

# Church News



## Something broken? Just call Dad!

A friend of the family stopped by our house last week to say hello while she was in town and to get a few fresh vegetables to take back with her. During the visit, one of our daughters brought my attention to a strip of plastic shroud that was hanging down from the front bumper of her car. I immediately crawled under the bumper to see what I could do to correct it. It wasn't long before cable ties and pliers were in my hands and in a few minutes it was as good as new — well maybe not as good as new, but at least the plastic wasn't dangling like it was. When I reported that I had it "fixed", Sandra asked if I fixed it or rigged it. That was an appropriate question, for my family knows that Papa will try to fix or rig anything to make it work. And in this case, I had to confess that I rigged it — but it worked just fine.

I think back of the things over the years that our girls have handed off to me to apply my repair skills to. When our girls were small they thought I could fix any broken toy or other item; I have always maintained that duct tape and super glue have made me a real hero in their eyes. As time moved on, more complicated items were up for repair: appliances, cars, furniture, computers, and whatever else needed my ingenuity. When Madeline's glasses broke and



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it was going to be awhile before new ones came in, I saved the day with a good application of epoxy; the glasses would not fold up, but they served the purpose until her replacement arrived.

But doing repairs is not all that I get called on for. Varmint eradication can also be added to the list.

Early one morning last week, I got a rather frantic call from Jessica. When the girls call and ask the question, "Are you at home?" there is usually more to it than just inquiring about my location. As the conversation unfolded, she informed me that there was a snake on her front porch. Her husband was at work so it was up to Papa to save the day. I thought the viper was holding her hostage in her own house, but I learned that she had managed to get out the door and in the car. I made the seven mile journey to her place feeling pretty sure the thing would have crawled away by the time I got there, but I was wrong — he was in the same spot she had told me. I came armed with my garden hoe and went into battle with this gigantic threat and I came forth victorious. I

took down the cold blooded invader that was as big around as my little finger and a whopping eighteen inches in length with just a few whacks with the garden tool!

The snake was harmless and would have done much more good than harm, but to her it was a threat to her and her girls. And the good part for me was that it opened up one more opportunity for dad to be a hero.

It is rewarding when we dads can use our hands to accomplish good things for our families, but we must never overlook the importance of the things that do not include glue, screws, and cable ties. Our families need our time, our compassion, and our willingness to listen even when we do not have all the answers to the complexities of life. We might be a lot more comfortable gluing broken eye glasses together or eliminating a creature that has encroached on the premises of our children, but we must not allow fear of failure to hinder us from being there to provide comfort, love and support during the challenges of life.

Being a Godly father is not always an easy task, but it is vitally important. So men, during this season of Fathers' Day, be of good cheer — you do not have to strive and struggle alone. God is there to guide and use you; you need only to trust in Him. As I wish you a happy Fathers' Day, I challenge you to put these words into practice: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5, New International Version).

## SCVFD annual BBQ set for July 4th

Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department will again host their annual July 4th BBQ. Pick up will be from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Prices are: Boston butts \$30 and ribs - sheet \$20.

Plate lunches \$10 - take out only - pulled pork, cole slaw, beans, and dessert. Pick up for lunches will be from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

There will also be a bake sale.

For more information or to place your order, call 229-254-2638.

## Spooner Family Reunion Postponed

Due to COVID-19, the descendants of Stephen Morrow Spooner will not meet on June 28th for a reunion. The reunion has been postponed until Sunday, October 25th beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #157 in Donalsonville.

Share this information with your family members, and for additional information, join the family Facebook page - The Spooner Family Heritage Page.

## LET'S GET COUNTED!

The Census determines everything from the funding we get for public services to our state's congressional representation. Participate in the 2020 Census!

Register today at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)

## Notice of Public Hearings

### Seminole County Planning & Zoning Board, Seminole County Board of Commissioners

The Seminole County Planning and Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and the Seminole County Board of Commissioners will hold a second Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** for the purpose of reviewing a zoning request from Mr. Adam Young. The first Public Hearing will be held in the Grand Jury Room located adjacent to the Superior Courtroom at the Seminole County Courthouse. The second Public Hearing will be held in the Superior Courtroom.

The one-acre tract of property is located at 7717 County Road 374, 21<sup>st</sup> Land District, Land Lot 140, in Seminole County.

If granted, the property will be rezoned from Residential (R1) to Commercial (C1).

The public is invited to attend the hearings.

Seminole County Board of Commissioners  
200 S. Knox Avenue  
Donalsonville, GA 39845

For more information, contact Mr. Bill Kennedy at 229-524-2878 or 229-254-1872.

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## Out on a Limb . . . By BO McLeod

June keeps rolling on, and we've reached the time of the longest day of the year. With DST, this one is probably the longest one there ever was.

June brings an end to the old period, so I insist you let me be the first to wish you, Happy New Fiscal Year, and may all your deficits be small ones.

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A search is on for amateur rock and roll groups from Georgia to play at Watermelon Day on Sunday, July 9, at the Atlanta State Farmers Market, the story said.

Six top bands will be selected to appear and they'll be paid \$100. for their appearance. The winning band, in the noise and

rattling contest, I guess, will receive a \$300. prize. Listeners will have to do it for nothing, it is assumed.

Some of you folks might want to get organized and into the contest. All it takes is loud instruments and a dozen or so amplifiers to make 'em still louder. Tunes and stuff like that don't matter.

In the meantime, I'll be trying to figure out how rock and roll music fits in with watermelons in the first place. Seems a little strange at first glance, and it'll probably sound stranger at first listen, but I hope they have a lot of fun.

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Those were some interesting figures that showed Seminole

County is officially worth \$34,767,000.00, at 100% valuation. I knew we owe a lot more than that, but I didn't realize the value was so high.

That figure does not allow for depreciation, carrying charges and compound interest, note.

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They're still running around cutting off federal aid to schools in various communities around the state, but they still don't talk much about cutting off federal taxation.

Still appears to me the federal lads ought to be as particular and discriminating about where the money comes from, as they certainly are about where it goes.

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Fellow said he's watching that talk about having a "cooling off" period in the Israel-Egypt battle, and if it works, he's going to try it on his wife.

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Let it be a lesson to us. I thought they had run out of things to have a "in" about, after having used so many, but those resourceful rascals came up with a "wed-in" the other day.

Naturally it happened in New York, this plan for a bunch of weddings in a park. It'll be held later this month, the story goes, and Parks Commissioner August Heckscher wants 50 couples to take part.

What comes after a wed-in? The nag-in, of course.

## Now that we are allowed to gather again . . .

When social distancing concerns are no longer an issue, the Beall Center in downtown Donalsonville will once again be available for rental for your next event - *birthday parties, holiday functions, meetings and more.*

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