



LCES names students as Bucket Fillers for April

Bucket fillers are based from the book *Have you Filled A Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. Bucket fillers are students who demonstrate good character and aid in filling up buckets through good manners, helping others, and trying their best each and every day. Lincoln County Elementary School April bucket fillers were, front row (l-r): Ruby Smith, Roman Rivera, Autumn Gantt, Noelen Wilson, Charlie Spencer, Asher McGill, Rendy Thompson, Cameron Giovengo, Kendall Tutt, Anna Gilchrist, Alli Lively, Carmen Leverett, Michael Carroll, Jermarian Lomax, Caleb Romines; back row: Morgan Partlow, Kameris Andrews, Kristopher Edwards, Cody Thurmond, Aiden Jones, Naomi Wortz, Makayla Williams, Ranse Chapman, Emmalyn Cook, Zariyah Hamm, Haley Hadsell, and Gregory Gartrell. Not pictured, Amelia Holimon, Asher McGill, Trevor Colbert, Jayceon Glaze, and Ahja Simmons.

Across The Savannah The Oldest Profession

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Hauling two wire cages of stacked stone, the flatbed turned right and crept uphill. Cormac McCarthy wrote that the oldest profession in the world is not prostitution. It's stacking stones. Well, you can stack stones as they are and you can stack stones shaped by man and nature. You'll see small river-carved rock stacks on the Chattooga, and you'll see stacked stone supporting the overhang of old stores.

Stacking stones crafted by the hand of man make beautiful structures but they aren't immune to gravity. The stones you see here are part of Badwell Cemetery in McCormick County. After quarrying, stonemasons gave them a rough shape and stonemasons sculpted them into a precise shape.

I admire stonewalls, stone walkways, stone arches, and stone bridges. I'm not that big a fan of cement "stones" from big box hardware stores used for walkways and borders, and walls. They're just not genuine but along back roads stonemasons' art endures as walls, church markers, and entranceways to antebellum homes long gone. Rock endures just about everything you can throw at it. Not dynamite but otherwise it lasts.

In Chester County at Landsford Canal you'll see the early 1800's handiwork of Irish stonemasons who crafted the canal's guardlock that lowered boats into the canal during floods. The finely cut, precise granite stones still stand. In the river, an old diversion dam of rock continues its prolonged tumble. The right front wall of Badwell succumbed to gravity and toppled into the cemetery as revealed by a photograph. Today the fallen stones sit outside the cemetery, moved off the graves they fell onto.

Badwell Cemetery's stone blocks came from a local quarry but I have yet to find it. I hope to. Could be it's beneath nearby Clarks Hill/Strom Thurmond Lake. If I find that quarry, I'll have yet another story about the French, many who came here to die in the mid to late 1800s.



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As the Huguenots, led by the Reverend Jean Louis Gibert, built and oversaw the building of Badwell plantation, its springhouse, and cemetery, the sounds of mallets and chisels rang out. Hoists groaned and creaked as men struggled to put the stones in place. I don't know how much those stones weigh but I know no one man can lift one. Metal straight edges flashed in sunlight as stonemasons perfected and aligned blocks. They might have fashioned a lewis and used it combination with a block and tackle. Let lewis pick 'em up. A lewis, that's a device that grips

heavy blocks of stone for lifting. Once the stones were in place, mortar held them in place.

No doubt ruined backs, crushed toes and fingers, and a lot of maiming took place in building Badwell Cemetery. How could it not? Crushed and crippled or not, men built a stately cemetery, one still standing. I stood within those walls among the dead. I heard the cries of pileated woodpeckers and the electric squeak of hummingbirds in the canopy. Man's oldest profession doesn't wall the souls resting here from the forest. No, they are part of it and long will be. We all should have such a peaceful place of rest.

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Lincoln County Elementary School Breakfast Menu
Mon., May 10 - Fri., May 14

- Monday - Poptart, yogurt, fruit.
 - Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
 - Wednesday - Honey bun, fruit.
 - Thursday - Cinni minis, fruit.
 - Friday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- All breakfast menus include choice of milk, fruit juice and toast. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Breakfast Menu
Mon., May 10 - Fri., May 14

- Monday - Honey bun, fruit.
 - Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
 - Wednesday - Strawberry yogurt parfait, fruit.
 - Thursday - Steak biscuit, fruit.
 - Friday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- All breakfast menus include choice of milk, fruit juice and toast. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: 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.

Live concert at Morningside

Morningside Baptist Church will host The Carter Family Band in a live concert on Fri., May 14 at 7 p.m. The public is invited.



Lincoln County Elementary School Lunch Menu
Mon., May 10 - Fri., May 14

- Monday - Pepperoni calzone or PBJ, oven fries, tossed salad w/ dressing, raw veggies w/dip, fruit.
 - Tuesday - Beef nachos w/cheese or grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, black bean fiesta, Mexican rice, buttered corn, fruit assortment.
 - Wednesday - Chicken & rice w/roll or pizza, steamed broccoli, romaine garden salad, rosy apple-sauce.
 - Thursday - BBQ on bun or catfish filets w/roll, French fries, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, fruit.
 - Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich or PBJ, potato chips, raw veggies w/dip, whole kernel corn, peaches.
- All meals include a choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menus subject to change due to availability.

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Mon., May 10 - Fri., May 14

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 - Tuesday - Beef nachos w/cheese or grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, black bean fiesta, Mexican rice, buttered corn, fruit assortment.
 - Wednesday - Chicken & rice w/roll or pizza, steamed broccoli, romaine garden salad, rosy apple-sauce.
 - Thursday - BBQ on bun or fish sandwich, French fries, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, fruit.
 - Friday - Crispy chicken sandwich or PBJ, potato chips, raw veggies w/dip, whole kernel corn, peaches.
- All meals include a choice of milk and chef salads offered daily. Menus subject to change due to availability.

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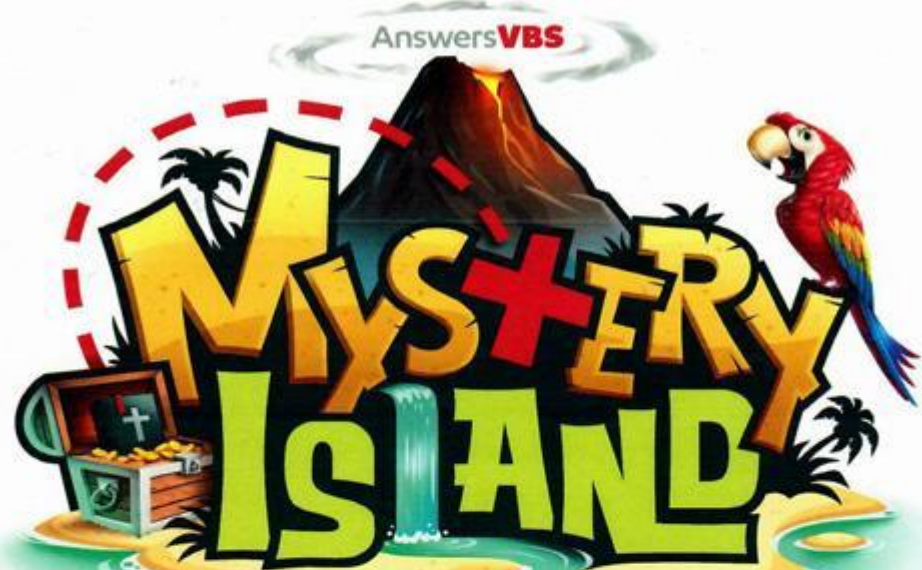
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PUBLIC HEARING

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Lincolnton has developed its Five Year/Annual Plan for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 311 Moss Street, Lincolnton, GA. between 9:00AM and 4:00PM Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. In addition, a public hearing will be held on June 15, 2021 at the Authority's office at 11:30 A.M.

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