



HOSA students place in top ten

All of the students from LCHS who took part in the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State Leadership Conference placed in the top 10 in their individual events. Moreover, Miranda Banks placed second in Nutrition and has been invited to attend the National HOSA Convention, which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, in June. Pictured are: (l-r) Dakota Lorenzen, Andrew McQuigg, Brittany Parham, Brandon Grant, Jeweline Randall, Zack Gray, and Miranda Banks.

BOC urged to form census committee

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approved by the Georgia DOT or metropolitan planning agencies (MOPs).

These Phase 1 projects are the first of hundreds of transportation initiatives throughout the state that will begin during the coming year, utilizing \$932 million in federal stimulus funds designed to create and sustain jobs.

"As for Phase 2, the DOT is almost looking for roads to pave — it would behoove all of us to put our state highways up before our legislators," stated the chairman.

The projects targeted by Phase 2 will be approved in the fall.

- Heard the Public Safety Department Report given by Jim Moore, EMS-fire battalion chief, who indicated that the ambulance service responded to 85 calls for service during the month of March. Also, there were six fire calls for the month.

He went on to inform the commissioners that all of the county ambulances are in good shape.

- Heard the Recreation Department Report given by Director Kathie Davis, who said that what was to be the final inspection was recently held at the new gymnasium in the Curry Colvin Recreation Complex. The inspection revealed several items that need to be corrected before the contractor turns the building over to the

county.

These items include repairing a small tear in the rubber flooring of the gym, replacing three floor tiles in the main hall, and repairing cracks in the gypboard under the viewing windows outside of the fitness area.

It was mentioned that both Davis and Chairman Johnson have received several calls regarding renting the facility over the coming months, which will generate "a good deal of revenue" for the county.

- In other items of information, Director Davis noted that Eddie Fletcher Park is now open; Little League baseball will begin Saturday, April 18; and a baseball camp, under the direction of Coach Glen Matthews, is scheduled for June 1-3. The camp is for children in grades 3-8.

- Heard the Finance Department Report given by Director Traci Bussey, who said, "The county's shortfall has been reduced to approximately \$17,000. We are moving in the right direction, and I believe we will be in good shape at the end of the current fiscal year."

In his remarks, Chairman Johnson expressed his appreciation to all county employees for making the necessary sacrifices. "Some have told me they were glad to have a job."

The unemployment rate in Lincoln County is a little above 12 percent.

- Heard the Public Works Report given by Director Roby Seymour, who said his office billed 1,340 water customers and 491 "availability customers" a total of \$45,692.02 for the month of March.

He further pointed out that the county is presently conducting a water rate analysis to "see if we're where we need to be."

The director likewise reported that the sewerage project in the Blackjack Community is on track.

Concerning the road department, Seymour said his staff has been busy hauling crush-and-run; working on signage, drainage pipes, and driveways; scraping roads; patching potholes; spreading hay and planting grass around the gymnasium; and servicing the trucks and equipment at the county shop.

In a related item of information, the director said the county will start cutting rights-of-way the week of April 13-17.

- Heard the Planning and Zoning Department Report given by Director Seymour, who indicated that his office issued 10 business licenses during the month of March for a total of \$650.

Regarding code enforcement, 28 building permits were issued last month for a total of \$1,140 and 71 building inspections were conducted.

- Voted to approve a resolution notifying the bond companies that if the developer fails to complete the public improvements related to the Stillwater Coves project, the county will call on the bond companies to either complete the improvements or pay the county an amount up to the principal amount of the bonds in order to have the infrastructure completed.

According to county attorney Barry Fleming, "We require bonds before developers build a subdivision. We don't want a situation where there is a 100-home subdivision, the company goes away, and the county is left holding the bag because it has citizens without roads or water."

Stillwater Coves recently declared bankruptcy.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners will be held Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

Chamber to spotlight cooks and businesses in community cookbook

The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce will be showcasing some of the best cooks in Georgia when it publishes its new community cookbook this summer.

The chamber is asking all local cooks to send in three or four of their favorite recipes for publication as soon as possible. One or more of the recipes will be included in the cookbook along with the name of the individual submitting the recipe.

Recipe forms were inserted in the April 9 edition of *The Lincoln Journal*; additional forms are available at the chamber office, located in the Blanchard House at 112 N. Washington Street.

Cooks are asked to type or carefully print their recipes on the forms provided, using one form per recipe.

The deadline to submit a recipe for publication is Friday, May 15.

With a goal of 500 recipes, the chamber aims to have all of the best recipes in Lincoln County conveniently located in one cookbook.

The chamber of commerce will also be promoting local businesses in the cookbook. The ads range in size from a quarter page to a full page.

According to Susan Banks, executive director of the chamber, "The advertising costs are very reasonable, and these ads will have a very long shelf life, viewed by cooks for years to come."

Those interested in purchasing advertising space in the cookbook should contact Banks at the chamber office by the May 15 deadline.

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In other comments, the chamber's

executive director stated, "We are anticipating a great demand for these cookbooks, so we want to be certain we are ordering enough. It would help us immensely if those wishing to purchase cookbooks would drop by the chamber office and reserve their copies sometime in the very near future."

"Unfortunately, if you don't reserve a copy now, we may not have a cookbook for you."

The cost is \$18 each.

Banks pointed out that the cookbooks will be out just in time for the holidays. "Just think of the new recipe you can try out for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The cookbooks will also make great gifts for family and friends alike."

Recipes and/or orders for the new cookbook may be hand-delivered to the chamber office or mailed to the chamber at P.O. Box 810, Lincolnton, Georgia, 30817. Checks should be made payable to the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce.

All of the profits from the sale of the cookbook will go into the chamber treasury to support its current and future service projects.

For additional information, contact Susan Banks at 706-359-7970.

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Grant denied

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the city was turned down for a grant to help with the construction of a city park. There were 80 applicants, representing \$6.9 million in requests, and only \$2 million in funds available.

The city, which already has the design plans for the park, will reapply for the grant, which is awarded twice yearly by the Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, a division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

- Heard the Zoning Department Report given by Mayor Biggerstaff in the absence of Zoning Administrator David Griffin.

According to the mayor, the zoning office issued six building permits and one demolition permit last month for a total of \$302 as well as conducted seven building inspections.

The office likewise issued six certificates of occupancy.

- Heard the Police Department Report given by Mayor Biggerstaff in the absence of Chief Jim Justice.

The mayor reported that during the month of March, the police department dealt with a variety of offenses including theft by taking, sexual battery, giving a false name, and forgery. The department also investigated five traffic accidents.

Mayor Biggerstaff went on to say that according to Chief Justice, call volume has been on the rise and should continue to do so with the approach of warmer weather.

In other remarks, the mayor stated that Officer Mike Greeson resigned from the force, effective March 20.

In his letter of resignation, Greeson wrote that he will never work for a better chief, mayor, or city council.

- Voted to purchase 100 trash carts at \$58.50 each plus freight from the Home Sanitation Company, Inc. in Loganville. The city will use monies from the Alcoholic Beverage License Fund to purchase the carts.

- Voted to allow the Lincolnton Lions Club to use the Lincolnton Clubhouse for their monthly meetings at a rate of \$25 per meeting.

- Was informed by the mayor that a 7th District GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) Listening Session is scheduled for Wednesday at the Thomson-McDuffie Airport Terminal.

- Discussed marking off the area in front of the drive-through window at City Hall and placing a "No Parking" sign in the vicinity. The item will appear on the agenda for next month's meeting.

- Voted to enter into executive session to discuss two personnel matters. Upon returning to regular session, no votes were taken.

The next regular meeting of the mayor and council will be held Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Potential jurors announced for April Term of court

The Lincoln County Superior Court will hear criminal cases when the court's April Term begins Monday, April 20, at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Chief Judge Roger W. Dunaway, Jr. is scheduled to preside over the proceedings.

According to Superior Court Clerk Mandy Doss, jurors are to report to the courtroom at 9 a.m. and check in with the bailiff upon their arrival.

Also, on Sunday, April 19, jurors are asked to call the number at the bottom of their subpoenas after 5 p.m. to receive a recorded message containing additional reporting instructions, Doss said.

Potential jurors for criminal trial week are as follows: Michael Patrick Agurkis, Teresa Hall Allen, James Kevin Arledge, Mollie M. Asbell, Frances Steed Aycock, Linda Corley Baker, Brittany Lane Barden, Jessie Bell Beard, Michelle Huff Beaver, Elaine S. Beggs, Willie Echols Bennett, Vickie Ann Beverly, Gail B. Bird, Geraldine S. Birdsey, Jay Ira Blanchard.

John Wesley Boland, John B. Boswell, Mary Cribb Bradford, Mary Beth Brady, Gene Irvin Brown, Catherine C. Bryant, Edwin S. Burgess, James Mark Burt, Jerry Howard Carter, Jill A. Clark, Mary Wright Clark, Debra Jones Cleveland, Bridgette Raley Cliatt, Naomi R. Cobb, Sneed Larry Collins, June Harper Cox.

Irene A. Craver, James E. Crook, Shirley Gunter Crook, Lisa Michelle Cunningham, Arthur Watson Danner, Janice Combs Danner, Mary Harmon Davis, Shawn Demetrius Davis, Vicki B. Dawkins, Lillie Dawkins Drinkard, Stephanie Teasley Eicher, Lillian Williams Elam, Sherry Lee Elder, Richard Allen Falkinburg, Eleanor Berry Ferguson.

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C. Inglett, Lessie Zellars Ivey, Amy Brown Jones, Kimberly Evette Jones, Laura Lynn Jones, Sylvia Annette Jones, Lisa Leanne Ketchum, Sophia L. Kinlow, Carol Lachance Laplume, Lillie Ruth Lazenby, Barbara Ann Leverett.

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Charles Oliver Smith, James Henry Smith, Jerry Errol Steerman, Beth H. Stringfield, Stanton E. Tankersley, George Taylor, Meredith Leighanne Thornton, Kristen Amanda Turner, Macy Moss Turner, Herbert Lamar Wade, Calvin M. Walker, Jeffrey Allen Waller, Virginia Dillashaw Walton, Tiffany Nicole Ward, Gay Bodie White, Patricia Ann Wiggins, Felicia Lasha Zellars, and Grescena Zellars.

A separate panel of jurors has been subpoenaed for civil trials, which will start on Monday, April 27. A list of these prospective jurors will appear in the April 23 issue of *The Lincoln Journal*.

Join the fun

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education level, is a male between the ages of 18 and 25.

- Eight out of 10 Georgians feel someone else will pick up the litter they throw out of a vehicle.

- Three out of four Georgia motorists say they have seen trash thrown out of a vehicle, yet only one in 10 admit to littering from their vehicle.

- The good news is that the solution to litter can start with a single person.

Volunteers are urged to participate in Peachy Clean Day on Saturday to make the community a better place to live, work, and play.

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Half Price Book Fair at LCMS

LCMS is hosting its annual "Half Price Book Fair" in the school's media center. The fair will be open from 7:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. through Monday, April 27. Parents are encouraged to attend. Pictured checking out some of the merchandise are Torri Gladmon (l), Chris Smith (c), and Brenden Ebert.