

Shari

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Cold food should be cold to the touch and frozen food should be rock solid. Canned goods should be free of dents, cracks, or bulging lids. Packaged foods should have no rips or tears. Also, check use-by dates that are on the package. Don't buy anything that is on the shelf past the "sell by" date.

Cooking Turkeys

It is important not to stuff the turkey prior to cooking it as the bread and meat juices in combination make a perfect place for bacteria to grow. Make sure that you roast your turkey in an oven that is 325° F. degrees or hotter and insert a thermometer in the large meaty muscle on the inside of the thigh without touching the bone.

Dark meat turkey pieces are done when the thermometer reaches 180 degrees or above. Ensure that you cook your turkey long enough and allow enough time for cooking and cooling prior to carving.

For example, a 14 to 18 pound turkey will take 3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours to cook. Follow the recommended directions on the packaging that your turkey comes in. For those of you who purchase turkeys with the pop-up thermometer this will take the guess work out of knowing when the turkey is done.

Storing Leftovers

Put leftovers into small containers so they will cool quickly when placed in the refrigerator. This will help the other foods in the refrigerator maintain a temperature of less than 40 degrees while safely cooling your leftovers. If you cannot use up leftovers quickly, you can freeze the turkey, stuffing and gravy for up to 30 days. If you plan to eat your leftovers during the following week, remember that turkey should be used within 3 to 4 days and stuffing and gravy within 1 to 2 days.

I hope you have a happy and safe holiday season by following these simple recommendations. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me weekdays at 482-8431.

(Shari Far less is a Family and Consumer Education Agent for the Chowan County Cooperative Extension Service.)

Marge

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ghetti or potatoes, save the water, allow this leftover water to cool and sprinkle it over your plants."

"Tea-Time for (your) falling ferns Spruce up an ailing fern by substituting diluted tea instead of its normal water solution. This procedure should only be repeated once each month until the fern returns to normal."

"Get Crackin'...Rejuvenate ailing plants by watering with a mixture of egg shells and water. Allow the shells to sit in the water for twenty-four hours prior to watering the plants, but be sure not to leave it any longer."

For those of you who wrote in responding to the Foundation Funds, your letters and e-mail have been passed along to the trustee for review. Someone should be hearing from the trustee in the near future.

My column will appear twice a month from now on so if you don't find it one week check for it the next week. I am still around.

Do you have some helpful hints to share? Drop a note to Marge's Mailbag, PO Box 207, Edenton, NC 27932 or e-mail: soperfly@albe-marlenet.com.

Until next time...

Concert

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Christian Bookseller in Edenton, the Good News Christian Storehouse in Elizabeth City, Family Care Pharmacy in Hertford, and at the Praise 105 radio station. Tickets at those same prices will be available at the door.

Little develops classroom environment like home

Determination, ingenuity, and creativity led Brenda Little, Life Skills teacher for Exceptional Children at Chowan Middle School, to develop a classroom environment for her students that is reminiscent of home.

With the help of many volunteers and donations, Little has turned her room into a combination multi-living area and classroom. The school system

installed a mini-kitchen in her class for teaching purposes, but she decided to take the concept of developing life skills further.

Little's classroom features a living area, complete with sofas, end tables and a coffee table and a dining room filled with many accessories that you would find in a home. "In my class we focus on placing the specific skill within the context of a real-life situation. I try to

expose these children to many varied types of skills that are needed for independent living," she said.

Little said that she could not have designed her classroom to resemble a real homelike setting without the support of many generous people and businesses. "All of the donations have been put to good use and are greatly appreciated by me, my students, and our school,"

she said. The following donated items for establishing the Life Skills classroom: Jay's Fabric, Edenton Furniture, K-Mart, Ellis Carpet and Tile, Helig Meyers, the Lighthouse, Dozier's Florist, Brenda Winborne, Sawyer's House of Furniture, Peebles, Big Lots, Ambrose Furniture, Riddick Auto, Dr. Jack Onufrak, Edenton Teapot Daycare,

Twine Tile & Carpet Shop, Murray Nixon Fishery Inc., Centura Bank, Wal-Mart, Evan's Florist, Byrum's Gift Shop, Sophia Floyd, State Employees Credit Union, Douglas Stallings, Patricia Harris, Thurlis Little, Alice Ward, Peaches' Beauty Salon, Melvin Parks, CMS custodial staff, CMS secretaries, parents, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Boy Scouts.

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