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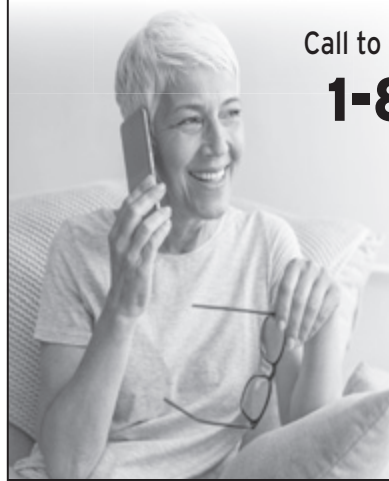



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Community Calendar

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 Lincolnton City Public Library.

Library hours
 The Lincolnton City 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: July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Foster care agency seeks families
 Neighbor To Family Inc. is a sibling foster care agency with a unique approach to foster care. We provide sibling groups with a nurturing foster home that enables brothers and sisters to stay together while in care. We are always looking for Foster Parents. Find out how to become a foster parent and change the world one sibling group at a time.


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 through cancer treatment, we hope that we can depend on your generosity this year.

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.

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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).

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 Lincolnton County Extension Office at 2080 Rowland York Rd.

Anniversary celebration
 The Martin's Crossroads Congregational Holiness Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 13th, 2021. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the fellowship building. Bishop Ronald Wilson will be our guest speaker and we will have special singing by The Haynes Brothers. We would like to extend a special invitation to all of our family and friends to come and join us as we celebrate our 100th anniversary.

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.

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Edmunds receives D.O. degree, begins residency at LSU Health

Joshua Edmunds, son of Dale and Jule Edmunds, grandson of the late Robert and Lucille Edmunds of Lincolnton, recently graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine earning his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. He will be starting a 3-year Emergency Medicine Residency at LSU Health Shreveport.



JOSHUA EDMUNDS
 program where he recently graduated, earning his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

Joshua is a former graduate of Westside High School and recipient of the Zell Miller Scholarship, as well as, receiving the Scholar Athlete award sponsored by the Chick-fil-A Bowl for being one of the top 40 Scholar Athletes in football in the state of Georgia.

He earned a Bachelor of Education in Exercise Science degree from The University of Georgia. He then attended Georgia College in Milledgeville and received a Master's degree in Biology. He then was accepted into the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Keep your lawn disease-free with tips from UGA Extension

By Tripp Williams for CAES News
 As warm-season turfgrasses continue to green up, diseases are rearing their ugly heads. The main culprit this time of year is a fungus, Rhizoctonia solani, that causes large patch disease in lawns. Large patch can infect all warm-season turfgrasses, but centipede, St. Augustine, and zoysia are particularly susceptible.

Large patch appears in roughly circular patches that are yellow, tan or straw-brown with orange-brown borders. The patches are initially 2 to 3 feet in diameter, but can expand up to 10 feet or more, as the name "large patch" indicates. Early in the morning, a grayish ring can be seen in the area where the diseased turfgrass and the healthy turfgrass meet.

Large patch occurs in the spring and fall when environmental factors are favorable. Favorable conditions include humid days with temperatures ranging from 75 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit and nighttime temperatures above 60 F. The higher temperatures and humidity lead to an extended period of leaf wetness.

In the last 60 days, the local weather station in Dearing, Georgia, has recorded eight days of rain, totaling 4.81 inches, with an average relative humidity around 70% and an average temperature of 68 F (average high of 80 F and average low of 55 F). This information was taken from the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network, which collects reliable weather information for agricultural and environmental applications.

Turfgrasses are also more susceptible when coming out of - or going into - dormancy. Therefore, spring and fall are the times of year the grass is most vulnerable because it is more stressed and not growing as actively.

The best way to protect turfgrass from disease is to properly manage it by following lawn care practice recommendations. More information on warm-season turfgrass identification and lawn calendars for season-appropriate practices are available from University of Georgia specialists on the GeorgiaTurf website. Follow these best practices, which are easier and cheaper than using fungicides, to mitigate turf disease in your lawn:

- Avoid high nitrogen rates on warm-season grasses in mid- to late fall or in early spring. The disease-causing fungus readily attacks the lush growth of grass that nitrogen promotes. Avoid fast-release forms of nitrogen fertilizer.
- Irrigate grass only when needed and to a depth of 4 to 6 inches - about 1 inch of irrigation water per week. Water early in the morning to reduce extended leaf wetness. This disease can spread fast when moisture is present.
- Avoid spreading disease to other areas. Remove clippings to prevent spread to other areas during mowing.
- Keep lawns mowed on a regular basis to the proper height for the grass species. Lower or higher than optimum mowing heights can increase disease severity.
- Provide good drainage for both surface and subsurface areas. Correct soil compaction with core aeration.
- Test the soil and apply lime and fertilizer according to the test recommendations. This will help

promote good health and vigor. See UGA Cooperative Extension Circular 896, "Soil Testing for Home Lawns, Gardens and Wildlife Food Plots," for more information.

Centipede, St. Augustine and zoysia are at peak growth when soil temperatures reach 65 F. In Columbia County, Georgia, the soil reaches this temperature in late April to early May. This is the optimum time to fertilize. This is especially true of centipede and St. Augustine grasses. When these turfgrasses are fertilized too early, they turn yellow from stress. The nitrogen in the fertilizer causes more shoot growth than the root system can support, which can cause large patch disease to develop.

If prevention is not an option and treatment is warranted, fungicide applications can help manage large patch. There are many fungicides on the market labeled for use on lawns, and most will aid in large patch management. In order for the fungicide to work properly, follow the directions on the product label.

A great resource for selecting turf fungicide products is the home and garden edition of the 2021 Georgia Pest Management Handbook. The handbook gives current information on the selection, application and safe use of these products. The home and garden edition also covers pest control around homes, on pets, for pests of home garden vegetables, lawns, fruits and ornamentals, and for pests of public health interest associated with our homes.

To order a \$29.95 print copy of the home and garden edition of the 2021 Georgia Pest Management Handbook, visit the UGA Press website or Amazon.com. To order by email or phone, send a message to orders@longleafservices.org or call 800-848-6224. A Kindle edition can be purchased for \$22.49 at Amazon.com

Tripp Williams is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agent in Columbia County, Georgia.

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