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Community Calendar

Masons to meet

The Lincolnton Masonic Lodge 354 holds its regular meeting os 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.

Queen of Catholic Church, 1326 Washington Rd., Thomson, hosts regular services Mondays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Saturday vigils at 5 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. For more information call 706-595-2913.

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 Tuedays

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.

Library hours

The Lincoln County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Computer labs are shut down 15 minutes before closing.

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.

City council meetings

The Lincolnton City Council meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: 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.

Festival entries wanted

The American Legion Post 194 and Classic South Quilt Guild is looking for entries for their upcoming quilt, craft and sewing festival scheduled for June 12-13. If you have quilts, sewing crafts, or toys, novelty items, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, etc., please contact Linda Buesching at 706-359-1572 or Al Ewing at 661-666-3749 for more information on entering your items.

Silver Lining anniv.

As we approach the sixth annivesary 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 greaatly 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 Shepard 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 firstst 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.

Photo shoot at Martin's

Unique Christian Solution will be setting up its professional portrait studio at Martin's Crossroads C. H. Church on May 6-8, for its 100th year edition of its church directory.

If you have attended the Martin's Crossroads Church in the last 100 years, we would love for you to come and get your photo made to be part of this special directory. Participants will receive a free 8 x 10 and have an opportunity to view and purchase any additional photos on the day of the photo shoot if so desired. No pressure sales or obligation to do so.

Pictures will be taken on May 6, from 3-8 p.m., May 7, from 2–7 p.m,, and May 8, from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

The same offer is available to anyone even if you have not attended the church and would like to get a new family portrait made.

To set up an appointment call Unique Christian Solutions at 1-888-742-5823.

Martins Crossroads will celebrates its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 13. More details will be announced in May.

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.

Divorce care group

Are you divorced or separated? Need Godly guidance with others who are struggling also? Faith Community Church is starting a DivorceCare 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 for more information or see church's website.

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.

Obituaries

Carolyn Bryan Bannister

CAROLYN BRYAN BANNIStER

Mrs. Carolyn Bryan Bannister, 67, of Mercier Road, Lincolnton, entered into rest on Friday, April 23, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at Fishing Creek Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bannister, daughter of the late Sellers and Frances Norman Bryan was born in Lincoln County on October 11, 1953. She graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1971 and worked in banking for many years, beginning with First Savings which was later Regions, as a loan officer assistant. Later, she was employed by F&M Bank for over 16 years as a teller. She was a member of Hephzibah Baptist Church and had attended Fishing Creek Baptist Church and Bethany United Methodist Church in the past. Carolyn loved all of her family very much and absolutely adored her grandchildren. She spent many hours in the stands supporting them at their many sporting activities. Also, she enjoyed working in her yard and a freshly cut lawn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill bannister, and her daughter, Trina Guin.

She will be greatly missed by her two sons, Bryan Guin and wife, Beth of Washington, and Travis Guin and wife, Emily of Tignall; brothers, Tony Bryan and wife, Kay, Wyatt Bryan and wife, Vicky, and Glenn Bryan and wife, Christie; sisters, Annette Johnson and husband, Ronnie and Eva Clary, all of Lincolnton; grandchildren, Will Guin, Taylor Guin, Holden Guin, Hadley Guin, Will Lamar, Morgan Lamar, Blake Lamar, and John Walker Norman; former daughter-in-law, Kathy "Kate" Guin; special friend, Bobby Harris.

Memorials may be made to Fishing Creek Baptist Church, c/o Gloria Ware, 156 Sandtown Rd., Tignall, GA 30668.

Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton, was honored to serve the family of Mrs. Carolyn Bannister.

Arthur Dan Pitts

ARTHUR DAN PITTS

Arthur Dan Pitts passed away peacefully on April 20, surrounded by his family. He was born in Lincoln County, Ga., the oldest child and only son of Isabelle Cartledge Pitts and Arthur Andrew Pitts. He graduated from Lincolnton High School where he enjoyed playing football and baseball for the Red Devils. During his senior year, he was named All State Quarterback. His athletic ability helped him earn a football scholarship to South Georgia College. He completed his education at the University of Georgia, graduating in 1959. During his stint in the U.S.Army, he served in the 8457th Military Police.

In 1957, he married the love of his life, Mary Lynda Stevenson, who was also from Lincolnton. In 1959, having no previous coaching experience, he became the head coach at Mary Persons High School, where he remained for his entire career. He always said he had the best job in the world because he was allowed to do what he loved in a place he loved. Under his leadership, throughout the 39 year career at Mary Persons, his teams compiled 346 wins, 109 losses and 4 ties. The Bulldogs won 15 Region championships and made 4 appearances in the state finals, winning the AA State Championship with an undefeated season in 1980. In 1996, he became the "Winningest Coach in Georgia High School History," with 316 wins.

Known throughout the state for his fairness and integrity, Coach Pitts was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame. He often said that his membership in the local Hall of Fame meant the most because it involved every player he had ever coached. He was awarded the Atlanta Falcons Lifetime Achievement Award, and the GACA Dwight Keith Award. He was also awarded, by the Atlanta Touchdown Club, the Class AA Georgia High School Coach of the Year Award in 1980 and 1984, and the Georgia High School State Coach of the Year Award in1994. One of his proudest moments was in 2001 when the stadium at Mary Persons was named Dan Pitts Stadium at Mitchell Field.

Coach Pitts was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary Lynda Stevenson Pitts. He is survived by his daughters Carolann Pitts Evans (Deck) and Penny Pitts Mitchell (Bob); his grandchildren Anni Evans Horne (Derek), Carl Patrick Burdette, Jr. (Sara), and Daniel Pitts Burdette (Chelsea); his great-grandsons Andrew Pitts Horne, Brantley Vinson Horne, and Skylar Daniel Burdette; sisters Gail Pitts Guillebeau and Ann Pitts Owens both of Augusta; sister-in-law Carolyn Stevenson Link (Bradey) of Cayce, SC; many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, "Rags."

Besides his family members, he is survived by the many coaches and players he had the pleasure to work with throughout his career. The family hopes each individual realizes what an impact he had in the life of Coach Pitts.

Graveside services were held Friday, April 23, in Forsyth City Cemetery at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Mary Persons Touchdown Club PO Box 5791 or Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame PO Box 457, Forsyth, GA 31029.

Family may be contacted at the residence 221 Newton Drive in Forsyth.

Please visit www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com to express tributes.

Monroe County Memorial Chapel had charge of the arrangements.

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Church anniversary

Observance of the 148th anniversary of Newberry Missionary Baptist Church will be held in the church parking lot Sun., May 16, at 9:30 a.m. The anniversary sermon will be delivered by their pastor, Rev. Willie J. White.

Mother, daughter paint class

'Paint it Right' will sponsor a mother and me painting class on Sat., May 8, 3 p.m. at the Dova Partridge Annex. Cost is $50 per mother/child, and includes all supplies. Register early as space is limited. Contact Tootsie Wright at 910-224-4756 for more information.

VBS at LBC

Come join us as we go to Mystery Island tracking down the one true God!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lincolnton Baptist Church on Sunday, June 13, from 4-6 p.m., Mon., June 14, – Thurs., June 17, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Commencement Service will be held on Thurs., June 17.

Four-year olds through fifth-grade are welcome. Pre-registration will be available after April 12, on the LBC website at lincolntonbaptist.org and click on the VBS tab. For more information call the church office at 706-359-3303. LBC is located at 235 S. Peachtree St.