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SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Lincoln County School System Breakfast Menu
Mon., Feb. 8 - Fri., Feb. 12

- Monday - Honey bun, tangerine.
- Tuesday - Waffles, diced peaches.
- Wednesday - Steak biscuit, fresh apple wedges.
- Thursday - Cereal bar, cheese stick, raisins.
- Friday - No School

All breakfast menus include choice of milk. Menus subject to change due to availability.

What's for Lunch?

Lincoln County School System Lunch Menu
Mon., Feb. 8 - Fri., Feb. 12

- Monday - Grilled cheese sandwich or PBJ, potato wedges, garden romaine salad, baby carrots w/dip, applesauce.
- Tuesday - Beef tacos w/cheese or pizza, lettuce & tomato, black beans, salsa, whole kernel corn, Spanish rice, fruit assortment.
- Wednesday - Oven baked chicken w/roll or PBJ, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, sliced peaches.
- Thursday - Smothered steak and gravy or pizza, steamed rice, fried okra, pinto beans, hot biscuits, fruit.
- Friday - No school.

All meals include a choice of milk. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Ribbon cutting for gallery shop to be held Feb. 8

The MACK has received a generous gift enabling it to proceed with a major rehabilitation project. As a result the MACK Artisans Guild & Gallery Shop will be moving to 218 S. Main Street, McCormick SC, 28935 beginning February 2021. Relocation allows the MACK Rehabilitation Project to begin and ensures the historic site meets accessibility, safety, and program goals.

A red ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by the McCormick County Chamber of Commerce, will take place Monday, February 8, 2021, at 12:00 noon. The MACK Artisans Gallery Shop will operate at full regular hours of operation, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, February 9th.

The shop will have a 'soft opening' just in time for Valentine's Day. Support your local artisans and find special gifts and treasures for your loved ones. The shop features quality, handcrafted items that include jewelry, cards, pottery, fine art, and more.

The official Grand Opening will take place Friday, February 12, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Artisan goods will be featured as door prizes for supporters and customers who attend the Grand Opening. We request that customers wear a mask, use the provided hand sanitizer, and respect social distancing requirements.

Artisan event cancelled

All Lincoln Artisans January events have been cancelled. The next board meeting will be held Wed., March. 3, 6 p.m., in the Development Authority Board Room.

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.

Sit, Sew classes

The American Legion is hosting additional classes: "Sit & Sew" classes, meet monthly on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday morning, from 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

"Quilting Classes" are monthly, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7-9:30 p.m. Call Linda Buesching/Instructor at (706) 359-1572.

Sewing and quilting stations are appropriated spaced and masks are required.

All levels of quilting welcome. The cost is a "donation" to the American Legion.

Across The Savannah

See Life in an Old Way Along A Back Road

By TOM POLAND
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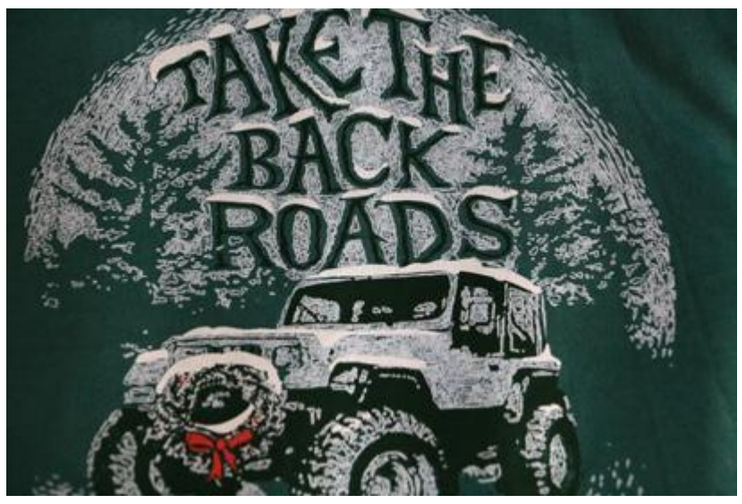
My sister, Brenda, gave me a cool shirt for Christmas, "Take The Back Roads," one of those Life Is Good shirts. That four-word phrase has come to be my calling card. About six years back, when I started covering back roads, I had no idea how many people would enjoy stories and photos about lesser roads. Lesser as modern ways go. For some of us, high-tech life can be a bit much. I don't care for apps but I do have an appetite for back road sights and so do a lot of readers.

The day after Alabama stitched Buckeye mouths shut with 52 points, I took lesser-traveled roads from Georgia back to Carolina. Along the way, I came across this old farmhouse. The day was cold and wet. A mist fell across my windshield. My wipers were either too slow or too fast, so I let the mist gather. You know what I mean.

Spying this old shack through mists was a bit like time travel, backwards travel. Was that an old burn barrel? Remember when we burned trash in a 55-gallon oil drum? We didn't use herby curbies or dumpsters back then, and we made few trips to the dump, today's new-fangled landfill. When someone burned trash, it scented the air in a pleasant way. I can't say that for the massive landfills you see along certain interstates and highways. They reek of garlic. I hear it's New York garbage come down South. Damn-a-mighty.

You can't see them, but old cars and trucks are all back of the house. And so an air of antiquity attends the place. The tin roof, rusted, brings back memories of a hard rain at my Grandfather's country store. The rain drummed.



Take the Back Roads has become my calling card. *(Photos by Tom Poland).*

Now those crepe myrtles, maybe I am a bit crazy, but their trunks bear a strong resemblance to young women's lean legs. The trunks have knees even. Don't believe me? Check out your crepe myrtles.

Thanks to new growth, the peach orchards cast a faint pink glow this time of year, but come March they will explode into coral shades that stop you in your tracks.

Way over to the right by that tree? Irises coming up? I see a lot of irises at old places where the home has long been gone. Just out of sight sits a forlorn iridescent purple '76 Chevrolet Caprice with daffodils popping up close by. Later it'd be nice to photograph those butter-gold blossoms against that purple backdrop.

Concrete blocks sure find a lot of uses. "Just put a see-mint block under it," says an old timer. The utilitarian concrete block is inescapable. From entire houses to propped-up pick-ups you see them everywhere you go. Too bad they didn't use some to help those steps reach the porch. Making it to the porch will be one giant step for a small man.

That ladder back-chair seems lonely, although that table with wobbly legs keeps it company. And between the pots and crepe myrtles sit beehives. They ought to be busy when the orchards burst into color.

Look at the porch in shadows. Should some souls live here soon I can hear the old wooden screen door slapping shut as folks come and go.

So many old ways out there wasting away. Want to see them 'fore they're gone? Take the back roads and like me you'll see many a place like this one.

Take one last look and look closely. See that strip of highway behind the crepe myrtle out by the sign? There runs Highway 23, a back road that's as interesting as any I've driven. Try it. And do yourself a favor. Slow down and see life in an old way.

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Thornton, Leightner named to President's List at Kennesaw S.U.

Sydney Thornton and Luke Leightner of Lincolnton, were recently named to the President's List at Kennesaw State University in recognition of their academic excellence for the Fall 2020 semester.

To achieve this honor, each undergraduate student must have completed at least 9 semester hours with a term grade point average of 4.0.

A leader in innovative teaching and learning, Kennesaw State University offers more than 150 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees to its approximately 41,000 students. With 11 colleges on two metro Atlanta campuses, Kennesaw State is a member of the University System of Georgia and the third-largest university in the state.

The university's vibrant campus culture, diverse population, strong global ties and entrepreneurial spirit draw students from throughout the region and from 92 countries across the globe.

Kennesaw State is a Carnegie-designated doctoral research institution (R2), placing it among an elite group of only 6 percent of U.S. colleges and universities with an R1 or R2 status, and one of the 50 largest public institutions in the country.

For more information, visit kennesaw.edu.

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.

Ellis fund set up

The Coach Ellis Dedication Fund has been set up at Farmers State Bank for those wishing to make a contribution to help with funding the sign and plaque recently approved for the track and field at Lincoln County High School and to initiate a scholarship fund in his honor. Those wishing to contribute can drop a check off at FSB or mail to P.O. Box 99, Lincolnton, GA 30817. Make the check payable to the Coash Ellis Dedication Fund.

Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, 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.

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