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Taking Care

Sundays will never be the same... Fond memories of family farm span several generations!

by LISA M. PETSCHKE

It's not much to look at: an aging, otherwise unremarkable two-story dwelling at the end of a potholed lane, barely visible from the highway.



Lisa Petschke

Surrounding it are rows of apple, cherry and pear trees, as well as currant bushes and a rhubarb patch that have seen better days. This was one of many orchards in the area, but now only a few remain, bordered by new housing subdivisions.

The fruit farm has been in my mother-in-law's family for well over half a century. She and seven siblings grew up there. Headed by their widowed-young mother, the family relied on the orchard as a primary source of

income for many years.

My husband recalls spending many weekends picking cherries with his cousins, under the watchful eye of Gran, and selling them at the local farmers-market.

By the late 1990s, only his Aunt Margaret, caregiver to Gran in her later years, remained there.

A single woman, Marg took a special interest in her nieces and nephews as well as their offspring. She enjoyed attending family events and receiving updates from distant relatives by phone or mail.

She also enjoyed receiving visitors on Sunday evenings, a tradition dating back to the time when her siblings began to move out and start families of their own.

Although there was a core of regulars, you never knew who might show up on Sunday night.

It was quite the gathering spot. Adults would sit around the kitchen table debating, sharing news and reminiscing, while their kids played outside or in the front room, depending on the weather.

Our family made the trip once or twice a month – more often in summer. The kids loved to run around the backyard and orchard, chasing rabbits and playing football and hide and seek. They would listen for approaching freight trains along the adjacent railway tracks, which invariably prompted a race to the nearest clearing to count the number of cars clattering by. (Until recently, every time our son saw or heard a train, no matter where it was, he'd exclaim, "There goes Aunt Margaret's train!")

Outdoor activities were always followed by refreshments. A generous hostess, Marg would set out cheese and crackers, fruit and cookies, and sometimes potato chips or candies. The adults drank coffee or tea while the children sipped apple juice in small, striped glasses – a novelty for our brood, who at home had to settle for plastic cups. The kids then retreated to a corner of the kitchen, delving into a carton of random second-generation toys, or played cards and charades in the living room until it was time to head back to the city.

Similar to my late grandmother's home, the farm was a family clearinghouse: photos were displayed throughout the main floor, and news of every kind – obtained through visits, phone calls and letters from as far away as England – was shared with all who came by.

In recent years, when

Sunday night visitors became fewer, Marg would indulge my passion for family history, bringing out boxes of photos, letters (including wartime correspondence), cards, invitations, obituaries and other newspaper clippings.

Family members did their best to help Marg age in place, maintaining the property inside and out and escorting her on errands and to medical appointments, as first her vision and then her general health deteriorated.

Eventually, though, she required a safer and more supportive environment. With great reluctance she moved to a retirement home, but didn't adapt well to institutional life.

She never gave up hope of returning to the family homestead.

Marg spent her final days in a hospital palliative care unit. Poor health made her passing a blessing. Fittingly, she was laid to rest in a cemetery overlooking the farm.

The house has since been emptied and the property sold to a housing developer. Soon the parcel of land won't be recognizable.

Just yesterday our son asked if we had enough money to buy the farm, to prevent it from being demolished.

He's perceptive enough to know Aunt Margaret's death marks the end of an era. The gathering spot is gone. Sundays will never be the same.

Thanks, Gran and Marg, for all the memories.

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Let us entertain you

by CLAIRE HOUSER DODD

One of the great and grand places not too far from us in Middle Georgia is the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. A vast mountain range that can entertain you from morning till night.

A trip to western North Carolina is a plus any time of year, especially in the early Fall when the weather is perfect and the leaves are beginning to turn. This time this year was really wonderful. We were invited by a new friend who has purchased some real estate in Fort Valley from Sandee Davis Khoury. Constantine Roumel, who hails from Greece, has also purchased valuable land in the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina and invited a few of us up for a long weekend. It is about five hours from Peach County. (See. We told you we are close to many good places.)

Constantine has purchased Nantahala Village, North Carolina, which is a resort within itself, and is still adding to the magnificence of this vast amount of beautiful and varied land. It is mountainous, it is hilly, it has a lovely pool down

in a bottom shaded by the most magnificent weeping willow tree imaginable. A beautiful arch stands close by, just begging for a wedding. It has trails for walking and trails for horseback riding. By the way, we didn't get to ride this trip, but it boasts a loading dock for those who might have a bit of a problem mounting and dismounting! Our young friends never heard of such, but it is a reality! One might say "a necessary evil!"

Of course, Nantahala Village has a lovely swimming pool on top of the mountain and is planning several condo buildings there where the playground now stands; a most magnificent view!

There are many single cabins, condos, ten-room houses like the Tabor home of the first owners, and rooms in the Lodge, a truly beautiful building, gorgeous entry and sign in room, dining room and covered balcony on back to dine al fresco and moon over the mountain. Our condo was resplendent with a basket of flowers, one with wine and appropriate glasses.

Let us look over a bit of the history of Nantahala Village. For starters, Nantahala means "Land of the Noonday Sun," named centuries ago by the Cherokee

Indians as they tracked through these mountains. They knew they had to cross this steep gorge during the middle of the day when the sun was directly overhead. Otherwise it was dark and had mysterious paths not to be journeyed at any other time.

In the Fall of 1947, the Watts bought the land that is now Nantahala Village from the Tabors and Underwoods; the house and three log cabins. By summer of 1948, they began construction on the Inn, and it opened in 1949. However, it was 1952 before electricity and phone service were offered to the guests. By then the pool and 11 cabins were built. At this time, travelers through The Great Smokey Mountains numbered in excess of one million annually.

By 1958, investors from Tallahassee, Florida, had acquired The Village and added 22 more lodging units plus seven log cabins on the south side of the road, also adding a homeowner's avenue. In 1979 an electrical fire resulted in total loss of the original lodge. It was

reconstructed to attempt to do justice to the beauty and character of the original building. Fire Place Suites were built in 2003. Subsequent owners have added the bar in the Lodge, updated cabin décor, added hot tubs and pool tables to many owners.

While there, we, six females and one male dog, had a ball... at the Village, in the town, visiting Bryson City, riding and looking at that magnificent scenery that goes up to an elevation of 6,643 feet. We drove over to Cherokee, only a short distance away, to see the Indian games and hear them speak. We learned that the migration went over the Berry straight from the sides, not from there to here!

We must make this comment. Riding, eating, shopping, whatever; Never have so many females gotten along so well or had so much fun. Never a cross word. The dog had his say and hid under the bed!

"On Top of Old Smokey" has taken on a new and in depth meaning. You must visit this Inn and enjoy everything it offers plus joining the millions of people going today.

Poets' Corner

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THANKSGIVING

by Shirley Glisson

*The turkey's in the oven,
The dressing's being fixed,
The cheese and macaroni
Are ready to be mixed.*

*There are salads and fresh pies
And hot crackin' bread.
Everyone there will be
Generously fed.*

*There are onions and peas,
But we can't do without
That big bowl of good ole
Pork and collard kraut.*

*The table is spread,
We all take our places.
What a joy to see
All the happy faces.*

*With hand in hand
We thank God above
For His mercy and grace
And undying love.*

WE ALL HAVE A DEPARTURE DAY AND TIME

by Mrs. Mildred Carter

*Oh, when will we leave?
On the Lord's time.*

*Where will we go?
To our Eternal Home.*

*When will we get there?
Oh, someday.*

*Say, who will be there?
The Lord and Savior.*

*Will He know me?
Oh, yes! Christ Jesus knows
everything about you.*

*And, yes, you will stand before
the Righteous Judge Lord
Jesus Christ.*

*And, yes, the Lord will tell you
all about your Eternal Life!*

Oh, yes, He will!

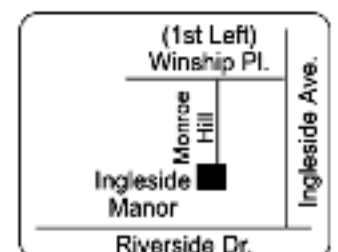
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Opinion

Immigration: "Elephant in the Room"

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It is ironic, pathetic, and tragic that our present struggles are somewhat centered on the vast number of pilgrims who are making their way to our shores! America... land of the free... has now changed from the "home of the brave to the residence of the bold!" Our country has traditionally been sufficiently insightful to recognize the plight of the planet; and, compassionate enough to share our real estate and bounty with multitudes who live in poverty. Their reasons for a deficit in social conditions has been duly tagged. Our Nation is to be commended for lending heart and hands. Nothing less would have been blessed by the Creator. Millions have come at our bidding!

Having reviewed and commended our actions is only part of the story. There are limits to every dimension

of life; and, every sane person knows that we are approaching the saturation point for refugees and misplaced humanities. Consider Plymouth Rock, if you will, and our often cruel and unthinkable course following the Mayflower. Admittedly, there were errors committed by a remnant seeking liberties for religious reasons. There has been a measure of repentance; and, an obvious constructive adjustment. But none of that will justify the receipt of a perpetual flow of immigrants. Such a dire course is simply not practicable or sustainable.

As I write, a growing force of souls (families, refugees, renegades, opportunists) are marching north from Central America via Mexico, on their way to the Texas border. Unchecked, these thousands will simply invade our land, and probably remain for a lifetime. Our Immigration Laws are not being invoked; and, govern-

ing process is being overcome. President Trump has pledged to stop the invasion with our Military Troops. While this may bring a temporary fix to the equation, it will not be a popular move.

For years our National Leaders have grappled with a solution... kicking the can on down the road and failing to make any wise and hard fast decisions for the problem. In that respect, it is much like a contagious disease; without just treatment, it only becomes worse and eventually untenable. We are now at that stage, with politicians cashing in on their particular brand of solution... with a total disregard for sensibility.

As long as the present mentality "rules the roster," and liberal acts of social handouts continue, there will be no changing the hideous path of saturation.

Unless some new philosophy is introduced, America as it has been experienced will be substantially undone!

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It's Medicare Open Enrollment... Are You Ready?

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It's that time of year again. It's time for Medicare's annual Open Enrollment Period. Through December 7th, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to look at their health care plans and make changes for the upcoming year. Georgia's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free personalized Medicare counseling at 706-364-5778.

Eating well and regular exercise are part of a healthy lifestyle, and so is making sure you have the right health care coverage. Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment period is the time to review your current coverage, compare plans and see if you can lower your premium or find a plan that best fits your health needs.

During Medicare Open Enrollment, you can enroll in or make changes to your Medicare health or prescription drug plan. Your coverage begins January 1, 2019. If you miss the deadline, you will likely have to wait a full year before you are able to make

changes to your plan.

To make Medicare Open Enrollment part of your healthy lifestyle, follow these 6 important steps:

1. Review your current plan notice.

Read any notices from your Medicare plan about changes for upcoming year, especially your "Annual Notice of Change" letter. Look at your plan's information to make sure your drugs are still covered, and your doctors are still in network.

2. Think about what matters most to you.

Medicare health and drug plans change each year, and so can your health needs. Do you need a new primary care doctor? Does your network include the specialist you want for an upcoming surgery? Does your current plan cover your new medication? Does another plan offer the same coverage at a lower cost? Take stock of your health status and determine if you need to make a change.

3. Find out if you qualify for help paying for Medicare.

Learn about the programs that

can help with the costs of Medicare premiums, your Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) deductibles, coinsurance and copayments (through Medicare Savings Programs), and Medicare prescription drug costs (through Extra Help). Certified GeorgiaCares counselors are available to assist beneficiaries with your application process.

4. Shop for plans that meet your needs and fit your budget.

Starting in October, you can use Medicare's Plan Finder tool at [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan), or you can contact GeorgiaCares to see what plans are offered in your area. A new plan may:

- Cost less
- Cover your drugs
- Let you go to the providers you want, like your doctor or pharmacy.

If you find your current coverage still meets your needs, then you're done. Remember, during Medicare Open Enrollment, you can decide to stay in Original Medicare or join a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you're already in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you

can switch back to Original Medicare during Open Enrollment.

5. Check your plan's Star Rating before you enroll.

The Medicare Plan Finder is up-to-date with the Star Ratings for Medicare health and prescription drug plans. Plans are given an overall quality rating on a 1 to 5-star scale, with 1 being the lowest and 5 stars being the highest. You can use Star Ratings to compare the quality of health and drug plans being offered.

6. Contact GeorgiaCares for local, free and unbiased assistance.

GeorgiaCares is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for Georgia. If you need assistance with your Medicare needs during Medicare Open Enrollment, or any time throughout the year, contact GeorgiaCares at 706-364-5778 or 1-866-552-4464 and select Option 4.

Don't get caught unprepared and pay more out-of-pocket than you need to next year. Plans change every year – maybe your health care needs have changed, too.

NOTICE

Due to the costs associated with producing and distributing the printed copies of Senior News each month, it's with great regret that we are forced to notify you, our readers, that we will discontinue publication of our printed product for the Macon metro area effective with this November 2018 edition.

We want to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your devoted readership and support over the past thirty-one years we've published Senior News in this metro market area. Also, THANK YOU, for your support of our advertisers who have made our publication possible over these many years.

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BBB advises donors to give wisely to Hurricane relief efforts

by KELVIN COLLINS
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Georgia & the CSRA, Inc.

Ask questions and do your research before giving to a charity

Just a month after Hurricane Florence pounded the east coast, Hurricane Michael thrashed the Florida panhandle and much of Georgia with harsh winds, rain and flooding. While Michael and Florence may have died down, charities have already come to life soliciting for donations to support the relief efforts. With many options available for donors to consider, the Better Business Bureau offer tips for donors looking to assist in the relief efforts.

The BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability were developed to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. The standards seek to encourage fair and honest solicitation practices, to promote ethical conduct by charitable organizations and to advance support of philanthropy.

Before giving your donation, BBB recommends the following:

Be cautious when giving online. Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to spam messages and emails that claim to link to a relief organiza-

tion. If you are seeking to give to a charity organization involved in relief efforts, go directly to the charity's website.

Be wary of imitations. Don't be fooled by names that look impressive or that closely resemble the name of a well-known organization.

Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims. Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fund raising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting victims, the truth is that the organization is still probably incurring fund raising and administrative expenses. They may use some of their other funds to pay this, but the expenses will still be incurred.

Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas. See if the charity's website clearly describes what they can do to address immediate needs. Watch out for charities that don't already have staff in the affected areas as they may not be able to provide assistance quickly.

Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups. Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief organiza-

tions. If so, you may want to consider "avoiding the middle-man" and giving directly to charities that have a presence in the region. Or, at a minimum, check out the ultimate recipients of these donations to ensure the organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid.

Gifts of clothing, food or other in-kind donations. In-kind drives for food and clothing – while well intentioned – may not necessarily be the quickest way to help those in need – unless the organization has the staff and infrastructure to be able to properly distribute such aid. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance because their inexperience could keep your aid from reaching those in need.

Be cautious of online or text message solicitations. Online giving can be very convenient but avoid donating in response to unexpected text messages or emails that claim to link to a relief organization. Scam organizations with official looking names can be created overnight. If you want to give to a charity involved in the relief efforts, go directly to that charity's website.

Avoid giving to charities that:

Use high pressure solicitations. A legitimate charity will be

glad to give you the time needed to fully research its programs.

Offer prizes. Most honest charities do not try to entice you to give by telling you that you have won a prize.

Steer you away from mailing a donation. Dishonest individuals try and avoid doing anything through the U.S. mail to avoid federal prosecution under postal statutes.

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Dr. Vivia Fowler... President of Wesleyan College

by CLAIRE HOUSER DODD

COVER

Dr. Vivia Fowler
25th President of Wesleyan College

As sad as it was losing our last lady president of Wesleyan, we are just as happy to gain another. Vivia Lawton Fowler was inaugurated Saturday, October 20, at 11a.m. in Wesleyan's Porter Auditorium. She is now our 3rd lady president and the 25th President of Wesleyan College, The Oldest and Best for 182 years.

We have had the pleasure of meeting our third lady president at lovely parties in the Oval Room, but what we really love was meeting her motioning us into a parking place right in front of the Olive Swann Building. At first, we thought she was just another cute Freshman at the luncheon where we were meeting our grand, Denver Turner. But, no! As we drew closer, we said, "That looks like Vivia." And daughter, Emily said, "Mama, it is!" How adorable for her to take an interest in getting old Alums a close parking spot. She opened the door for us, and we said, "We knew being President of Wesleyan was a big and varied job, but had no idea it included Parking Valet!"

Vivia quickly explained that she had overheard Denver say she wanted to get her mother and Gammy a close parking place as she walked by her inside, then she saw us when she stepped out of the

building. The rest is history. Vivia is just one of us girls! Friendly and Charming.

From 2007-2017 Dr. Fowler was Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Wesleyan. She has a long list of credentials she brings to her new position as President. She received her B.A. in Religion and Sociology from Columbia College in New York City, her M.A. in Religion from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, and her P.H.D in Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of Education from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Vivia was an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church, and served churches in South Carolina for 10 years before joining the faculty of Columbus College. She also held administrative positions there from 1986-2007.

A few of her previous honors include: Columbus College Omicron Delta Kappa Professor of the Year (1995), Columbus College Outstanding Professor (1996), The United Methodist Church's Francis Asbury Award for Fostering United Methodist Ministries in Higher Education (2002), and The National Resource Center for the First Year Experience's Outstanding First Year Student Advocate Award (2003). She also led Columbus College's Foundation of Excellence in the First Year of College Initiative (2002-2005) and the college's participation in the Wabasha National



Fowler family (l-r): Chris Jones (Claire's Boyfriend), daughter Claire Fowler, Dr. Vivia Fowler, husband Richard Fowler, son Stephen Fowler and daughter-in-law Stani Fowler.

Study of Liberal Arts Education. (2005-2007).

Dr. Fowler now speaks often in churches, but her passion is sharing the stories of biblical women through character presentation and biblical instruction. She has created these monologues for a dozen or so biblical women, two of whom are Susanna Wesley, the mother of Methodism, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the mother of women's suffrages. Vivia is also an accomplished singer and has sung on stage with the Wesleyan music faculty to high praises.

Vivia and her husband, Richard now reside in the lovely Prudential Home, Bradley House, on the Wesleyan Campus. Richard has retired after 38 years as Executive Director of the Tri-

County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Orangeburg, South Carolina to wear a new title, Presidential Spouse.

Stephen, Anthony, and wife Stani, live in Charleston, South Carolina, and daughter, Claire, is an elementary school teacher in Savannah, Georgia. Their much smaller and much more spoiled child is a 4-legged Old English Sheep Dog, known as the baby of the family.

Congratulations and welcome Vivia. We, the entire Wesleyan family, are so happy to have you join our numbers. Having three ladies in a row is exhilarating to us. In 1960 there were 230 women's colleges in the United States. Today, fewer than 40 remain. We're sure you'll keep us up there as the Oldest and Best.



(L-R): Rev. Alaina Avera Harrison, 2012 graduate of Wesleyan who gave the invocation, Dr. Vivia Fowler and Ciona Rouse, Inauguration Poet and 2001 graduate of Columbia College.



Dr. Robert Ackerman, 22nd President of Wesleyan College, and Dr. Vivia Fowler, 25th President of Wesleyan College.