

Editorial page

Nolia's Notes

They don't make 'em like that anymore

by NOLIA BIGGERSTAFF



I remember Loudelle's kitchen. She was a wonderful house keeper and great cook. Yes, my mother-in-law was smart and had many talents. She could make a delicious meal out of nothing and she could sew beautiful quilts with stitches you would swear were done by the latest Singer sewing machine! She never had a dishwasher. She always swished the dishes, pots and pans in her sink under the window and then dried them with a soft dishtowel. I never heard her say she even wanted a dishwasher.

Dwaine and I did have one at our house, but I knew how to wash dishes by hand too. We used the dishwasher mostly to sanitize items and to hold small amounts of dirty dishes to wash. Dwaine and I finally decided on a new dishwasher, brought it home and there it sat in the living room until we called Kyle Fox to come install it.

Kyle is a nice young man and promptly came to our rescue. He looked at our old washer and said he would have to check on the plumbing. When he pulled out the old dishwasher he saw two pipes sticking up out of the floor. The old washer had a large cavity underneath which was ample room for those pipes. However, the new washer had a flat bottom that fit flush to the floor. Sounds about right. Nuttin' evah simple and easy.

Kyle explained the dilemma and he showed us the problem. It was quite evident that sliding the old washer out and the new washer in wasn't in the cards. It would take some finesse, tools and gizmos from Spratlin's Hardware, to complete the job.

I asked if we could exchange the new washer for one that might actually have that cavity underneath, but Kyle explained that they are all made the same now days. He said, "They don't make 'em like that anymore!!!!"

I thought about Kyle and his family. His dad and grandfather owned Fox Shoe Repair. People just do not repair shoes anymore. Shoes are plastic, not fine leather. They don't make 'em like that anymore. They are disposable.

I thought about when I was young and the TV repairman would come to the house, sit behind the large box of a TV and fiddle around with tubes and such until the picture came in view. They don't make 'em like that anymore!!!! Ha!!!! We have to pretty much throw away TVs.

Kyle did a great job. He knew what to do. This is probably because he has many customers with the same issues, older appliances being replaced by newer ones. The older ones were usually simpler and better made, but, 'they don't make 'em like that anymore!!!!

What a shame!!!!

This weeks tips from the BBB

With millions of Americans going on at least one vacation this summer, safety and security precautions are a must. Proactive measures can help consumers keep their home safe from fire, carbon monoxide, and the threat of burglary while they are away.

The Better Business Bureau is offering the following safety tips for homeowners during the summer season:

Be careful about the vacation details you share via social media. Burglars can use posts on Twitter or Facebook to determine when you'll be away. In recent polls, more than one third (35%) of Americans said they believed their home is too ordinary and would not interest a burglar. However, a vacant home could be enough to attract unwanted attention, so be careful about broadcasting your travel plans.

Lock your doors even when you're gone for a brief amount of time. Two thirds (67%) of Americans surveyed agree they do more to protect their homes when they are going away for a night than when they are just leaving for a few hours. But, according to the FBI, more than half (53%) of home burglaries happen during the day, so homeowners should secure doors and windows every time they leave their home.

Keep an inventory. Take the time to go through your house and make a detailed inventory of your belongings. Your inventory could be a paper list, pictures, video or a combination but be sure to notate the serial numbers or any blemishes that would make your property easily identifiable. For electronics, such as televisions, DVD players, DVRs and game consoles, use a black marker to write your name, address, phone number and maybe your driver's license number on the back or bottom of the unit. This writing won't be noticed by a thief trying to get out of your home quickly, but it will be noticed by the pawn shop during their inspection or the police once the criminal is caught.

Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every month. Summer marks the beginning of hurricane season and afternoon thunderstorms, so if a generator needs to be used in a power outage, a quick test of your monitored life safety devices can help keep your family safe from potentially dangerous fumes.

Keep hedges and bushes around your home trimmed, so burglars don't have places to hide, also ask neighbors to pick up your paper and remove the trashcan from the road.

If you want to relax on vacation, make sure your vacation planning includes securing your home while you are gone. If you choose to contract with a security company, find trustworthy companies and check out their BBB Business Profile first at bbb.org.

Consumer Ed answers questions

Dear Consumer Ed: I'm having solar panels installed on my home. What kind of licensing is the installer required to have?

Consumer Ed says: The installation of solar panels on a home can be considered the business of electrical contracting in the State of Georgia. Under Georgia law, the installer must be associated with a licensed electrical contractor in Georgia. The licensing of an electrical contractor is controlled by the Division of Electrical Contractors of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, which is under the Georgia Secretary of State.

You can search to see if an electrical contractor has the required professional license by going to the Licensing section of the Georgia Secretary of State's website, then choosing "Electrical Contractors" under the "Boards and Licensed Professionals" tab (www.sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/21). From there, select the tab marked "Licensure Search."

Certain counties and cities may have more laws concerning the installation of solar panels, so it is important to check with your county and/or city Development or Permitting office to see if that local jurisdiction has any additional licensing and permitting requirements.

Remember...We do not give legal advice. Always consult a lawyer about legal issues.

Homecoming at Goshen

Goshen Baptist Church will celebrate its 234th year of ministry with a homecoming service Sun., July 25, at 11 a.m., with a noon meal to follow.

Revival services will be held Mon., July 26-Wed., July 28. There will be special music nightly and Pastor Donnie Walton will be guest speaker for the homecoming and revival. The public is invited to attend.

Church anniversary

White Rock Baptist Church will celebrate 147 years of service to the Lord and the Lincoln County Community on Sun., July 18, at 2 p.m. Rev. Willie J. White and Newberry Missionary Baptist Church will be in charge of services.

OLYMPICS RELAX PROTEST RULES FOR TOKYO GAMES



Consumers get answers from Dept. of Agriculture

Consumer Q's is a weekly question-and-answer column by Arty Schronce at the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Please share your thoughts, questions and suggestions with him by phone, mail or email.

Q: Are pickling cucumbers just for pickling?

A: No. In fact, some people prefer them for fresh eating to those sold as "salad" or "slicing" cucumbers. Pickling cucumbers hold up better during the canning and pickling process than the salad/slicing types. That is why they are called pickling types. However, that does not mean they must be used exclusively to make pickles.

Q: How many varieties of peaches are grown in Georgia?

A: Approximately 40 varieties. Some are white-fleshed. Some are yellow-fleshed. Some are cling peaches and some are freestone. Some are low-chill varieties that do not require as many hours of cold temperatures in the winter and can be grown in extreme southern Georgia. Some are varieties that require more hours of cold temperatures and perform best in north Georgia. All are delicious.

Q: What is pamplemousse? I saw the word on a saffron drink.

A: It is the French word for grapefruit.

Q: I have been seeing chocolate-brown terra cotta pots at garden centers in addition to the traditional orange-brown terra cotta pots. Both come from Italy. Are these chocolate-brown pots just as durable as the ones I have been using for years?

A: The chocolate-brown ones are identical to the familiar orange-brown terra cotta (clay) pots in everything but color. From our experience with these chocolate-brown pots for the past three years, they are identical to the more familiar shade of terra cotta pots in durability and in how plants perform in them. More time is needed to determine their long term performance.

Q: I love daylilies but wished they bloomed for a longer period. How

Soccer registration

Lincoln County Recreation Department will hold registration for fall soccer June 14-July 15, for ages 5-7 and 8-10. Cost is \$50 per child. There will be no late registration. Season starts Aug. 24. Pictures will be made Mon., Aug. 23 only.

Contact Le'Trellis Glaze at 706-359-2236 for more information.

can I extend daylily season?

A: June is the main daylily month in Georgia. To extend the daylily blooming season consider adding early, late and re-blooming varieties to your garden. A few early varieties are 'Gold Dust,' 'Orangeman' and 'Early Flora.' A few later varieties are 'Challenger,' 'August Flame' and 'Autumn Minaret.' Two popular re-blooming varieties are 'Stella de Oro' and 'Black-eyed Stella.' Re-blooming varieties will bloom over several months. Visit the website of the American Hemerocallis (daylily) Society (www.daylilies.org) for more information and to find local daylily societies and some sources for buying daylilies. Also check the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin for sources. With proper selections, you can have daylilies in bloom from April to late summer or fall.

If you have questions about agriculture, horticulture, food safety or services or products regulated by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, write Arty Schronce (arty.schronce@agr.georgia.gov) or visit the department's website at www.agr.georgia.gov.

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.

Scholarship fund

The 10th Annual Jennie L. Garnett Scholarship Fund Program of Newberry Missionary Baptist Church will not be held this year. However, contributions may be made to Newberry Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 173. The program is sponsored annually by the Jennie L. Garnett Inspirational Choir.

The late Jennie L. Garnett was a strong supporter of education. She often shared with others her struggle to get an education.

We appreciate your support and generosity. Willie J. White, pastor.



Habitats are hip

By Robyn Stewart
Lincoln County Extension Service



Over 25 4-H'ers attended the Habitats are Hip program at the Lincoln County Agriculture Center on June 30.

On June 30th, over twenty-five 4-H'ers descended on the Lincoln County Agriculture Center for our first summer program titled "Habitats are Hip!" This program was geared towards students in 5th-12th grade with an interest in wildlife and environmental education.

Our day started with a conversation about what things are needed in a habitat and students were asked to draw their own habitats. Components of a good environment include a variety of food sources, adequate water access, shelter and cover, and a place to mate and raise young. We used sensory boxes to discuss what animals might live in a forest, ocean, and arctic region, and why those animals wouldn't do well outside of their native environment. Can you imagine seeing an orca on our nature trail??

After we discussed the components of a good habitat, we talked about the animals that might live there. Students learned the basics of animal locomotion and what tracks different species might leave in the mud. They also learned about other signs of wildlife like game trails, rubs, bedding areas, and scat. In addition to our tracking lesson, students got to see real animal skulls and learned about different types of dentition, or teeth, that can be used to identify the animal and its diet. We saw pig, deer, bear, muskrat, bobcat, and opossum skulls in this lesson!

Learning about habitats and wildlife in the classroom is fun, but applying those lessons is even more exciting. We spent several hours on the Lincoln County Nature Trail exploring and applying our new knowledge. Students found a variety of signs of wildlife, from deer and dog tracks to game trails. They found crawfish and minnows in the creek, a huge variety of insects and bugs, and even saw a deer and a king snake! We spent time in the Outdoor Classroom participating in a "sensory scavenger hunt" using our

Library summer program

Tails and Tales Learning Programs being held at the library include:

- July 15 - Party at the Splash Pad!

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.

City Council meetings

The Lincolnton City Council meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.



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senses of hearing, smell, sight, and touch to explore the woods around us. Students were also given the opportunity to go explore on their own with the mission of collecting interesting insects and observing their habitats, information that they shared with peers at lunchtime.

A pizza lunch and time on the splash pad allowed students to unwind and take a break from their exploratory efforts of the morning. We reconvened in the afternoon with Ranger Nick, a Program Evaluation Specialist at UGA with seven years of experience as an environmental interpreter and naturalist. Ranger Nick brought some critters to share: a box turtle, tiger salamander, and albino corn snake. He discussed each animals' habitat (all native to Georgia!), major threats they are facing, and how our students can help protect them. Students even had the opportunity to pet the snake!

Our afternoon closed with games and arts and crafts. Students made "fossils" from impressions of bugs and leaves and were also given the opportunity to plant and take home an American chestnut seed to try and grow.

Lincoln County Extension would like to thank all of our sponsors for funding our pizza lunch and materials, our colleague Audra Armour for bringing students from Wilkes County 4-H, and all of our supporters and participants.

Our next summer camp is July 29th, "Hands and Hooves" and will be all about horses! Contact us to register (space is limited) at uge3181@uga.edu or 706-359-3233.

VBS at Loco Baptist

Loco Baptist Church will present 'Under the Big Top: Big Choices!' Fri., July 23, 6-9 p.m. (dinner provided for kids) and Sat., July 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (lunch provided for kids). Ages 3 years to fifth grade are welcome.

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