

# Haynes retires from Army after 20 years of service

Major Naquita L. Haynes, a 1997 graduate of Lincoln County High School retired from the United States Army after over 20 years of service on Friday, January 1.

Haynes entered the Army in 1997 and attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, earning the Primary Military Occupational Specialty of Motor Transport Operator.

She was later accepted into the Green to Gold Program and received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Troy State University.

Haynes was commissioned as a second lieutenant from Augusta State University in 2009, attended the Adjutant General Basic Officer Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in 2010, and became a Human Resource Manager.

She has had various assignments abroad and stateside in Fort Hood, Texas; Yongsan, Korea; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Fort Gordon, Georgia; the Pentagon; and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She concluded her career at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as the Company Commander of Headquarters Garrison.

Haynes deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, 2005-2006.

She was awarded the Meritorious



MAJOR NAQUITA L. HAYNES

ous Service Medal, was the recipient of the Adjutant General's Corps Colonel Robert L. Manning Achievement Medal, and received numerous other awards for her stellar performance throughout her career.

Major Haynes is married to Chief Warrant Officer Five (Retired) Ronnie Haynes of Waynesboro, Georgia. They have one son, Christopher and two daughters, Layla and Mya. She is the daughter of Roy W. Searles of Lincolnton and the late Linda Brinkley of Thomson.

Haynes plans to start a nonprofit foundation focused on the empowerment of youth within the CSRA.



## Lincoln County School System Breakfast Menu

- Mon., Jan. 18 - Fri., Jan. 22**
- Monday - No School MLK Holiday
  - Tuesday - Poptart, cheese stick, tangerines.
  - Wednesday - Steak biscuit, fresh apple wedges.
  - Thursday - Waffles, orange wedges.
  - Friday - Sausage biscuit, raisins.
- All breakfast menus include choice of milk, 100% fruit juice.



## Lincoln County School System Lunch Menu

- Mon., Jan. 18 - Fri., Jan. 22**
- Monday - No School MLK Holiday
  - Tuesday - Asian chicken w/roll or pizza, steamed broccoli, fried rice, buttered corn, rosy applesauce, 100% fruit juice.
  - Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo w/breadstick or PBJ, Italian garden salad, honey glazed carrots, raw veggies w/dip, fresh fruit assortment.
  - Thursday - Deli turkey and cheese sub or pizza, lettuce & tomato, chips and salsa, broccoli salad, fruit, 100% fruit juice.
  - Friday - Crispy chicken tenders w/hot rolls or PBJ, macaroni & cheese, seasoned turnip greens, cinnamon apples, fresh fruit assortment.
- All meals include a choice of milk. Salads offered daily at middle and high school.

## Seymour receives BS degree from Univ. of N. Georgia

For the fall 2020 semester, the University of North Georgia awarded more than 1,000 degrees and certificates to graduates including Andrew Seymour.

Nearly 600 of those graduates walked across the stage of the Convocation Center December 5-6 in 52 mini-ceremonies created to follow social distancing guidelines and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Andrew Seymour of Lincolnton, graduated with a/an Bachelor of Science - Political Science.

Positioned in the fastest-growing region of the state, the University of North Georgia comprises five campuses united by a single mission focused on academic excellence and academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society.

The University of North Georgia is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia.

With more than 20,000 students, the University of North Georgia is one of the state's largest public universities.

The university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate degrees to professional doctoral programs.

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## Insignificant Treasurers

By TOM POLAND  
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The things we collect. When I am gone my daughters will think their dad was a bit touched. Just why did he hang onto a rusty bolt? And what's with the rock? The arrowheads they'll get. Well each object you see here holds memories.

The white disk is a circa 1771 Mason jar lid. Before metal caps came along, folks sealed their jars with a snow-white disk of glass. Not that special you say. Well, I found this Boyd Genuine Mason jar cap in ankle-high water in Petersburg, Georgia, the drowned ghost town that almost became the capital of Georgia.

That smooth, gray-and-white rock left of the cap? I picked it up from the swift waters of the Chattooga River, a place special to me in many ways. If I hold that rock up to my ear I can hear the Chattooga raging. Well, I pretend I do. Just behind that rock is a green marble, Coca Cola green. I heard that Coca Cola bottles were made from such marbles but I've yet to confirm that. What makes more sense is that they made early Coca Cola bottles with a marble inside them. Carbonation pressure forced the marble up against a rubber seal, thus keeping the drink from going flat in what was known as a Codd bottle.

Up front right of the marble sits a three-ring Minié ball from the Battle of Richmond. A fellow I worked with gave me the bent projectile. Did it strike a Confederate's bone? We'll never know but the Confederates prevailed that day in Richmond, Kentucky, routing Union forces.

Just behind the Minié ball is a rusty bolt but no ordinary bolt. It fell from my seat one Saturday



Each object you see here holds memories. (Photos by Tom Poland).

in Sanford Stadium, home to the Georgia Bulldogs. Yes, I can say I own a piece of that stadium with its famous hedges, and by the way my seat is as solid as ever. To the far right of the bolt is a Morrow Mountain point I found on family land. To its left is a Dalton point I found as a boy. When I hold these points I connect with people long gone. Between the points is a magical antique marble I found in sand along the drip line of an old building. When light strikes the marble its surface turns silver and an iridescent ray of cobalt blue light shoots out its opposite side.

A man gave me the cube-like rocks to the left of the Dalton point saying Indians used them as money. That's not true according to scholars but I keep them nonetheless.

That small blue bottle? It's an antique bottle that held Vicks VapoRub. What makes it special is I found it in the sands of a large creek, having washed downstream

from some home long gone. I have as well an old bolt from the now-gone steel truss bridge that used to shoot Highway 47 over Clarks Hill Lake back home. I'd love to have a dollar for each time I crossed that vanquished bridge. That's as close to a fortune as I come, though, for my collection is one of insignificant treasures. I have become the curator of my personal museum where mementos of special places and special times keep things in perspective for the truth is we're all just passing through.

I suspect some of you collect things that would make little sense to others. Well, I get it. Keep them in a special place, and attach a note to each. Your heirs will thank you, and they'll realize you weren't touched in the head after all.

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## Georgia fishing regulations available for 2021

Kick off the brand new year by using the 2021 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide as you make all your fishing plans says the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Anglers, new or experienced, should always begin with this publication," said Scott Robinson, Assistant Chief with the WRD Fisheries Management Section. "Biologists and staff work to make sure this guide book has the most current and accurate information on regulations and new opportunities, and anglers can access it in multiple ways, including online, from our Outdoors GA app or in the printed copy."

The 2021 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide provides information such as a color fish identification chart for both freshwater and saltwater fish, license purchasing information, contact information for Wildlife Resources Division and Coastal Resources Division fisheries management offices and DNR Law Enforcement offices, trout stream listings, public fishing area information, state record fish listings, fishing regulations for Georgia and more.

The 2021 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations will be found online at [www.eregulations.com/georgia/](http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/)

### Divorce care group

Are you divorced or separated? Need Godly guidance with others who are struggling also? Faith Community Church is starting a Divorce-Care group starting on Sept. 2 that will meet for 13 weeks. It will be on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. Childcare is available. Please email [Lee.haskins7@gmail.com](mailto:Lee.haskins7@gmail.com) for more information or see church's website.

### Ellis fund set up

The Coach Ellis Dedication Fund has been set up at Farmers State Bank for those wishing to make a contribution to help with funding the sign and plaque recently approved for the track and field at Lincoln County High School and to initiate a scholarship fund in his honor. Those wishing to contribute can drop a check off at FSB or mail to P.O. Box 99, Lincolnton, GA 30817. Make the check payable to the Coach Ellis Dedication Fund.

### Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, 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.

## Royal Rangers to conduct Pinewood Derby on Feb. 26

The Royal Ranger's Outpost 106 will conduct its annual Pinewood Derby race on Friday, February 26, in the Family Life Center at First Assembly of God on Thomson Highway. The race is open to all boys and girls in the county between the ages of 3 and 14.

There will be five categories: Boys & girls ages 3-4, Boys K-2, Girls K-2, Boys & Girls grades 3-5, Boys & Girls grades 6-8. The top three finishers in each category will receive a trophy. There will also be a trophy for the overall winner and "Best of Show" and "Most Creative." Prizes will be given to all participants. The cost to enter is \$0.00. (Free)

The night will start with a supper at 6:30 p.m. for the racer and an adult - preferably the person who assisted in the building of the car. Racing will begin as soon as dinner is completed. Cars must be weighed in by 7:00 p.m.

Depending on the number of racers, the racing portion should take

page on the WRD website, [georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources](http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources), is a great place for new or experienced anglers and includes information about taking kids fishing, reservoir and river fishing tips, fish ID info and much more. If you are looking for the latest fishing tips, check out the weekly Georgia Fishing Report ([georgiawildlife.blog](http://georgiawildlife.blog)).

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between 1-2 hours. Again the cost is free.

Kits for the cars can be purchased from the Hobby Lobby, Michaels or Online.

To enter, you must pre-register. Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the church office of First Assembly of God. Deadline for registration is February 22.

For further information please call the church office at 706-359-7237.

### Artisan event cancelled

All Lincoln Artisans January events have been cancelled. The next board meeting will be held Wed., Feb. 3, 6 p.m., in the Development Authority Board Room.

### City council meetings

The Lincolnton City Council meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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