



Dave Donehoo (fiddle) and the Hillbillies in Training Band at Pioneer Day

What ole-time music is all about!

I'm often asked to talk about old-time music and I'm more than happy to pass along my own experience with it and the impact it has had on my life. I don't claim to be an expert on the subject and I don't even claim to be all that good of a musician but I can tell you one thing, old time music is more about an experience than it is about the music itself. Oh, the music is a lot of fun and I can't tell you how great it is to cut down on an old tune and play until you feel like your arm's gonna fall off but that's only part of it. Today, there's quite a few musicians who enjoy playin the music but they're missing a big part of what made it so much fun. I'm sure by now you're wonderin what else there is to it. Well, let me set the stage for you and take you through what a typical day of making music was all about.

It's Saturday about noon time and Daddy comes in and tells me and my brother to grab instruments. "Where we goin" I ask, and he tells me we're going to see our Grandpa. A few minutes later we're sittin on the porch listening to Grandpa tell us about the time he caught an old skunk in one of his possum traps. After playin a song or two Grandpa gets out his banjer and joins us. We play for a little while and Grandpa says we ought to go over and see old man Rowe and play a few tunes for him.

So, we load up and head out, no one calls ahead or tells him we're

Numbers falling

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last week. The national case decline was not as steep as the 12.7% drop in cases reported on September 10 due to increased cases in New Hampshire, Maine, Michigan, and North Dakota.

Sources:
U.S. Centers for Disease Control
Georgia Department of Public Health
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Lincoln County Board of Education

comin, we just show up on his doorstep and he answers the door with a big smile and says "come on in Preacher and set a spell." So we go on in and sit down and old man Rowe tells us about the fox that he tried to kill in his chicken house that resulted in 4 dead hens and a hole in the back of the coop where the fox managed to escape. Of course, his wife has to tell us it was their hound's cold nose against his backside that caused him to prematurely pull both triggers of his double barreled shotgun and caused that big hole in the coop. The old men sit and jaw for a while then we play an old tune called "Bully of the Town." Old man Rowe can't play much on the fiddle but he gets it out and saws out a tune or two and then Daddy tells a funny story about two Irishmen trying to cross a pasture with a nearsighted bull in it.

Before the day is over, we've visited 4 or 5 families and we've played music, sang old Gospel songs and just enjoyed the day talkin and laughing with friends. Some of the folks we visited joined in and played music with us. Some were good musicians and singers and some weren't but it didn't matter, we had fun.

You see the music wasn't the important thing, it was the experience of it all. Old-time music used to be a social event. It was an expression of a way of life that old folks like my father and grandfather lived. My brother and I were privileged to get a glimpse of what it was all about. The stories and the jokes and the laughter and the socializing were just as much a part of the experience as the music was.

Today, there are a lot of fine musicians out there that play the music better than we ever could but there's one thing for sure, they'll never understand it or enjoy it near as much as we did. Today, I teach kids how to play the old-time music and when we put on a show, I try to do just like I think my grandpa would. I tell a few stories and jokes and give them something more, I hope, than just an old tune or two they'll forget as soon as they walk out the door. I hope I leave em with a smile

on their face and chuckle in their voice when they think about old man Rowe blowin a hole through the back of his chicken coop.

To hear Dave and the Hillbillies in Training go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4nu2X-80Dw>

- Donehoo



Drew preps for pantry audit

Lincoln County Food Pantry volunteer Paula Drew did an outstanding job putting labels on United States Department of Agriculture items and Georgia Nutritional Assistance Program items in preparation for the pantry's audit which took place on September 10. She was also instrumental in organizing the shelves in the main building where patron's shop.

The LCFP will be open today, September 23, from 10 a.m. - noon. The pantry is now open and residents can select from a variety of available items. Masks must be worn when entering the food pantry. Not pictured Ella Norman.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 4

With just 40 days remaining until the Special Election, Lincoln County Board of Elections Director Lilvender Bolton reminds residents that the last day a person can register to vote or update their information such as a name or address change is October 4.

The elections office is currently accepting applications from those who wish to vote absentee. Requests for applications for absentee ballots may be made by telephone (706-359-6126) or by written statement. The written statements may be either faxed to 706-359-7396; mailed to the elections and voter registration office at P.O. Box 1419, Lincolnton, Georgia, 30817; or delivered to the election's office, located at 160 May Avenue in The Lincoln Center.

A close relative may apply for an absentee ballot for individuals who are physically disabled or temporarily outside of Lincoln County. Applications for absentee ballots must contain the address to which the ballot is to be mailed and sufficient information, such as a signature or date of birth, to identify the individual as a registered voter and either driver's license number or state issued identification number.

Ballot applications may be obtained online at www.sos.georgia.gov/elections, or www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

The law governing the provision of assistance to those who need help in filling out an absentee ballot includes the following:

(1) A physically disabled or illiterate voter may receive assistance from another voter in the same county or from a close relative.

(2) If the voter is outside of the county in which he is registered then a notary can provide such assistance.

(3) Any person who assists another person in voting absentee must take an oath prescribed by law, demonstrating the statutory disability and that the ballot was completed as the voter desired.

(4) A candidate on the ballot or a relative of a candidate may not offer assistance during the election to any voter who is not related to the candidate.

The deadline for requesting that an absentee ballot be mailed to one's residence is October 22. All absentee ballots must be returned to the election's office by 7 p.m. on November 2.

According to Bolton, "Any registered Georgia voter may vote absentee by mail. The drop box will be set up inside The Lincoln Center and will be available to voters ONLY during advanced voting.

Bolton has released instructions for those filling out an absentee ballot to ensure that every ballot is counted.

Voters should:

- Use a black or blue ink pen to mark the ballot.
- Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races voters

wish to vote.

- If voting for a write-in candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the write-in section, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided.

- If you make a mistake or change your mind on a section, do not attempt to mark through or attempt to erase. Write "spoiled" across the ballot and across the envelope. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to the Lincoln County Election and Voter Registration Office at the address listed above, a new official ballot will be mailed to you. If you decide to vote in person voters should surrender the ballot to the poll manager of the early voting site within your county or to the precinct that you are assigned on election day. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

Bolton also offered a list of "don'ts" to voters which include:

- Do not use red ink or felt tipped pen to mark ballot.
- Do not circle, underline or mark through choices.
- Do not use check marks or X to mark ballot.
- Do not mark more choices per race than allowed.
- Do not sign, cut, tear, tape, or damage the ballot.

The director also stated that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud, along with voting twice, and is a felony under Georgia Law.

Schedule kids photo shoot

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Appointments may be made by calling *The Lincoln Journal* at 706-359-3229 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday), by emailing journal@nu-z.net or by leaving a message on the paper's voicemail after hours. Parents or guardians may also email their name, telephone number, and the date and time they wish to schedule sittings to journal@nu-z.net. A member of the Journal staff will confirm the appointment.

There is no obligation to purchase the photographs, which will appear in the Thursday, December 23, issue of the newspaper at no charge. Moreover, there is no sitting fee.

With the exception of babies born between October and De-

cember, only Interpress photographs will be used in the supplement. In order to include these infants in "Christmas Kids and Greetings," parents must supply *The Lincoln Journal* with a photograph suitable for reproduction by the close of business on Friday, December 3.

Additionally, those participating will be eligible to win one of three free canvases. One free 16x20 canvas for the "Most Photogenic Baby" under one year of age, and two 11x14 canvases will be given away, one to a mystery winner whose photograph was taken last year and has returned this year and another 11x14 canvas to the photograph that receives the most votes on Interpress Studios Facebook page. The winners will be notified by Interpress.

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