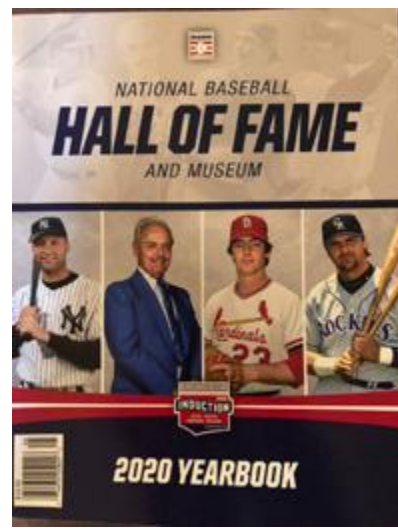
Just a few days ago in the beautiful upstate New York village of Cooperstown, population 1800, The Baseball Hall Of Fame held the delayed 2020 induction ceremony of 5 deserving major league players. Joining the ranks of Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth and others, were Derek Jeter of the Yankees, Marvin Miller of the players association, Ted Simmons of the Cardinals and Larry Walker of the Rockies.

This exclusive pinnacle club of the elite in baseball is a milestone accomplishment. Records indicate that there have been approximately 20,000 big league players. Of that number, only 235 former major league players have received this prestigious honor. There are 333 individuals enshrined in all, but that includes baseball executives,

negro league players, managers and umpires. That narrow window is amplified when you consider that the Major Leagues has a 150 year history. It is doggone near impossible to be named a hall of famer.

Derek Jeter, the Yankees shortstop, played his whole 20 year career with New York. He compiled a lifetime batting average of .310 including 260 homers and 1,311 runs batted in. His 3,465 hits is the most ever by a shortstop. His positive approach to the game and his playing his hardest on every play, enabled him to lead the Yankees to 5 World Championships while he was there. The 1996 American League Rookie of the Year was on 14 All-star teams and has his #2 retired by the club. He has his plaque in Monument Park at Yankee Stadium. Jeter was the consummate player in all areas of the game. He hit, field, run, hit for power and hit for average with the best in the game.

Marvin Miller was the labor attorney for the United Steel Workers



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before he turned his legal talents and accepted the leadership of the Major League Baseball Players Association in 1966. In '68 he carved out the first collective bargaining agreement between the clubs and the players. He advised Curt Flood when Flood fought the reserve clause in baseball. Flood, with Miller's help, paved the way for players to have a say in their contracts and negotiations with team owners. When Miller came to baseball, the average player salary was \$19,000. Derek Jeter signed a contract recently before he retired for 10 years at 189 million dollars. He can thank Marvin Miller.

Ted Simmons, a catcher for the Braves in '86 - '88, played mostly for the St. Louis Cardinals in his 21 year career. He was an 8 time All-star and was considered one of the best hitting catchers in baseball. He blasted 248 homers and posted 2,472 hits. He hit .300 over 7 times. He also has served as a scout, coach and general manager with various teams. One source rates him as the 10th all-time major league catcher.

Larry Walker, big power hitter for the Expos, Rockies and the Cardinals, slammed 383 homers and batted .313 in his 17 years in the bigs. He played in 5 All-star games and was the National League MVP in 1997 and was the batting champion 3 times. He also led the American League in home runs in 1997.

Congratulations to all of these inductees for receiving the highest honor in baseball! Well done!

City council meetings

The Lincolnton City Council meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28. These meetings will be held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. each month if there is an agenda.

Celebrate Recovery Thursday

First Assembly of God hosts Celebrate Recovery every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm with a light meal followed by large group worship at 7 pm and small groups at 8 pm. First Assembly is located on the Thomson Highway. Call the church office at 359-7237 for more information.

Board of Elections dates

The Lincoln County Board of Elections meetings are scheduled for September 23, October 28, November 18, and December 16, 2021. Meetings are open to the public. For more information call 706-359-6126.

Across The Savannah

Who's the Queen of flowers?

By TOM POLAND
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Orchids.

There were days I wore them in my lapel for formal events, but those days are gone. I've not seen many in the wild, but I have seen yellow-fringed orchids in Carolina bays where they grow in acidic soil but that's about it. We have native orchids such as crane-fly orchids and rattlesnake plantain and puttyroot. Of course you can find orchids in the big supermarket chains but that seems fake because it is.

To find orchids in the tropics, you look up, not down. Most orchids are epiphytes; they grow in trees. I wanted to see these fascinating plants with their rich colors and intriguing shapes and I knew of a place where these sublime, mysterious flowers, the queen of flowers, would be neither up nor down but all around.

Bitten by a bit of impulse I drove to Newberry one Saturday to see orchids. Lots of orchids. Years ago, Robert Clark and I had put this orchid grower in one of our books. Carter and Holmes grows orchids, and Mac Holmes gave me a tour of his greenhouse. If you think August has been hot and humid, a steamy tropical time, you'll really see what the tropics feel like in a greenhouse. It took three minutes for my crisp linen shirt to become soaked but that was okay. You see, everywhere I looked splendor reigned.

Mac Holmes carries on the work that Bill Carter and Owen Holmes began after World War II. The years following the war were a time when corsage flowers were in great demand for Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mother's Day. Carter and Holmes began selling cattleyas, tropical American



Greenhouse. (Photos by Tom Poland).

orchids. As lifestyles became less formal in the 1960s, the demand for cut flowers decreased, and Bill Carter and Owen Holmes began producing orchids for home growing.

In the 1950s the men started hybridizing orchids. In the 1970s they developed a modern laboratory for seed and tissue cultures. Their hybridizing program brought them worldwide recognition as a source of outstanding orchids, in particular, art-shade cattleyas or orchids of subtle colors.

Today, Carter and Holmes ships orchid plants of many genera to hobbyists and commercial growers throughout the United States and to countries around the world. Mac continues the fine work. He left his Atlanta law practice to run the family business. At first he felt he could run it part time, but it didn't take long to see how wrong he was. It's an around-the-clock enterprise in winter. On cold nights he checks the greenhouses every two hours to be sure the heat systems are running as expected.

Mac knows orchids as you'd

District meeting

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Conservation District will be held on Wed., Sept. 15, 10 a.m., via teleconference. Please call (605) 313-5799 and enter Access Code 8011006. For more information contact: Laura C. Purdy, Program Specialist - NRCS, 706-678-2630 ext. 3 or email, laura.purdy@usda.gov.



Lincoln County Elementary School Lunch Menu

Mon., Sept. 20 - Fri., Sept. 24

- Monday - Hotdog on bun, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, cool tropics fruit slush.
- Tuesday - Beef tacos with lettuce/tomato/cheese, black bean fiesta, baby carrots w/dip, fruit.
- Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo, hot garlic breadstick, Italian garden salad, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ on bun, oven fries, tossed garden salad, seasoned corn, sidekicks frozen fruit cup.
- Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, potato chips, baked beans, fruit.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Lunch Menu

Mon., Sept. 20 - Fri., Sept. 24

- Monday - Corndog, creamy coleslaw, honey glazed carrots, tater tots, apple crisp.
- Tuesday - Beef tacos with lettuce/tomato/cheese, black bean fiesta, baby carrots w/dip, fruit.
- Wednesday - Chicken & rice casserole, hot breadsticks, romaine garden salad, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ on bun, oven fries, tossed garden salad, seasoned corn, sidekicks, frozen fruit cup.
- Friday - Spicy or original chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, potato chips, baked beans, fruit.

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expect. He told me all about orchids, pronouncing their Latin names with precision. The man fascinated me with his in-depth knowledge and the orchids themselves held me in spell. Consider the "thunderstorm" orchid, Dendrobium crumenatum. It flowers seven to eight days after a thunderstorm passes through.

Native Americans, Indians, if you will, were close to nature, unlike us. They used lady's slippers to bring down fevers, cure headaches, and ease menstrual cramps and pains. Today women turn to ibuprofen and naproxen. Popping pills doesn't sound as pretty or as natural as looking for orchids, does it? I read that certain orchids provide medicinal and therapeutic treatments for tuberculosis, paralysis, stomach disorders, chest pain, arthritis, jaundice, eczema, boils, and inflammations. Whether that's true or not I do not know.

Orchids enrich our culture. Georgia O'Keefe painted them. Orchids enrich our lives. People eat them, People drink them as tea, and most of all they bring a rare kind of beauty into our lives. Mac Holmes grows them. Plan a trip to Carter and Holmes Orchids. You'll be glad you did.

Fourth Sat. Pantry

Pleasant Grove Church's Food Pantry will be held the fourth Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at 2245 Augusta Hwy., Lincolnton.

Due to COVID, you will drive-up and your vehicle will be loaded. Please bring your name, address, number in family and ages.

Hot dog supper Sept. 24

A pre-game hot dog supper and cake sale will be held at Lincolnton United Methodist Church Fri., Sept. 24, 5 p.m. until they're gone! Cost is \$7 per plate and includes hot dog, chili topping, baked beans, slaw, chips, brownie, and drink (water/tea). Whole cakes will also be available for sale, prices will vary.

Proceeds will support shipping costs of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoeboxes packed by the church.

Dine in or take out. Pay at pickup in front of the Fellowship Hall... first come, first served!

Meeting Sept. 28

Camp 91, Thomson Guards, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a History, Heritage and Honor Society, will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tues., Sept. 28. We gather for dinner and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. at Habaneros in Harlem and 7 p.m. in The Laurel and Hardy Museum.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Skip Skinner of Ailey, Georgia. He will discuss Slaves and Slavers on the High Seas. Mr. Skinner is a wonderful speaker with a facts based presentation. The camp's charge is to promote education to see that the true history of the South is told to future generations. The public is welcome to attend. For additional information see our website: www.thomsonguardscamp91gascv.com.

Assessors board to meet

The following dates are for the 2021 regular scheduled meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Tax Assessors. All meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 210 Humphrey Street.

Any changes in meeting, dates, and times will be posted on the bulletin board of the Lincoln County Courthouse, and the front door of the Tax Assessors Office. When time allows, we will also notify *The Lincoln Journal*.

Tues., Sept. 21; Tues., Oct. 19; Tues., Nov. 16; Tues., Dec. 21.

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NOTICE
The Fiscal Year 2022 proposed budgets for the Lincoln County General Fund and the Lincoln County Miscellaneous Funds were delivered to the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Copies of the proposed budgets are available for public inspection in the Finance Department, during normal business hours, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 210 Humphrey Street, Lincolnton, Georgia.

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Lincoln County General Fund and the Lincoln County Miscellaneous Funds budgets will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 16, 2021, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioner's Conference Room, 210 Humphrey Street, Lincolnton, Georgia.

A called meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. to consider the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund and the Lincoln County Miscellaneous Funds budgets. The called meeting will be held in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners Conference Room, 210 Humphrey Street, Lincolnton, Georgia.

NOTICE							
The Lincoln County Development Authority does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Lincoln County Welcome Center, located at 112 N. Washington Street, Lincolnton, Georgia on September 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.							
CURRENT 2021 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY							
C O U N T Y W I D E	COUNTY WIDE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	V A L U E	Real & Personal	288,233,216	286,479,564	293,126,607	289,970,328	296,614,157
Motor Vehicles		10,437,220	7,998,990	6,575,140	5,683,900	5,005,410	4,370,870
Mobile Homes		2,933,055	3,004,855	2,991,331	2,882,167	2,573,252	2,571,148
Timber - 100%		2,024,770	2,448,759	1,282,234	1,652,353	1,380,027	2,199,952
Heavy Duty Equipment		246,044	0	9,155	11,376	8,343	5,206
Gross Digest		303,874,305	299,932,168	303,984,467	300,200,124	305,581,189	354,470,819
Less Exemptions		38,041,418	39,192,009	38,618,325	37,760,697	38,109,437	40,761,090
NET DIGEST VALUE		266,816,761	261,712,238	266,393,966	262,439,427	267,471,752	313,709,729
R A T E	Gross M&O Millage Rate	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.996	0.858
	NET M&O Millage Rate	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.996	0.858
T A X	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$266,817	\$261,712	\$266,394	\$262,439	\$266,402	\$269,163
	Net Tax \$ Increase		-\$5,105	\$4,682	-\$3,955	\$3,962	\$2,761
	Net Tax % Increase		-1.91%	1.79%	-1.48%	1.51%	1.04%