

Carole Bufford performs at the Lincoln Center in New York City

Lincoln County native Carole Bufford was named second runner-up in "The MetroStar Talent Challenge," which led to a show-stopping performance at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

During the cabaret contest, held in Manhattan's Metropolitan Room, Bufford sang Bessie Smith's "You've Been a Good Old Wagon;" "Somebody (You'll Want Me to Want You);" "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen;" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand," among others.

Scott and Barbara Siegel, cabaret and Broadway critics for the "Talkin' Broadway" website, wrote: "But for sheer talent matched with a gutsy go-for-broke bravado, give us Carole Bufford. Slightly built, boyishly beautiful, but possessing a powerhouse voice that belies her fragile appearance, she is a find if ever there was one."

The exposure to cabaret enthusiasts at the Metropolitan Room resulted in Bufford receiving an invitation to appear at the New York Cabaret Convention, celebrating its 20th anniversary in the Frederick P. Rose Hall, the home of "Jazz at Lincoln Center."

For her debut at the Lincoln Center, Bufford selected Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" and "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out,"

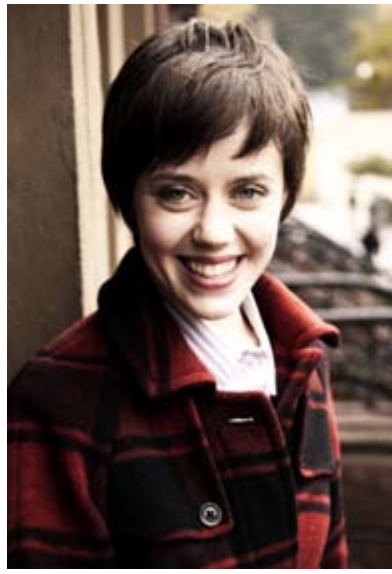
written by Jimmie Cox.

In his review of Bufford's performance for "New York Calling," William Wolf wrote: "Smith (Donald Smith, head of the Mabel Mercer Foundation, which sponsors the convention) makes a point of spotlighting someone new, and Carole Bufford wowed the audience with her ability to handle the blues in grand style, saying she was inspired as a youngster listening to recordings by Bessie Smith. We'll surely be hearing more about her."

Then there was Stephen Holden of *The New York Times*: "Nurturing young talent, of course, is essential to the genre's survival. And the appearances of a traditional crooner like Mr. King (Nicolas King, 18) and Carole Bufford, a folk-blues singer who delivered strong pop-slanted renditions of Johnny Cash and Bessie Smith songs, suggest that the talent is there waiting to be harvested."

In a telephone interview with Bufford concerning her Lincoln Center debut, she said, "Performing at the Lincoln Center was a surreal experience, probably the most thrilling experience I've had on stage. To be accepted by the other performers and people in the audience, who had never seen me before, was an amazing feeling."

For those planning a trip to New



CAROLE J. BUFFORD

York, the rising star will be making her Metropolitan Room solo debut. Her cabaret, titled "intro", will feature the songs of Bessie Smith, Cole Porter, Johnny Cash, Sam Cooke, Jimmie Cox, Bobby Russell, and more.

Bufford is scheduled to sing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, and at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21.

For tickets, visit www.metro.politanroom.com.

Bufford is currently living in New York, where she is carving out a career for herself as a professional singer and actor.

"I keep busy, trying to sing as much as possible," she said. "I also audition like a maniac."

When she is not auditioning or performing, Bufford serves as a personal assistant for a family on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Since her 2004 graduation from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York, with a Bachelor of Art in musical theatre, the LCHS graduate has experienced quite a few career highlights. These include landing the title role in the touring cast of the musical, "Junie B. Jones;" performing with the Upright Cabaret in Los Angeles; playing the role of Kween in the off-Broadway production of "Trouble in Shameland;" serving as the understudy for two members of the cast of "A Christmas Carol" at the Lucille Lortel Theater in New York City; playing the title role in the Atlanta Lyric Theatre's production of "Peter Pan;" and performing a solo cabaret in Manhattan, titled "An Inappropriate Evening With Carole J. Bufford," which garnered rave reviews.

Bufford is the daughter of Kaye and Bill Bufford of Lincolnton and the granddaughter of Eva and Ed Burdette of Washington; Cluffy and Gwinn Ware of Evans, formerly of Tignall; and the late Buddy Bufford and Lilly Bufford Wells.

Did You Know?

Parents can use Online Family.Norton-free from Symantec at www.onlinefamily.norton.com to keep kids safe when they surf the Web. Plus, the product helps foster communication about online behavior by notifying parents when children break a preset "house rule" for Web use.



Miss May

Emma Smith of Lincolnton is featured in the "Portraits of Life" calendar for 2010. Published by the University Health Care System, the calendar contains photographs of various breast cancer survivors in the area. Miss Emma, who has been cancer free for 20 years, volunteers her time and expertise to help others who have been diagnosed with the disease. At University Hospital, she is known simply as "Miss May."



Perkins crowned Miss LCHS

The winners of the Miss LCHS Pageant held Thursday, October 29, in the LCHS Auditorium were: (l-r) Behren Bass, Miss Freshman; Sherne'A Jones, Miss Sophomore and Miss Photogenic; Brittany Perkins, Miss LCHS; Hailee McQuigg, Miss Senior; Elizabeth Dunaway, Miss Junior; and Rachel Arnett, Miss Congeniality. The pageant was sponsored by the LCHS Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Janet Dukes serves as the club's advisor.

LCHS seniors will spend the day applying to colleges in Georgia

LCHS is one of 45 high schools from across the state selected to participate in the Second Annual "Georgia Apply to College Week (GACW)," November 9-13.

The campaign is being sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Foundation of Independent Colleges, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and Communities in Schools. In addition, it is endorsed by the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

LCHS's date to participate in "Georgia Apply to College Week" is Monday, November 9. During the special initiative, which will be held from noon until 6 p.m. in the LCHS Media Center, high school seniors will have the opportunity to complete and submit online applications to the Georgia colleges of their choice.

Representatives from the Georgia Student Finance Commission and various college financial aid and admissions offices as well as local volunteers will be on hand to provide assistance to the high school seniors as they navigate the college application process using the GAcollge411 website (www.GAcollge411.org).

GAcollge411 is the one-stop website that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college. It is a valuable resource for application and financial aid information for the public and private colleges in Georgia.

The site also offers a number of tools that students may utilize to perform tasks such as tracking their progress through high school, taking online test preparation courses, researching high demand careers, and developing an online portfolio and resume.

In her comments, Ellen Butler, guidance counselor at LCHS, said, "During the day, a limited number of col-

leges may waive application fees. Moreover, fee waivers are always available for students who used a waiver to take either the SAT or the ACT college entrance exam. Qualified students may use the SAT and ACT fee waivers with a maximum of four college applications."

As far as the students are concerned, each senior is asked to bring the following with him to school on November 9:

- His GAcollge411 account login information.
- A list of schools to which he would like to apply.
- Information that will be needed to complete the application form. For example, a list of the classes he will be taking his senior year, a list of SAT/ACT test dates and/or scores, and tu-

ition classification information.

- Completed essays saved on a disk, if required.
- A method by which to pay the application fee, if required. It is also possible for the student to save the application and submit it with the payment when he gets home that evening.

"We encourage all of our college-bound seniors to take advantage of this unique opportunity," said Butler. "College applications can sometimes be confusing and even overwhelming. Having all of these resources available in one place at one time will take a lot of the anxiety out of the application process."

For more information, contact Ellen Butler at 706-359-3121.

City adopts flood ordinance

(continued from page 1) gested for \$10,000 a month, so "we're running a little ahead," he said.

• Heard the Water Department Report given by Wastewater Superintendent Chris Guin, who indicated that due more rain and decreased watering, water production decreased from 13.85 million gallons (mg) in September to 13.12 mg in October.

"The lake has been rising nicely," stated the superintendent. "The last week of October, it came fairly close to 329 feet (above mean sea level), which is only one foot below full pool."

Guin went on to discuss the trouble caused by a check valve on one of the city's pump stations.

• Heard the Police Department Report given by Chief Jim Justice, who said his office investigated four traffic accidents last month and responded to 215 calls for service, an increase of 56 calls over this time last year.

He further reported that one of the patrol cars was in the shop as the result of a \$1,300 encounter with a deer.

• Voted to accept a proposal from John W. Spratlin III regarding the placement of handicapped signs at

Papa's Pizza.

- Voted to adopt a 2009 Election Ordinance. There will be no municipal election because all of the candidates are running unopposed, according to City Clerk Kay Remsen.

- Voted to change the zoning board meetings to the fourth Monday of the month to give council time to fully consider zoning requests.

Previously, the meeting was held prior to the city council meeting each month. The move to the fourth Monday will also prevent the zoning board meetings from running over and interfering with council meetings.

- Agreed to a request made by Kevin Wade of Telesystems in Augusta that the council allow his company to submit a proposal for maintaining city computers.

- Voted to renew alcoholic beverage licenses for El Portal, Sunrise Minit Market, and Fast Trip #3.

- Voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Upon returning to regular session, no action was taken.

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

Dedication and hard work

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years as head of the society's work crew and merits the members' respect and admiration.

"He also aspires to restore the City of Lincolnton's 'Founders Spring' to a usable state. He leads by doing, not by delegating all responsibilities to others.

"Jerry is married to Marietta Reese Stone. They are the parents of four children. Their only son was killed in a motorcycle accident at 15 years of age. Their three daughters are grown and married. The Stones have nine precious grandchildren, who keep them busy with family fun projects.

"The Stones live in the Double Branches Community and are members of Martin's Crossroads Congregational Holiness Church. They devote their talents to actively serving there in many capacities.

"The Lincolnton County Historical

Park is a great source of pride for devoted Lincolntonians. We could never have developed nor maintained this park without Jerry Stone's deep dedication, sacrificial giving, and hours of hard labor.

"On behalf of the Lincoln County Historical Society, we wholeheartedly nominate Jerry Stone for grand marshal of the 2009 Lincolnton Christmas Parade."

As grand marshal of the Christmas parade, Stone will be further recognized at the annual chamber of commerce banquet in January.

Past grand marshals include LaVina and Buddy Marlow, Lonnie Martin, Bruce Beggs, Mary Glaze, Emma Smith, Joe Otis "Mr. Bud" Hawes, Murray and Mickey Norman, Coach Thomas Bunch, Welcome Mason, Frances Prater, Willie Harris, Ben Ross, and A.H. Wengrow.

Please come to a
Drop-In Breakfast
honoring
Mayor Biggerstaff
(retiring as Mayor of Lincolnton)
Saturday morning, November 28
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lincolnton Clubhouse
(Hwy 378 in Lincolnton, Georgia)
(Given by his family)

As I enter my 50th year of life and my 17th year in business, I would like to especially thank the following people: Ricky Ashmore, for the encouragement to pursue my dream of cosmetology, and allowing me to train and work in his shop for 4 years; my husband Tim, for encouraging me to open my own shop and then building it for me; Tim's family for helping with the build and their patronage; my family for their support and patronage, especially my mother who gave up going to Patsy Raley for 26 years; Denise Hamrick for naming the business; my best friend Randy Smith who is always there for everything I need; the people of Lincoln County for your loyal patronage all these years. After all without your support there would be no business.

With Heartfelt Thanks,
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You are cordially invited to attend a
Customer Appreciation
50th Birthday
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