

# Editorial page

## Nolia's Notes

### The Glow of Angels

by NOLIA BIGGERSTAFF



It makes me chuckle whenever scientists and others try to explain away God's miracles. Often scientists and others try to take credit for those miracles with reasonable explanations in nature. To me, that just makes them look foolish because all nature is from God, for gosh sakes!

Anyway, there is an interesting story that happened in April of 1862. During the Civil War at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee, thousands of soldiers were killed. It was truly a very, very bloody battle. As soldiers were dying on the battlefield among the already dead, they noticed a very strange bluish glow at night on the strewn bodies. It was very odd.

When removed from the battlefield and treated, the soldiers who glowed in the dark had a much better recovery record than those who did not glow! No one could explain this eerie phenomenon and folks came to refer to this as "Angel's Glow."

The story fell by the wayside over the years. I had never heard of it during my history studies in school. No surprise there because, in my opinion, most of God's miracles are not highlighted in the secular educational system.

In 2001, a 17 year old Bill Martin and his friend Jonathan Curtis heard about this and began to investigate with more current science. They went back to the battlefield and took soil samples,

etc. They found *Photobacterium luminescens* bacterium there. This is a bacterium which releases chemicals that kill dangerous larvae and microorganisms. This bacterium cannot survive at normal human body temperature, but the bodies on the cold wet ground in Tennessee were cooled down enough for this mysterious bacterium to actually survive and thrive, the whole time killing dangerous germs and thereby improving the survival rate of the soldiers who glowed!

They say it took 139 years to explain the Angel's Glow phenomenon but I do not agree! I think the soldiers and their families and doctors had it right back in 1862. They said the bluish glow was caused by angels from God, and so it was. This *Photobacterium luminescens* bacterium came from God, for goodness sakes, people. What a unique and mighty miracle!

He never fails to amaze. Who knew God likes glow sticks, too? The Angel's Glow is a true story and needs to be shared, not as a ho-hum scientific event, but it needs to be shared for the mighty, mighty miracle it is.

God's miracles are everywhere today in this age of COVID. Science will take credit for a lot; vaccines and remedies but they, as well as the scientists themselves, all were created by our mighty God and we would all do well to remember that!!!



## This weeks tips from the BBB

Crowdfunding campaigns are helping to raise money for a multitude of causes, from little league teams to medical bills. Crowdfunding can make supporting – and raising money for – a good cause easier than ever, but it's not without issues. Con artists can use crowdfunding platforms to deceive donors and steal money for personal use. Or the money can be raised with the best intentions, but not end up used for its stated purpose.

Should You Donate to that Crowdfunding Cause?

Potential crowdfunding donors should proceed with caution and do research before making a donation to any individual or cause. The following tips will help you practice smart giving if you decide to donate on a crowdfunding platform.

- Give to individuals and organizations you know personally. Charities can be vetted, but it is much harder to verify the trustworthiness of individuals who have posted a request for financial help. The safest way to donate on a crowdfunding platform is to give to someone you already know.

- Photos don't mean a campaign is legitimate. Con artists often use pictures of victims without their permission to make donors believe the campaign is legitimate. This is especially true in the wake of a major tragedy.

- Not all crowdfunding sites have the same rules. Some platforms do a better job of reviewing projects and postings than others. Make sure you read up on the website's rules, regulations, and procedures. For example, on one site, if a post claims to support the victims of a recent tragedy, the site holds any funds collected for victims and distributes them directly to the identified persons or families. On other sites, donors must rely on the creator of the post to follow through on any assistance they promise to give.

- Transparency is key. Vague descriptions of how donated funds will be used is a big red flag. Trustworthy

charities and individuals will clearly explain the intended use of collected funds.

- Avoid duplicate efforts. Stay up to date on the latest news about victim support efforts. If government agencies offer to pay for healthcare or funeral costs, for example, any crowdfunding pages that offer the same assistance may have to ask donors if their funds can be used in an alternative way.

- Beware of emotional appeals and images. Scammers love to con people out of money by telling overly dramatic tales that elicit an emotional response. They usually pair their appeals with urgent pleas, saying they need the money right now. In addition, they may support their stories with heart wrenching images.

- Protect your personal information. Before you make an online donation, make sure the charity's website is secure (the web address should begin with https://) and that a privacy policy is in place regarding the use of your name, email and other personal data.

- Not all donations are tax deductible. In general, donations made to help a specifically identified individual or family are not deductible as a charity donation for federal income tax purposes. Also, if a non-profit organization is soliciting for donations, see if it is tax exempt as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- Read the fine print. Besides the privacy policy, a website's fine print will tell you under what conditions (if at all) donations will be refunded and how the site handles credit card and administrative fees.

- Consider donating on specialized crowdfunding websites. When crowdfunding sites are dedicated to a specific kind of giving, such as medical funding or school projects, they are more likely to have experience spotting problems or scams. General crowdfunding sites may experience more challenges over-seeing user activity.

### 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 appropriately spaced and masks are required.

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



## Cloverleaf District Project Achievement 2021

By Robyn Stewart  
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Spring is typically a busy time of year for the Extension office, particularly in my main role as Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent. Between client inquiries, soil and water tests, educational programs, site visits, and training, we stay busy. Since our long-time 4-H leader Jodi Coon left us in early 2020, I have also been leading our 4-H Club here in Lincoln County. Due to the challenges of programming under COVID restrictions, there has been very little in-person 4-H programming in the last year. Fortunately, we are seeing restrictions lift and as a result, have been able to start back with our traditional events. UGA Extension's Northeast District was the only district to hold an in-person, face-to-face Cloverleaf District Project Achievement (DPA) competition this spring!

Cloverleaf DPA is where students choose an area of interest, research their topic, write a speech, prepare a poster, and present their findings to judges at the district competition. DPA helps 4-H'ers develop skills in leadership, creativity, research, public speaking, record keeping, and more. Cloverleaf DPA is open to 5th and 6th graders in Lincoln County, and Junior/Senior DPA is open to 7th through 12th graders.

On May 8th, 2021, ten counties (Lincoln included) met at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA to compete in Project Achievement.

There was a total of 144 individuals present, 88 of whom were competitors. Lincoln County took four 5th grade students to compete this year. Two of our students, Chloe Lowes and Anna McFadden competed in the Horse category, presenting on "English vs Western Tack" and "Horse Breeds and Colors" respec-



Robyn Stewart, Chloe Lowes, Anna McFadden, Haley Keown, and Sade McGahee attended Cloverleaf DPA recently

tively. Chloe and Anna tied for third place. Haley Keown presented on "Robots" in the Robotics category and came in 3rd, and Sade McGahee was 3rd in Dog Care and Training with her presentation "Great Danes".

These students attended 5 after-school workshops to prepare for Project Achievement and we are proud of their hard work and success!

It takes an army for our students to compete and be successful at things like DPA. Lincoln County Extension would like to extend a sincere thank you to our sponsors: Commercial Insurance Services,

J&T Service Center Inc; H&H Industrial Maintenance; Farmer State Bank; Rayle Electric Membership Corp; Lee Builders, Inc; AG Georgia Farm Credit; Lincoln County Farm Bureau; F&M Bank; Jeff & Sheri Easter; R&W Auto Parts; Wilkes Telephone/Relyant Communications; Raiford Convenience, LLC. The financial support of our sponsors allows all of our DPA students to compete at no cost to them- our 4-H office covers all of the associated fees. Further thanks are due to all parents, teachers, school staff, and transportation staff for their collaborative efforts in making DPA such a huge success.

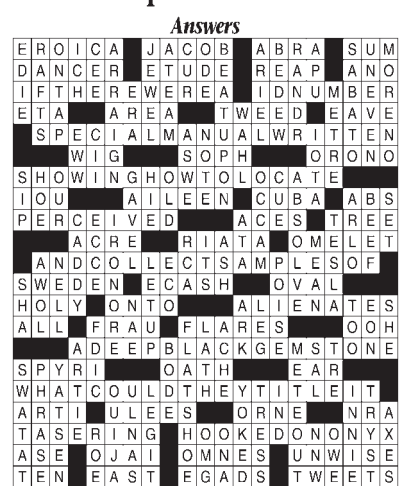
Despite the challenges of programming during COVID restric-

tions, we have maintained monthly club meetings in-school for 5th grade, bi-monthly club meetings for middle and high school, and started a monthly homeschooling club as well! We are hopeful that this next budget cycle will lead to funding for a full-time 4-H staff member to lead and expand our 4-H specialty clubs in years to come. Please join us in congratulating our 4-H'ers on their success at the 2021 Northeast District Cloverleaf DPA.

### 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.

### Super Crossword



### Coffee, classic cars June 12

American Legion Post 194 will host a "Coffee and Classic Cars Series on the second Saturday of each month series

The event is free to enter and will start June 12, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., at the Post home located at 1121 American Legion Road.

The Legion will offer coffee, teas, juices, pastries, bagels and a variety of cream cheeses for sale in this fundraiser.

Oldies and classic country music is provided by Al Ewing Entertainment.

The general public is welcome to participate in this free event as a vehicle owner or just a classic cars enthusiast.

For more information contact event coordinator Al Ewing at 706-359-3445 or 661-666-3749

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