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# Community Calendar

**Masons to meet**  
 The Lincolnton Masonic Lodge 354 holds its regular meeting on the third Thursday of every month. Dinner is served at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7:30.

**AA meeting**  
 There is an Alcoholics Anonymous/Al Anon meeting being held each Tuesday Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at Dunn's Chapel Methodist Church located at 6563 Ridge Road in Appling, Georgia.

**Mass schedule**  
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1015 N. bypass W., Hwy 78, Washington, Georgia, is holding Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and services on Thursdays at noon. For more information call 706-678-2110.

**Substance abuse class**  
 Parks Grove FBH Church is holding a substance abuse class every Monday night from 8-9 p.m. It's open to men and women who are struggling with any type of addiction.

**Bible study Tuesdays**  
 Rev. Dr. Anthoni D. McElrath, senior pastor of Green Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Augusta, will host a weekly bible study on Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Public Library.

**CWRT cancels all meetings**  
 The Civil War Round Table of Augusta has cancelled its meetings through the end of the year due to health restrictions and an abundance of caution.

**Contributions needed**  
 The Lincoln County Food Pantry welcomes contributions. Your donations are tax deductible. You may mail your contributions to: The Lincoln County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 473, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

**Sunday services**  
 Blessed Hope Bible Baptist meets at the Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for prayer meeting. Come join us. For more information call 706-359-6759.

**Jones fund at FSB**  
 A fund to benefit Derek Jones has been established at Farmers State Bank to help with medical expenses. For more information, contact Teresa Jones at 706-359-5920 or 401-0434.

**Silver Lining anniv.**  
 As we approach the sixth anniversary of the Silver Lining Foundation of Newberry Missionary Baptist Church we would like to thank you for your past support. As we continue to help those going thru cancer treatment, we hope that we can depend on your generosity this year.

The Silver Lining Foundation is a foundation that provides financial assistance to help cover travel and meals for patients that are being treated for cancer, is in need of financial support. Please consider making a pledge of \$2 - \$5 per month or any other amount will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Silver Lining

Cancer Foundation, c/o Newberry Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 173, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

**Midway cookbook**  
 Midway UMC 's "Midway to Heaven" cookbook is now available from Tommie Henderson (Henderson Logging); Brenda Danner McGahee (tag office); in Washington from Betty Sue Bunch (REA) or Linda Anthony (706-678-7616).

In addition to recipes group photos from 1930, 1950's, 1964, 1999 and church history data are included. Makes a wonderful gift. \$15.

**AA/Al Anon meeting**  
 Freedom Group meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights at Faith Community Church Fellowship Hall located at the Thomson Hwy. (Hwy. 43) and Leathersville Rd., Lincolnton, Ga. The sign will read, "The Good Shepherd Home."

**Join Lincoln County 4-H**  
 Lincoln County 4-H would like to reach out to private school or home school students in grades 5th-12th who are interested in joining Lincoln County 4-H. Please stop by our 4-H office at 2080 Rowland York Rd, Lincolnton or call our office at 706-359-3233.

**Lincoln Ladle available**  
 Lincoln County Extension 4-H still has Lincoln Ladle Cookbooks available. These are re-prints of the first edition and they are \$20 each and make great gifts. The cookbooks can be purchased at the Lincoln County Extension Office at 2080 Rowland York Rd.

For more information contact the office at 706-359-3233.

**Benefit fund set up for Quarles**  
 A Second Wind Benefit Fund has been set up at Farmers State Bank for Jerry Quarles, who although is a non-smoker, is need of a double lung transplant due to his dedicated 40 plus years in the roofing industry. As a result of his work with asbestos shingle debris, he has a condition known as pulmonary fibrosis, a hardening of the lungs. He is literally suffocating.

Along with donations, T-shirts are also available for purchase for \$20 each. For more information, please call 706-816-4663.

**Mail in tithes**  
 Price Grove Baptist Church members are reminded that they are able to mail in their tithes to Price Grove Baptist Church, P.O. Box 916, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

**Sit and Sew series**  
 The American Legion Post #194 is hosting the "Sit & Sew" class series, sponsored by the Classic South Quilt Guild, for Wednesdays at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and a project or consider helping us with our ever changing community service efforts.

Contact Linda Buesching, instructor at (706) 359-1572, 1121 American Legion Rd. Lincolnton.

**Quilting classes offered**  
 The American Legion Post 194 is hosting new "Quilting Classes" as of January 12, 2021. Quilt Classes will be held monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7-9:30 p.m. All levels of quilting welcome. The cost is a "donation" to American Legion. Masks are required.

Remember, the "Sit & Sew" classes meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday morning from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., beginning on January 12, 2021. R.S.V.P. Linda Buesching, (706) 359-1572.

# Obituaries

## Susan Thornton Burgess



Mrs. Susan Thornton Burgess, 64 of Washington St., Lincolnton entered into rest on Saturday, January 2, 2021

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 3pm at Rehoboth Baptist Cemetery.

Mrs. Burgess, daughter of the late Clarke and Mary Callaway Thornton, was born and raised in Wilkes County. She graduated from Wilkes Academy in 1974 and was a member of Rehoboth Baptist Church. Since 1995 she has owned and operated The Chicken House Restaurant. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Clarke Thornton.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin T. Burgess; sons which she referred to as "the boys", Jeremy "Bubba" Burgess (Andrea) and, Chris Burgess(Saundi) all of Lincolnton; brother, Terry Thornton of Washington; mother-in-law, Mary Jane Clement, Lincolnton; sister-in-law, Faye Thornton of Washington; aunt, Grace Hunter

**SUSAN THORNTON BURGESS** of Crawfordville; grandchildren, J.M. Burgess, Hannah Strother, Ben Strother, and Caden Shaufelberger; her dogs, Mr B. and Annie.

Memorials contributions may be made to LC Paws, P.O. Box 84, Lincolnton, Ga 30817.

Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Susan Thornton Burgess.

## Anna Elizabeth Butler

A private funeral service for Anna Elizabeth Butler was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Briarwood Baptist Church for the immediate family.

Anna Elizabeth Butler was born in Greenwood, S.C. and lived in Hartwell, Georgia until 1997 when her family moved to Watkinsville, Georgia. She attended Briarwood Baptist Church and Athens Church. She graduated from Oconee County High School in 2010 and while there was involved in many clubs and organizations that are too numerous to name and lettered in several sports.

When Anna was 18 months old she was hospitalized for asthma. As an adult her asthma returned in recent years, only to claim her life with an acute asthma attack Christmas night. We have comfort in knowing that she gave the gift of life to several individuals by being an organ donor.

Heaven opened its doors to receive an angel whose life was larger than life and whose heart is bigger than big. Anna lived her life dedicated to her family, friends and to her special needs students and their families. She was full of compassion and enjoyed instructing other students how to teach, love and care for her special needs "babies" as she called them. For her non-verbal students she was their advocate, cheerleader, hope and inspiration. In the 28 years that we had her here, she touched the lives of more people than most can do in a lifetime. Anna had a way to make everyone she met feel special, wanted and loved.

She was one of the most compassionate, caring and giving individuals this world has ever known. God does not give everyone a daughter, sister, and friend this special and we have been blessed beyond measure to have been her family. The best words to describe Anna are "large and in charge." Her other passion in life was animals. There was never a stray or lost animal without a home if she could catch it, whether it was finding their owner or re-homing them. She leaves behind her special pets, Murphy, Maggie, Hershey, Kit, Ralph and Leo.

While at UGA Anna excelled in the classroom and received her undergraduate Special Education degree in 2015 and state teacher certification in 2016. Anna decided to become a double Dawg and in completing the masters application and essay, we would like to quote two sentences: "I live for serving others, and believe that the families need just as much support as the child with disabilities. I can only hope that I am able to continue my education in order to help these families, and others like them." It was here she realized her lifelong goal of teaching and becoming a college professor. She received her Masters degree in 2016. She served as the Lead Teacher of the CABER Model Classrooms from 2016-2019 and in 2017 became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She served as Supervision Director for the CABER model Classrooms since 2018. She taught undergraduate courses focused on autism and teaching methods. Beyond her instruction, she supervised directly or indirectly nearly 100 future

teachers or behavior therapists helping to shape them as professionals. Anna previously worked as a behavior therapist for Comprehensive Behavior Change and a clinician and supervisor for the UGA Behavior Support Clinic. She published one book chapter and leaves four manuscripts in preparation. One of those papers was laying the ground work for a transformative line of research that would help shape school based interventions for children with and without disabilities. She was vice president of the Student Association for Behavior Analysis at UGA and a member of the Council for Exceptional Children including the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities and the Teacher Education Division. She was also a member of the Association for Applied Behavior Analysis International and the Georgia Association for Applied Behavior Analysis. Also while attending UGA, Anna was a proud member of Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity for women, and was very involved with their activities and fundraising goals.

Just one semester away from receiving her Ph. D, she was to begin a new job in January as Supervisor of the UGA Behavior Support Clinic. After this position she hoped to become a college professor at UGA after becoming a triple Dawg.

Predeceasing Anna were her paternal grandfather Harold A. Butler and maternal grandparents William T. and Lillian C. Ivey, all of Lincolnton, Georgia.

Anna is survived by her parents, Marion and Darlene Butler; sister, Catherine B. Henry (Cory and nephew Camden) of Watkinsville; twin brother, Brian M. Butler (Amber) of Alpharetta, and brother, David A. Butler (Natalie) of Hendersonville, Tennessee. Also surviving are her grandmother, Faye M. Butler, and uncles, Richard and Ronald Butler, all of Lincolnton, and aunt and uncle, Dianne and Jim Morgan of Greenwood, S.C. Anna is also survived by her boyfriend, William Davis Lance of Athens, as well as many dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, Anna's family asks that you donate to the College of Education at the University of Georgia. The scholarship is in the process of being established. Please either make a check out to UGA Foundation, write Anna Butler in the memo line, and mail the check to Molly Thomas, G3 Aderhold Hall, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602 or you may donate online to the College of Education Fund for Excellence at https://gail.uga.edu/commit (choose "College of Education" from the first drop-down and then choose "College of Education Fund for Excellence" from the second drop-down). Please put Anna Butler's name either in the special instructions/comments section or the tribute section.

Lord and Stephens Funeral Home, WEST, Watkinsville, is in charge of arrangements.

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