



(Front row l-r) Wyatt Labor, Aubree Wilkerson, Scarlett Wilkerson, Bailyn Roberson, Joshua Hodges, Alayna Brantley, Lara Simpson, Ty Labor (middle row) Tess Boyd, William Hearn, Allie Hearn, McCamy Garrard, Tiffany Marr, Kylie Pruitt, Gracie Sanders, Sophia Eligio, Sarah Morris, Gianna Bacino (back row) Hannah LeBlanc, Laurin Wilkerson, Isabella Sanders, Emma Moore, Carlisle Hearn, Jessica Bridges, Timothy Coddington, Jason LeBlanc, Jason Walton, Elise Hearn, Lydia Norman, AnnaBelle Williams, Beth LeBlanc, Lindsey Pruitt, Jack Fogarty, Ricky LeBlanc, Trix Sunga, Kaitlyn Coddington, and Emily Rose Collins pose for a cast photo.

Summer Drama Camp registration now open at Little Theater

Submitted by
JASON LEBLANC

Registration for the Washington Little Theater's (WLT) Summer Youth Drama Camp has opened. The two-week camp is accessible to youth who have completed grades 3-12 as of this year (this includes students who graduate this year).

The annual camp, now in its nineteenth year, provides youth with a fun and exciting opportunity to participate in live theater, "just like the pros." Students will learn a variety of theatrical principles and techniques, based on their age and experience, through hands-on learning and interactive theater games. Part of the first week's activities will include preparing to audition for, and auditioning for, one or more roles in the age-appropriate play for each age group.

During the second week, they will rehearse their plays in preparation for performances on the final weekend.

"It's the experience of a full mainstage production crammed into two crazy weeks - the kids always have a blast!" explained Artistic Director Jason LeBlanc,

who has directed the camp for the past six years.

Camp runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 6-19 with culminating performances on the 17, 18, and 19. Grades 3-7 have lessons 9 a.m.-noon, and grades 8-12 have lessons 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on the final Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on the final Sunday.

Tuition is \$85 and tuition assistance is available through the Frank McGaughy Memorial Scholarship fund, which is funded by generous donors from the community. The deadline to register is May 15.



Local 4-H'ers earn district honors

Submitted By:
Michael Edwards, AmeriCorp Member, Wilkes County 4-H Program Assistant

Wilkes County 4-H'ers returned from the Northeast District Project Achievement competition March 6 with honors in their project areas. A total of nine students participated this year. The district meeting at Rock Eagle 4-H Center was attended by one Junior 4-H'er and eight senior 4-H'ers ranging from grades 7-11 grade. They competed against a total of 324 other 4-H'ers from across the ELITE Northeast District from 7 grade to 12 grade.

Juniors (7 and 8 graders) and Seniors (9 thru 12 graders) receiving high placings while representing Wilkes County as County Winners were:

Placing second in their project was Lexi Moon in Wildlife, Trix Sunga in Performing Art Other Instrumental Project, and Kaylee Grimaud for beef.

Placing third in their project was Kendall Rainey in Performing Arts Dance

Placing fourth in their project was Emily Hardy in General



Recreation

Placing fifth was Grey Cummins in Horse Project

Placing sixth was Taylor Davis in Performance Arts Dance

Placing eighth was Henry Townsend in Performance Arts Dance and Kylie Pruitt History.

"We are very proud of each of these 4-H'ers and the great job they do representing Wilkes County. They shine above the rest in Georgia 4-H", stated Au-

dra Armour, 4-H Agent.

Attending District Project Achievement with the 4-H'ers were Audra Armour, 4-H Agent, Michael Edwards, AmeriCorp Member/Program Assistant, and volunteers Mr. Chris and Mrs. Tara Townsend.

The purpose of District Project Achievement is to provide an out-of-county educational experience and to give recognition for outstanding accomplishments in 4-H work. The objectives for the students are: to acquire an understanding of subject matter in a given project area, developing skills in researching, assembling and presenting information, and to stimulate interest in continuing project work through 4-H experiences. This provides opportunities for 4-H members to develop and enhance qualities of integrity, sportsmanship, cooperation, poise and self-confidence to help them develop skills in leadership and communication.

For more information about how to get involved with 4-H in Wilkes County, contact the County Extension Office at 706-678-2332.

LWREA awards certificates

Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators present WWCHS students certificates for having 95+ average.

Washington Wilkes Middle School Students

Front Row, left to right: Conner Whitney, Creed Tillman, Thatcher Meech, Hagan Harkins, Sophia Eligio, Kayleigh Dooley, Morgan Dove, Shakiyra Ashmore
Middle Row, left to right: Annabel Cox, Kimberlee Hamb, Alex Pharr, Daniela Chavez-Velasquez, Hannah Moon, Kailee Durham, Fiona Li, Karen Cabrera, Angel Aguilar Ferreyra, Danilyn Wright
Back Row, left to right: Robert Jackson, Kate Johnston, Taylor, Walton, Sums Islam, Deonte Ardister, Andrew Harkins, Ansley Smith, Trenton King, Jonathon Conard, Alexandra Sanchez-Velazquez, Austin Simmons, Variah Ervin, Tyler Silvey, Allison Elizarraras-Linares, Nathaniel Willis, Harmonee Mercier, Avery Gaddy, Deleki Lee, and (Not pictured) Ethan Hardy

Ninth Grade (Second Photo from top)

Front row-Amanda Li, Reina Corrales, Janie Marxsen, Taylor Davis, Kaylee Grimaud, Jereia Sims
Back Row- Kayli Callaway, Emiliano Aburto, Jordan Dawson, Garrett Hamrick, Cameron Rogers, Carter Johnston, Jade Fincher, and Quentavious Pender.

Tenth grade (Third Photo from top)

Front Row-Morgan Wooten, Ava Simmons, Whitney Bearse, Kirsten Waldorf, Ally Hucce, Andrew Meech, and Victoria Rodriguez
Back Row- Daekwon Ferrell, Anya Jacobs, Eliza Booker, Harper Smith, Aubrey Cox, Mason Wheatley, Rage Schexnayder, and Nick Harkins. Not pictured: Tanya Huynh Isabel Garcia, and Cassidy Barnett.

Eleventh Grade (Fourth photo from top)

Front Row- Vicente Marban, Emily Hardy, Phillip Villagorda, Trix Sunga, Marissa Lynng, Emma King, and Kendall Rainey.
Back Row- Cristina Castillo Parras, Levi Durham, Ethan Scott, Kaeleigh Fanning, Waller Hearn, Robert Hunt, and Daleah Booker. N

Twelfth grade (Bottom Photo)

Front Row- Mattie Heard, Romaisa Aamir, Stephanie Colunga, and Maggie Marxsen.
Back Row- Nathan Durham, Zamir Wright, Will Lewis, Amber Lewis, Leonardo Lopez, and Alexavier Franklin.
Not pictured-Emerald Thomas, Jada Gartrell and Jackson Thornton

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Wilkes County Planning Commission Called Meeting

There will be a called meeting of the Wilkes County Planning Commission on **Thursday, March 24 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wilkes County Courthouse.

This meeting will be to consider a special use permit for a nail salon at 3051 Delhi Road and discussion of possible updates to the Wilkes County Land Use Ordinance