

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lincoln County Board of Education will conduct a public hearing discussing the 2021-2022 budget on May 26, 2021 at the Lincoln County Board of Education Office Building at 423 Metasville Road, Lincolnton, Georgia beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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**TASTE OF THE MARKET**  
 MAY 22, 2021 FROM 9AM TO 12PM

**FRESH AND FUN**  
 Join local vendors and artisans for a day of fellowship, fresh produce, homemade crafts, baked goods, and more! All are welcome at this free community event!

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A household may be eligible if one member qualifies for the Lifeline program, receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or school breakfast program, received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year, or experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020.

**For complete details, visit [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)**

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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.

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 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.

**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 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 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 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.

**Memorial Day prog.**

American Legion Post 194 will salute and offer tributes to our fallen military heroes with a brief program, hymns, displays, folk art and words of encouragement and music on Mon., May 31 at noon.

They will also offer take-out dinners for a suggested \$5 cash donation. The dinners are free to all Veterans and active duty military. Children under 12 eat free.

Free American flags will be available at the Legion to decorate military graves on May 27-31, 3-8 p.m. We are seeking volunteers and donations for this event. Please consider helping us give back to those who have given so much in the service of our country.

**Church anniversary**

Martin's Crossroads Congregational Holiness Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sun., June 13. Services will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch in the fellowship building. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

**Habedank in concert**

Joseph Habedank will be in concert at 6 p.m., on Sunday, June 2 at First Assembly of God.

There will be no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken during the service.

**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**

**Edith Yvonne Peeler Beckum**



EDITH YVONNE PEELER BECKUM

Edith Yvonne Peeler Beckum lived a beautiful life until the day she moved to heaven on May 14, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, at Greenwood Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

She became the first-born child of Alma Danner Peeler and Lawrence Sidney Peeler on May 22, 1936. She was delivered by her grandmother, Maggie Hastings Peeler, in the Double Branches community. Shortly after, they moved to "the mountain" community where she had a simple, southern childhood.

She had three siblings, one sister and two brothers, that filled her youth with joyful memories. She also had a little brother that was stillborn but she spoke of him often. Elsie, Mac, and Paul were the first friends she ever had.

Although her parents, Elsie and Paul, preceded Edith in death, she spoke of them often.

Her compassionate spirit was born as she helped care for her siblings. She grew up on a farm and one of her favorite memories was laying in the cotton fields with her siblings as the bright sunshine beamed on her skin while they were supposed to be working. She went to Five-Points school until fourth grade when she began attending school Lincoln County High School. Edith blossomed into a beautiful young lady in her youth and began to make many friends. She graduated from Lincoln County high school in 1954.

Edith met the love of her life, Romie Hewitt Beckum, at a picnic that he attended with a friend. They dated for a few years, however, he always told the story that when he saw Edith at a community dance, he leaned over to this best friend and said "I'm going to marry that girl one day," the first day he saw her. They got married in 1958 at Woodland Baptist Church in Wrens, Georgia where they began the journey of life.

After a few years, they relocated to Marietta, Georgia for one year and Ft. Walton Beach, Florida for two years while Romie served in the Air Force as a fireman, then returned to Wrens. After they returned, Edith had her first and only child, Diane Michelle Beckum, in 1969. The

Lord then lead them back to her home town of Lincolnton in 1970. She and Romie raised their family at Greenwood Baptist Church. She worked at the Oxford Industries for 30 years as a final inspector. She was very active in the community and loved helping others in any way she could.

In 1993, she gained a son when Diane married Scott Wayne Dekreon. Together they gave her two grandchildren that she loved more than anything. Michael Romie was born in 1995 and Maggie Grace in 1998. Her family was the center of her life until her last day. This year Michael married Alli Etheridge and Edith was very excited each time she remembered that Michael was marrying the "Little Double Branches girl."

Edith had a love for many things in life. Her greatest love was for the Lord, then her family, and then her flowers. At the age of eighty-four years old, she left this world surrounded by the love of her life and family members to meet her Jesus, baby brother, and so many others who have gone on before her. Her husband, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren will miss her greatly and keep her memory close for the rest of their lives.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Greenwood Baptist Church, c/o Randall Edmunds, 2307 Amity Woodland Rd., Lincolnton, GA 30817.

Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton, was honored to serve the family of Mrs. Edith Peeler Beckum.

**Charlie Thomas Edmunds**



CHARLIE THOMAS EDMUNDS

Mr. Charlie Thomas Edmunds, 90, of Greenfield Road, McCormick, S.C., entered into rest on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at his residence.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 14, at Overbrook Cemetery, McCormick.

Mr. Edmunds, the youngest of ten children born to the late Clyde and Ida Mae Bowick Edmunds, was born on February 18, 1931 in McCormick County. When Mr. Charlie was young, he operated a Gulf filling station in McCormick and later went to work with the South Carolina Forestry Commission as a District Ranger. During his career, he operated many fire towers in the district, fought dwelling and brush fires and often appeared in local parades as Smokey Bear. He retired after 28 years of service and became a full time cattle farmer. In addition, he served as chief of Sandy Branch Fire Dept. and volunteered for McCormick County Fire Dept. for over 40 years. He had a civic minded spirit and was always willing to serve on any board that needed assistance. To mention a few, they include Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Clemson Extension Service Board, McCormick Cattleman's Association, Mine AFM Lodge 117, and was the oldest living charter member

of the Plum Branch Saddle Club where he had served as president in years past. Also, he was a member of McCormick First Baptist Church where he attended faithfully until his health failed.

Mr. Charlie loved his wife and family. They shared many memories together camping and enjoying the lake.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Holiday Edmunds; daughters, Joan Anderson Cunningham, Peggy E. White; and grandchildren, Megan Anderson and Dedy White Miller.

He will be greatly missed by his daughters, Teresa E. Ashmore and husband, Robert of Lincolnton and Deborah E. Banks and husband, Ricky of McCormick; son-in-law, Jerry White of Plum Branch; grandchildren, Tommy Coleman, Leebo Banks, Paula Hegler, Melissa Gable, Jeremy Trammell, Anna Cunningham, Martha Jo Austin, Charley Ann Ashley, and Jennifer Banks; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Hospice Care of The Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Ave., Lincolnton, GA 30817.

Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton, was honored to serve the family of Mr. Charlie T. Edmunds.

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