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MAYOR TOM REED



**Chattahoochee Hills Boat Ramp  
Dedication Ceremony  
November 20, 10:00 a.m.  
at Campbellton Park,  
8655 Cochran Road  
Fairburn, GA 30213**

## Our New Boat Ramp!

With great pride and excitement, I've got some fantastic news to share this month—an awesome grand opening is happening!

The City of Chattahoochee Hills and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new boat ramp—only the second on the southern side of Atlanta, in the area downstream from Peachtree Creek. The event will take place Friday, November 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at Campbellton Park (8655 Cochran Road in Old Campbellton at the northernmost part of Chattahoochee Hills).

That this is even happening is a testament to some old-fashioned friend-making, lots of volunteer work, and the inspirational appeal of Chattahoochee Hills' preservation vision!

It all began before the City was even formed. In conversations with Tony Phillips (then of Fulton County's Parks & Rec Department) about the beautiful piece of land along the river that the Beavers House in Old Campbellton sits on, I made it clear that if the County wasn't going to do anything with it, the City might be able to. When that piece of land was carved out by the legislature during the cityhood process, it was a real disappointment. However, we worked hard with volunteering neighbors like Chuck Miller to create the annexation that brought that land back into the City. With the land now inside of the City, friends like County Manager Dick Anderson helped us navigate the County's asset department to get the land that is now Campbellton Park for under \$6,000!

We knew that the low bank of the river in the lower part of the park would make a great access point to the Chattahoochee, but the City certainly had no funds available to do anything about it. So our amazing Parks Commission chair Diana Wilson went to work—and would not take no

for an answer! Because we had already been so successful in getting RTP grants, that avenue was closed. However, we found a little-known DNR water-access program, and Diana worked hard to convince the decision-makers there that our underserved part of the river was a perfect spot to add a boat ramp. The DNR crew loved the idea (and what we're doing to protect the City) and fast-tracked the program! And they took on all of the responsibility and cost of building the ramp in return for the City agreeing to maintain it—something that Public Works and Parks Director Darold Wendlandt and his small-but-mighty Parks crew were happy to undertake, because they recognize the huge benefit that safe river access provides the community.

And now, after several hurricanes and a great deal of unexpectedly high water, we're ready to celebrate the grand opening of the boat ramp—the first of three that the City is hoping to open! (You'll hear about another soon when we celebrate the grand opening of the NEW River Park on the south side of town!)

So come help me celebrate this wonderful example of the amazing things we can accomplish by working together!

**Hope to see you there!  
Mayor Tom Reed**





By Amber Lightsey

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, Armistice was declared in Europe, signaling the end of World War I. Today we mark November 11 as Veterans Day, a celebration of Americans' military service to our country. President Woodrow Wilson, in his "Address to Fellow-Countrymen" stated that veterans had sacrificed to "uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force." The idea that the military could be civilizing, pacifying, and even restorative, is a key to understanding the significance of Veterans Day. Our veterans sacrificed in foreign fields and then turned around and rebuilt shattered enemies such as Germany and Japan, setting them free to succeed amid the "new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert" that Wilson characterized as the postwar order.

This military—not only the "tip of the spear" but the entirety of the force—is the great American structure that young people give themselves over to, for reasons not always or even often related to war and diplomacy. It is

where young, unformed men and women go for many reasons, but emerge with one purpose: the desire to serve, to be a part of a group effort for the common good. Nowhere is this clearer than among the veterans to whom we owe respect this Veterans Day—and every day—as they continue their service here among us. These are our Chatt Hills veterans.

Jim Little, our Chief of Police, "earned his dolphins"—an especially prized Special Warfare Qualification in advanced submarine training—while in the U.S. Navy, later becoming a Master Training Specialist in undersea navigation. "Submarine life taught me how to work and live in a diverse community working toward a common goal," says Chief Little. He credits the Navy with teaching him the structure, discipline, and professionalism with which he leads the Chattahoochee Hills police force.

Police Lieutenant Kevin Digou served as an Airman with the 509<sup>th</sup> Bomber Wing in Missouri and the 4404<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Saudi Arabia, handling and maintaining armaments for the airplanes. He recalls being in tech school in the middle of winter, "and having to paint the

### VOTING INFORMATION CENTER

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Here is a list of the contributing veterans who work for the City:

Jim Little	Robbie Rokovitz	Darold
William Sullen	Laurie Searle	Wendlandt
Sam Anglin	Andy Lee	Kevin Digou
Thanh Nguyen		

grass green because the Joint Chiefs of Staff were coming to the base.” He says his service is the basis of his sense of direction—and more importantly, his sense of belonging. The friends he made while serving in the Air Force are friends he keeps in touch with to this day.

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz served memorable if not always pleasant duty on the DMZ between North and South Korea as an Infantryman in the Army, where he was stationed due to his qualification for sniper training. He went to college on the G.I. Bill, and feels his Army experience fostered his team spirit and the discipline with which he approaches his objectives. He says the experience “enhanced my pride in our country and what it means to be a true patriot for freedom which so many either never learned or have forgotten.”

District 3 Representative Laurie Searle served in an unusual military capacity as an O2S Special Bandsman in the U.S. Army Band, playing clarinet as far away as West Berlin. She performed with bands from the German, English, and French militaries, and was recognized for her service in 2016 with a special quilt at a ceremony also attended by members from Quilts of Honor, there to bestow the honor on three of the WAC Band Reunion attendees.

Many of our Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians also come from military backgrounds. William Sullen served in the Navy for four years as an Electronics Technician, learning responsibility and a technical trade. His fondest memory shows one of the silent sacrifices veterans make. When asked what meant the most to him about his experience, he said, “Coming home after my first deployment and seeing my wife and son waiting for me.”

Sam Anglin, also a Paramedic and Firefighter, parachuted into northern Iraq in March 2003 with the 173rd Airborne Brigade as part of Operation Airborne Dragon, taking Bashur airfield and holding this key position to force an earlier end to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Military service gave Sam a sense of internal motivation, and although he credits his service with giving him a good work ethic, his work ethic in all likelihood earned him his wings and the distinction of serving in combat.

Lt. Thanh Nguyen began his career in the United States Coast Guard, working as a Ship’s Engineer. He recalls

the excitement of boarding a smuggler’s boat carrying a payload of drugs bound for the U.S., and like so many military folk who find the good in difficult circumstances, he says the service also gave him a sense of humor.

Former U.S. Navy Corpsman and Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Andy Lee, a Fire Medic here in quiet Chatt Hills, has been twice around the world and to almost 20 countries in his time with the Navy and Marines. He served as a Combat Medic for a Quick Response Force with the Marines in Iraq, and recalls the difference between the scariness of his first mortar attack and, over 90 days in combat, the “chilled out and relaxed in a firefight” attitude he learned to convey to better lead the Marines in his charge.

Our Public Works Director, Darold Wendlandt, typifies the experience of many veterans while recalling his training and service as an aviation mechanic maintaining the workhorse UH-60 Blackhawk that carries our soldiers into combat. He remembers that before enlisting he had few goals or expectations, but says, “It was the best decision I ever made. It completely changed my outlook on life.” Today Darold values the “feeling I was part of something bigger than me...something important,” and feels everyone could benefit from a year of service to instill structure, motivation, and to show “how good we have it in the U.S.A.”

The act of giving your service to the country is a fair trade because the country gives back, providing structure, training, and experiences that mold young minds—building character and providing a foundation for future successes. Andy Lee says his experiences during ten years and twice around the globe taught him “our country is the greatest in the world...hands down,” and Robbie Rokovitz sums up the value of his status as a veteran with a sentiment echoed among several who contributed to this article: “I truly do not think I would be where I am today without having served in the military.”

So as we celebrate Veterans Day, we celebrate the service these men and women have done for their country—for all of us—and we should also remember that these people continue to serve, doing the good work of our community, bringing back to the quiet, sprawling countryside of Chattahoochee Hills the public spirit, work ethic, and determination to serve well that they learned as they earned their status as Veterans. Many thanks to them all!





## Hometown Heroes

By Laurie Searle, citizen reporter

You might not know it to listen to the news, but everything in the world is not doom and gloom at this moment in time. In fact, things are pretty good right here in Chatt Hills, even with the challenges we all face during the pandemic. We owe our good fortune to a community that works together when the going gets tough and to our local government that goes the extra mile to provide our necessary services. Here are just a few of our hometown heroes.



### **KENNY SMITH**

*Owner and Proprietor of Smith's Grocery Store*

When it comes to serving the community, no one quite stacks up like Kenny Smith. He has dutifully kept his family's 100+ year-old-grocery store open in the Rico Community, serving up groceries, household staples, and warm fellowship for all.

In honor of Kenny Smith and his family's long-time service, Smith's Grocery Store was selected as the first location to receive a barn quilt on the new Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail.



### **JUDY HENDERSON**

*Co-Founder of Community Brickworks*

Ask anyone who comes to mind when they think of community service and they are likely to answer Judy Henderson. Known for her deep faith, her passion for helping others, her wide smile and heart of gold, Judy embodied the spirit of "goodness" in all she did.

In her work with Community Brickworks, she helped establish the all-volunteer Community Library and Foodbank, which serve residents in Chatt Hills and beyond. With her passing on September 24, 2020, Judy left a legacy of kindness. The message at her memorial was, "For every kindness she did for you, pay it forward to someone new!"

### **TOM REED**

*Mayor of Chattahoochee Hills & Community Volunteer*

Whether dressed in a business suit to represent our City at the local and state level, or dressed in an orange volunteer vest with a garbage picker-up, Mayor Reed works tirelessly for the betterment of Chatt Hills.

All through COVID-19, Mayor Reed has worked many long hours



to ensure the safety and support of for city, pushing hard to make sure Chatt Hills got its fair share of the Coronavirus relief funding available thru the CARES Act. All the while, he continues to support the City Council, City Staff, and residents of Chatt Hills in a responsive and professional manner.



### **DIANA WILSON**

*Chair of the Chattahoochee Hills Parks Commission*

While it "takes a village" to accomplish big things in Chatt Hills, it also takes a dedicated volunteer willing to lead the effort, as Diana has shown many times.

Through her passion and vision for our City Parks, Diana has secured grants to fund new trails and the bridge repairs at Cochran Mill Park, and she has worked tirelessly alongside the many volunteers who main-



tain the parks trails. She also secured a deal with DNR to build the new boat ramp at Campbellton Park, at no cost to the City.

### **CITY STAFF**

*Every single person who works to serve our City*

In this moment in time, we have lucked out to have the ideal City Staff who not only exceeds the professional standards for the positions they hold, they exceed our expectations for having a “heart for our community.”

We often hear about our super heroes who form the City’s Leadership

Team – City Manager Robbie Rokovitz, Chief of Police Jim Little, Fire Chief Greg Brett, Public Works & Parks Director Darold Wendlandt; Community Development Director Mike Morton, and City Clerk Dana Wicher. But spend 10 minutes with them and they will be singing the praises of those who work on their team.

For those residents who don’t know our City’s staff, here is just one example of their kindness:

Recently I spotted two horses in a field across the street from City Hall, and several of the City’s staff headed in that direction. Come to find out, the

horses had gone on a “walk about” and then had been chased down the road by several dogs before ending up across from City Hall. The staff went into “community heart” mode and quickly lured the horses by giggling some dog food in a container, and then tied a leash around each horse. After a few minutes, the horse’s owner was found, and the staff walked the horses with the owner back to their own pasture.

Where else but in Chattahoochee Hills can you find hometown heroes like these?

# CHATT HILLS HISTORY



*Smith Grocery Store is located at the crossroads of Campbellton-Redwine and Rico Roads in Chattahoochee Hills. Owned and operated by Kenny Smith and his family for more than 100 years, Smith's Store is an integral part of the community. We asked long-time resident Ken Langley to share some of the history and local stories about the store.*

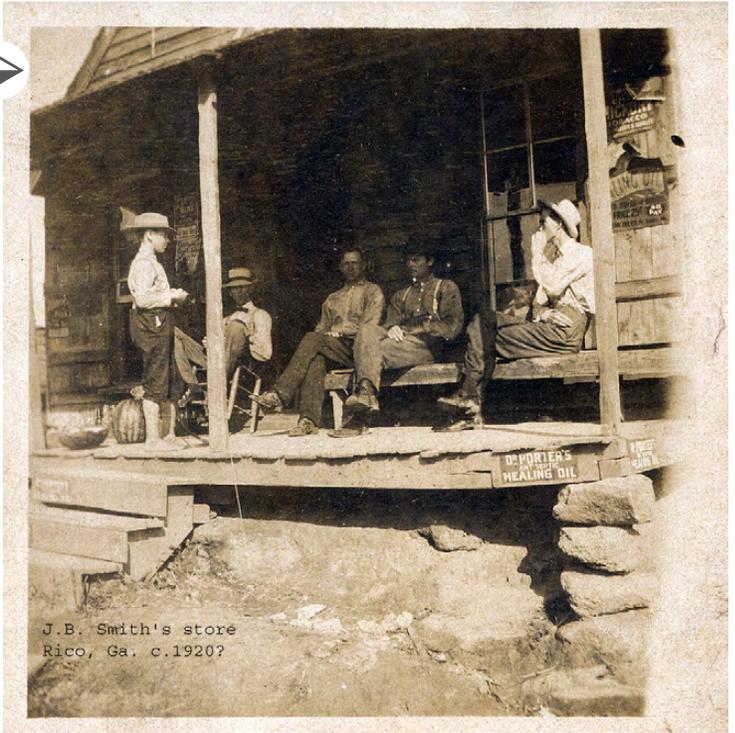
## Smith's Grocery

By J. Kenyon Langley

That's the proper name for it now, "Smith's Grocery," with Kenny Smith the owner (since 2003). But everybody calls it Smith's Store or "Kenny's." Before that it was John R. Smith Grocery, with John Smith, Kenny's father, the owner (beginning in 1950). Again, everybody referred to it as Smith's Store or "John's." And before that it was J. B. Smith Grocery, with Mr. Burnett Smith, John's father, the owner. I can only assume that most people then also called it Smith's Store or "Burnett's." We are now back to the year 1914. It only took three steps to cover one hundred six years. That was the year Mr. Burnett bought the store from Mr. Adams. Like 106 tree rings, each year encapsulates the history and character of the community known as Rico. I will try to relate some of that history and character.

The first major trial for Mr. Burnett and his new store came in 1919. That was the year the boll weevil arrived in Rico. In short order, a prosperous economy that had been in place for nearly 100 years, an economy based on cotton, was devastated. Mr. Burnett, along with everyone else, struggled to stay afloat. Many didn't.

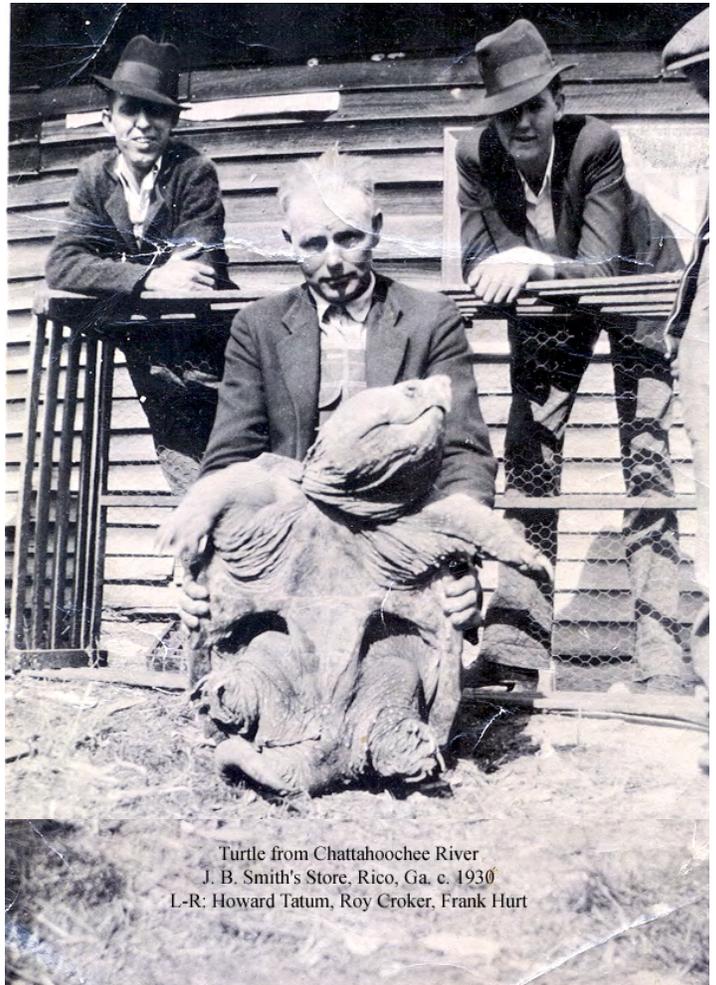
Through all of this, Mr. Burnett struggled to keep the store open. He had to mortgage most everything he owned to stay in business. It took the major part of the rest of his life to fully recover. But the store remained open, providing essential goods, often on credit, to people who usually had only one substantial payday a year: the day they sold their crops. A story that John Smith told me illustrates the process of the day. He told of the last year one of my cousins farmed. During much of the year, he farmed his fields, purchasing much of what he required from Mr. Burnett on credit. When he sold his crop, he came to the store to settle up. After my cousin paid his bill, Mr. Burnett handed him back forty-eight cents. Think about that for a minute. For a year's worth of work you make forty-eight cents. John said my cousin looked down at the change in



J.B. Smith's store  
Rico, Ga. c.1920?

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Burnett Smith's Store, Rico, Ga. c.1920  
Mr. Burnett is in the chair.



Turtle from Chattahoochee River  
J. B. Smith's Store, Rico, Ga. c. 1930  
L-R: Howard Tatum, Roy Croker, Frank Hurt

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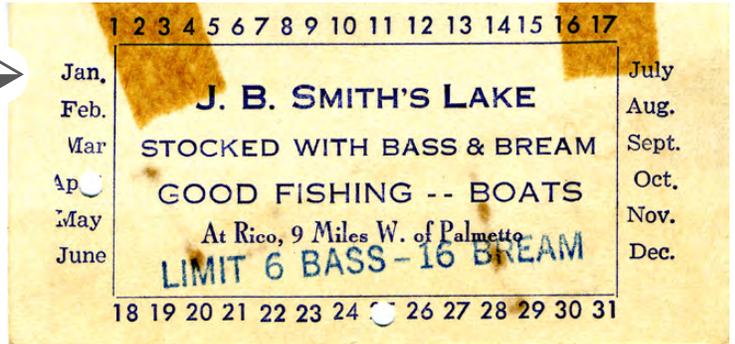
Turtle caught in Chattahoochee River, Rico, Ga. c.1930  
l-r Howard Tatum, Roy Croker, Frank Hurt

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# CHATT HILLS HISTORY



J. B. Smith's Store, Rico, Ga. c. 1950



R019 Ticket for fishing Smith's Lake, Rico Ga. c.1960  
Smith's Lake opened in 1959



Staff Photos—Sandy Sanders

**RED-HOT CHECKER GAME AT SMITH'S STORE IN RICO COMMUNITY**  
G. W. Bryant, 79 (Left); J. B. Smith, 74, Amid Mops and Brooms

R108 Atlanta Journal and Constitution, 3-29-1953

his hand and just said, "Damn!" He left farming behind and moved to town to find employment.

Another thing John said is very illuminating. He said that when the Great Depression came following the crash of 1929, it wasn't the same devastation here as it was for most of the country. Our devastation came in 1919 with the boll weevil. The Great Depression was just a continuation of trials and hard times.

From walking the back hills of Rico, I am fascinated by long-deserted terraces, overgrown with large trees, which at one time were prosperous farms. Some of the terraces



R053 1-r Kathleen Smith, Bud Ray, Jean Smith, Kenny Smith  
inside Smith's Store, Rico, Ga. c.1954

on the steep hills were not more than ten feet wide. Imagine all the labor that went into making those terraces. But it was profitable in the days of "King Cotton." The boll weevil changed all that. Less productive land was abandoned. People moved away, and nature was allowed to reforest the hills.

Mr. Burnett also began to diversify beyond the core business of the store. He built a cotton gin and a gristmill on land behind the store. In his spare time, what little he must have had, he built a small pond less than an acre in size on the little creek behind Providence Church. You can still see the remnants of the dam from Providence's prayer garden behind their fellowship building. He built the dam with a pan pulled by a mule.

Years later he built Smith's Lake. Work began in 1957, and in 1959 the thirty-five acre lake opened for fishing. People would stop at the store and buy a fishing ticket for one dollar. The lake had a boathouse and a camp house. The fishing boats were flat bottomed, built from plywood and sealed with tar. Fishermen could rent one of the boats for an additional dollar. The camp house was mainly used for shelter and had a coke machine.

The lake's opening day was a festive occasion. Mr.



Burnett had Melear's Barbecue sandwiches for sale, and other people brought additional items.

There were all sorts of treats available, including frog legs and turtle. This was the first time I had tried either. I loved the frog legs but you can keep the turtle.

From the earliest days of the store, a special item needs to be mentioned: the clock. Ever noticed the old clock on the wall by the front door of the store? It's been a store fixture for a while. And, yes, the clock still runs. Kenny doesn't use it anymore because it has become hard to regulate and requires frequent adjustment. The internal gears are all badly fish-hooked from wear. For about 100 years the clock has encouraged customers to "Drink Chero-Cola." Have you ever drunk a Chero-Cola? You probably have but didn't realize it. In 1934 Chero was reformulated and the name changed to Royal Crown. If you have ever drunk an RC, you've had the new version of Chero-Cola.

Smith's store has also been the solution for the community's communication needs. Ever since I've been around, and I'm sure it was the same long before that, Smith's store was where you went to find out what was happening in the community. People went to the store to shop, to socialize, to communicate. When passing along information, how many times have you said, or heard said, "I heard it at the store."

In the mid to late 1970s, before Fulton County built the current fire station, the county helped us organize a volunteer fire department. The fire truck was kept in William White's barn. When a fire call went out, a siren at the barn would sound and a signal would be sent to a radio receiver located in the volunteer firefighters' homes. This receiver was called a Plectron, for the manufacturer. The location of the call would be announced over the radio. Each firefighter had a Plectron. And so did Smith's store. Community communication. Want to know what's going on? Call Smith's store.

Got something you want to show off? Bring it to the store. People would bring their prized catch from Smith's Lake to the store to be weighed. As a kid, during the summer I remember many times someone would bring a rattlesnake to the store (dead, of course) to show everybody there. Even today, during deer season, many hunters will bring a large buck they have shot by the store. Even some not so large. Some hunters have a lower threshold of pride than others. The same was true with fishermen.



Passing time at the store also provided others an opportunity for a good game of checkers. An article in the Atlanta Constitution dated March 29, 1953 about country stores shows Mr. Burnett and G. W. Bryant engaged in a thoughtful game. It should be noted that this picture was staged just for the benefit of the reporter. Mr. Burnett rarely played checkers. But the reporter needed a good picture for the article, so Burnett and G. W. obliged. The old men I do remember playing outside on the porch by the gas pumps were Mr. Anderson and Geat Tanner. They were regular players, perched on Coke flats with the board between them.

And of course, in addition to checkers, there were the games of chance: dice, coin toss, and pulling Coke bottles. Pulling Coke bottles might require a little explanation. Back when Coke came in thick glass returnable bottles, and was more substantial than today's watered-down, low carbonation, fructose sweetened swill, each bottle had the city of the Coke bottler molded into the glass on the bottom. Each person would pull a Coke bottle from the box and check its city. The furthest city from Rico won and the loser bought the Cokes. Simple, fun, and a good geography lesson. The closest bottler to Rico was in Newnan, so that was a sure loser.

As a community gathering place, the store was also the source of many practical jokes. One of the best was the needle in the counter. One end of the counter was flat, and people would often sit on it while socializing. One of the boards had a small knothole in it. Some ingenious person saw the placement of the knothole as a gift from providence and rigged up a needle on a pivoting stick under the



counter. A string was run from the stick to the end of the counter so that when pulled the needle gave a surprise bite to anyone unfortunate enough to be sitting over the hole.

In beginning this story about Smith's Store, I said I would try to relate some of its history and character. Hopefully I've done that. But there is another facet that needs to be remembered: the Smith family. I've recounted some of Rico's history. I've tried to capture some of the character of the community over the years. But Smith's Store wouldn't be "Smith's Store" without the Smith family. Smith's store is a business, but it has always been more than that. It's been a business with a heart that comes from the family's character and values. Over the years I've witnessed countless expressions of those values. I will relate two.

It seems that being lost is the way many travelers find Rico. Sometimes they are not only lost, they are almost out of gas. And also, sometimes out of money. Many times I've seen John and Kenny let them have enough gas to get home or at least get someplace where they can get help from a friend. They are always profusely thankful and promise to return and pay for the gas. Guess how many strangers over the years have actually returned to pay. If you guessed zero you just pulled the Coke bottle with Seattle on the bottom.

Years ago, Rico was a different place from what it is now. Crippling poverty was not uncommon. Working the fields and sawmills generated barely enough income for a family to survive. For some, there wasn't enough money at Christmas to buy presents for the kids. Many times at Christmas I've seen families come in to the store and John would tell the kids to get themselves an item from the toy rack. It wasn't much, but when you have nothing it meant a lot. One time when John did this, a person in the store asked him, "Why do you do that?" John's simple answer: "Somebody's got to do it."

In Helen Selman's history of Rico titled "We Wanted to Be Called Green Eyes," she relates a story from the days of Mr. Burnett's store:

"In the early 1900's a drummer walked into Smith's Store in southwest Campbell County and asked the directions to Rico. Mr. Calvin Smith was among the group sitting around the potbellied stove in the store. "You are standing in the middle of it right now. If you take a step in any direction you will be out of it," answered Calvin."

For one hundred six years, and counting, Smith's Store has indeed been the center and, more importantly, the heart of Rico.





*Buddy & Janice Garner created this barn quilt for their horse Buttercup. It is located at 12290 Whiteside Rd. in Chatt Hills. Visitors are welcome to take photos from the public road.*

## **Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail Showcasing Our Rural Heritage**

*By: Laurie Searle, Citizen Reporter*

The secret is out. Chattahoochee Hills, located just 30 minutes south of metro Atlanta, is a rare rural oasis. Its 25-mile Scenic Byway, the first in the State, winds around a countryside dotted with farms, sprawling pastures, quaint houses and businesses, and five parks, all separated by acres or miles of tree-lined roads. Off the beaten path, its 35 miles of gravel roads have become a favorite of bicycle riders, who travel from near and far to enjoy this rare treat.

While more and more visitors discover Chatt Hills, few know about the City's rich rural heritage. A group of residents decided to change that by creating the Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail.

### **Piecing Together our Heritage – One Block at a Time**

Barn Quilt Trails have grown in popularity since their humble beginnings in 1989. Donna Sue Groves, a field representative for the Ohio Arts Council, decided she wanted a quilt square painted on her barn to honor her mother, a life-long quilter. She shared her idea with friends in the community who offered to help. They decided if they were going to paint one quilt square on a barn, they might as well paint 20 and create a driving tour to attract tourist to their rural community. Since then, more than 9,000 barn

quilts have been created in 49 states, organized into 120 Barn Quilt Trails.

The idea for a barn quilt trail in Chatt Hills came to me after I painted a barn quilt on our new garden shed in September. I wondered if there would be enough potential locations for a quilt trail in Chatt Hills, so I drove around to scout for barns and other buildings. I counted at least 35 possibilities – and I saw that a few residents already had barn quilts.

### **Smith's Grocery Barn Quilt –**

#### **No. 1 on the Quilt Trail (see cover)**

I decided to test the waters, so I asked Kenny Smith if I could create a barn quilt for his Smith's Grocery Store. Kenny and his family have owned and operated a grocery store in our community for over 100 years, so it seemed appropriate to honor them with the first barn quilt. After he said yes, I painted the barn quilt and my husband installed it on September 29. I then asked a resident to write a story about Smith's Store, which is included in this newsletter. Encouraged by the success of the first barn quilt, I scheduled a community meeting to see if others might be interested in creating a barn quilt or helping with the quilt trail. Ten residents came to the meeting, and all said they were interested. I offered a "how-to" guide for those who wanted to start making their own barn quilt right away, and I scheduled a class in November for those who wanted a more guided approach.

### **Buddy & Janice Garner's Barn Quilt –**

#### **No. 2 on the Quilt Trail**

My neighbors, Buddy & Janice Garner, attended the community meeting and then decided to paint their own barn quilt. Buddy said he heard about barn quilts 15 years ago and thought about painting one for their barn after seeing several in Amish country. When he and Janice heard about the new barn quilt trail in Chatt Hills, they thought they'd give it a try.

They chose a quilt block pattern called Montana from a Pioneer Sampler book Buddy had purchased for Janice years ago. Buddy drew the pattern on the sign board, and they painted the quilt block together, although Buddy jokes that any mistakes you see are his. It took them just a few days to complete their 4x4 barn quilt and they are already planning another for their beach house.



*The John F. Beavers House (c. 1828) is the oldest known house in Fulton County and the last remaining house in the Campbellton town square.*

### **A Lee Family Heritage Barn Quilt for the Historic Beavers House – Coming Soon**

Knowing that we would want to showcase the John F. Beavers House in Campbellton Park, I wanted to create a special barn quilt with historic relevance for this oldest known house in Fulton County (now owned by the City of Chattahoochee Hills).

I contacted sisters Irene Saul and Mary Lynn Oxford (née Lee), who were both born and raised in this house, to ask if they had any quilts their mother had made while living there. As it turned out, they did. Their mother Sarah was an avid quilter who passed down the tradition – and the family quilts – to her children.

Irene & Mary Lynn spent an hour showing and telling the history of a dozen quilts made by their mother. Like many rural families in the early 1900s, their mother utilized the materials on hand to make the family quilts. The sisters each pointed out cloth in the different quilts that came from their dresses, father's shirts, and even the seed sacks, as was popular during that era. To think that they still had the quilt their father slept underneath, and several made from the sacks that held seed for the family chickens and cows, well, it just doesn't get much more special than that.

One quilt in particular caught my eye, as it was a pattern that seemed familiar, but one I couldn't quite place. Was it an eight-point star pattern, or was it one called Blazing Arrows? Knowing that a quilt block can have



*Sarah's Choice barn quilt is based on an heirloom quilt using the pink and navy blue pattern above, made by Sarah Lee while living in the historic John. F. Beavers house.*

many different names and that it can look entirely different depending upon the color placement, I decided to replicate one block with the colors their mother used and name it in her honor, Sarah's Choice. Look for this barn quilt soon.

### **Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail – See the first quilts now**

Our goal is to create 15 barn quilts and have a grand opening celebration of the Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail on May 1, 2021. Until then, we will showcase each barn quilt as it is added to the quilt trail.

For more information visit: [www.chatthillsbarnquilttrail.com](http://www.chatthillsbarnquilttrail.com)



*Sisters Irene & Mary Lynn Lee reminisce about the family quilts their mother made while they lived in the historic Beavers House.*

Trending Topic

# NOVEMBER EVENTS



1-8

## Serenbe 5k/15k Virtual Race October 31- November 8

Though we aren't able to gather together to run the rolling hills that gave Chat-tahoochee Hills its name, we are glad to be able to connect with our trail runners virtually this year! The 2020 Serenbe Race will last nine days, allowing you plenty of time to complete your run (or walk).

### Race Registration

Youth 5k: \$25

5k: \$35

15k: \$45

Register Before October 22, 2020 to pick up your swag bag on October 31 & 31, 2020.

All Serenbe runners will receive a special Serenbe 2020 Race t-shirt and bib, a can of Wild Heaven Beer (21+ runners), CLIF Bars and Chews, and other Serenbe Swag, all in a special 2020 Serenbe Race tote bag.

[https://serenbe.com/  
events#comm-directory](https://serenbe.com/events#comm-directory)



1-21

## Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre Virtual Performance

October 23-November 21  
[TICKETS](#)

Available to watch October 23-November 21, 2020  
Student Viewing Pass: \$15  
Standard Viewing Pass: \$35  
VIP Viewing Pass: \$50,  
Includes an invitation to an online artist talk-back

Long Ago & Only Once:  
Digital Dance choreo-  
graphed by Ana Maria Lu-  
caci, with film and original  
score by T.M. Rives

TMBT is excited to present  
it's first full-length digital  
production, a world pre-  
miere by artist and creator  
Ana Maria Lucaci. Expe-  
rience dynamic contempo-  
rary dance in a new way.



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## Spoken Word with Mahogany L. Brown November 6

Join us for a Zoom Spoken  
Word performance with  
nationally renowned,  
Mahogany L. Browne.  
Mahogany will lead this  
reading and guided  
meditation using language  
and heat as a liberatory  
compass.

Mahogany is a writer,  
organizer & educator. Ex-  
ecutive Director of Bowery  
Poetry Club & Artistic  
Director of Urban Word  
NYC & Poetry Coordinator  
at St. Francis College.

Book here, FREE Zoom:  
<https://www.serenbeinstitute.org/events>



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## Something Bitter, Something Sweet November 11, 11:00am

Join storyteller, J'Miah  
Nabaw for an interactive  
program of Something  
Bitter, Something Sweet, a  
mixed bag of recreational  
folktale-games (mmoguo)  
and story-play.

Book here, FREE Zoom:  
<https://www.serenbeinstitute.org/events>

Trending Topic  
**NOVEMBER  
EVENTS**



**Have you recently  
lost a loved one  
or know someone  
who has?**

Then join us Monday 11/16 @ 6:30pm  
@ Sardis Baptist Church for:

**SURVIVING  
THE  
HOLIDAYS**

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays event gives tips & helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. A lighted balloon release in honor of lost loved ones will conclude the event. (balloons provided)

\*Social distancing will be practiced in combination with other preventive actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19



**SOUTHERN HANDS  
ARTIST STUDIO TOUR**



**Saturday November 14, 9:00 TO 5:00  
Sunday November 15, 11:00 TO 5:00  
IN SERENBE**

**The Chatt Hills Gallery**, 9057 Selborne Lane, and  
**Paint Space**, 10625 Serenbe Lane Unit A  
<http://www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com>

For tour information visit <https://www.shastour.com>.



**Dianne Cutler's Studio**, 585 Tabb Way, 480-734-1193  
<http://www.diannecutler.com>



## What's Nearby? Foxhall Sporting, Resort, and Event Destination

Foxhall is a celebrated estate on 1,100 acres of sprawling Georgia countryside. A playground of luxe lodging, farm-to-table cuisine, and year-round outdoor pursuits, Foxhall is the destination of choice for family and friend getaways, weddings, sporting excursions, and corporate retreats.

Foxhall Resort has all the equipment, safety gear, trail maps, clothing, and accessories needed for guests to enjoy more than 40 on-site recreational activities and amenities. Knowledgeable instructors are available to provide private or group instruction so guests can learn new sporting traditions or continue developing their life-long pursuit of excellence. Guides are available for fishing trips, ATV rides, and seasonal hunts.

### Restaurants

*The Paddock* is a popular farm-to-table restaurant overlooking the Foxhall Resort polo fields. Warm Georgia pine and stacked stone set the stage for a relaxed yet refined dining experience indoors and on the spacious Paddock Courtyard. Menus pair the season's freshest locally sourced vegetables with game favorites such as bison, wild boar, and duck.

*Pheasant Blue* is a popular farm-to-table restaurant overlooking the resort pools and Lunker Lake. Menus pair the season's freshest vegetables with locally sourced game.

### Fox Hall Resort

8000 Capps Ferry Road, Douglasville, GA 30135  
T (770)489-4380 <https://www.foxhallresort.com>



# Arts Section



Todd Terranova

[terranova6@yahoo.com](mailto:terranova6@yahoo.com)

678.596.5019



## Todd & Tiffany Terranova Design in Cement

Inspired by travel and timeless architecture from Italy and Mexico, Todd and Tiffany Terranova's love of sculptural concrete has been given form as a series of fluid and organic sculptures, planters, and other vessels. Each inspired basin or decorative sculpture carries a sense of modern Mediterranean simplicity blending large-scale heavy stone with rounded, delicate edges, a balance of masculine and feminine. Todd appreciates the brutal yet yielding nature of concrete, his powerful forms softened by Tiffany's lighter touch, which her bohemian inspiration extends to modernist dream catchers and mixed media pieces. Expect to see an evolution of materials as they continue to explore their craft.

The Terranovas have been residents of Chatt Hills for seven years. Tiffany has a BFA from the University of Georgia with a background in fashion and textile design and is currently studying herbalism and holistic nutrition. Todd's background is in executive protection and security prior to marrying Tiffany in 2010. Todd founded Terranova Farms in 2015, a pasture-raised chicken and quail farm, selling eggs to Atlanta farmers markets and restaurants. While the Terranovas no longer tend chickens for market, they continue to grow much of their own vegetables and herbs.

Todd and Tiffany were avid travelers before the pandemic, but the lockdown brought a unique opportunity for them to focus their extra time and energy on creating something new. Even though they both miss traveling, they're grateful for the time this year has allowed for creative expression. When traveling restrictions are lifted again, they hope to find inspiration in the far corners of the globe, bringing those experiences back home and putting them into their art.



# Arts Section



CHATT HILLS GALLERY



Malinda Lively-Arnold



Judy Walker



Morgan Boszilkov



Robert Lederman



Wanda Hughes



Logynn B Ferrall



Karin Slaton



Adrienne Anbinder



GW Harper

Co-op members are: Adrienne Anbinder, Malinda Lively-Arnold, Janice Barton, Morgan Boszilkov, Logynn B Ferrall, GW Harper, Gail Foster, Wanda Hughes, Ann Jackson, Robert Lederman, Julie McKinney, Amy Peterson, Karin Slaton, Tom Swanston, Todd Terranova, and Judy Walker.

[www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com](http://www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com) 9057 Selborne Lane & Paint Space, 10625 Serenbe Lane Unit A. Open by appointment: 818.434.5436



## Local Author Phill Tabb Has a New Book

Biophilic Urbanism is an inclusive approach to nature's interactions with contemporary culture and the built environment. Biophilic urbanism is also a comprehensive application of a wide range of planning and design pattern attributes or guidelines occurring at varying urban scales from building elements and interiors, to streets and blocks, neighborhoods and entire communities, and to the regions in which we live. Twenty-five biophilic pattern attributes are defined and explored that can create positive, scientifically proven outcomes including climate neutrality, true sustainability, placemaking, health and wellness, and the numinous. Because of the dire necessity to respond to the novel COVID-19 pandemic, biophilic urbanism examines the contagious qualities of the air-borne virus, the spatial characteristics of cities and buildings, and benefits derived from experiences of biophilic environments. Case studies, found throughout the world, are cited illustrating detailed biophilic planning and design strategies.

Phillip James Tabb is Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Texas A&M University and principal of Phill Tabb Studio. He received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati, Master of Architecture from the University of Colorado, and Ph.D. in the Energy and Environment Programme from the Architectural Association in London. Among his publications is *Solar Energy Planning* published by McGraw-Hill in 1984, Co-authored *The Greening of Architecture: A Critical History and Survey of Contemporary Sustainable Architecture and Urban Design* published by Ashgate in 2013, Co-edited *Architecture, Culture and Spirituality* also published by Routledge in 2015, *Serene Urbanism: A Biophilic Theory and Practice of Sustainable Placemaking*, Routledge, 2017, and *Elemental Architecture: The Temperaments of Sustainability*, Routledge in 2019. He is the master plan architect for the Serenbe Community – an award-winning biophilic community being realized near Atlanta, Georgia.

<https://www.routledge.com/Biophilic-Urbanism-Designing-Resilient-Communities-for-the-Future/Tabb/book/9780367473266>



## BIOPHILIC URBANISM

Designing Resilient Communities  
For the Future

PHILLIP JAMES TABB



## Poetry Book features Chatt Hills locations

Herein, the reader will find:  
epitaphs and eulogies,  
demons and deities,  
urban legends and faerie tales,  
monsters and mythologies,  
musings and mutterings  
— all from my pen,  
all ghost-written. —Larry McAneny



All proceeds of the sale of this poetry book go to the Chatt Hills Artist Co-op, \$20. You can order yours here:

<https://spookvalley.com>

## Book Section



### November Selections from Hills & Hamlets Bookshop and Underground Books:

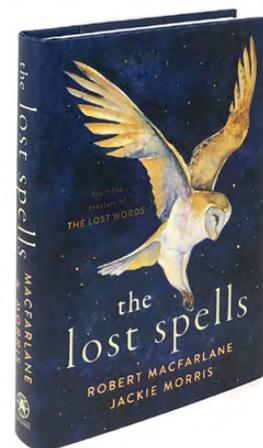
*Hills & Hamlets Bookshop is a charming neighborhood bookstore in the Serenbe development of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, created by Josh Niese and Megan Bell, the couple behind Underground Books in nearby Carrollton.*

*Hills & Hamlets Bookshop is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 to 4, and we're open 24/7 online at [www.bookshop.org/shop/undergroundbooks](http://www.bookshop.org/shop/undergroundbooks) and at [info@hillsandhamlets.com](mailto:info@hillsandhamlets.com).*

#### **New in Giftable: *The Lost Spells* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris**

The follow-up to the internationally bestselling sensation *The Lost Words*, Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris's *The Lost Spells* is a beautiful collection of poems and illustrations that evokes the wonder of everyday nature, conjuring up red foxes, birch trees, jackdaws, and more in poems and illustrations that flow between the pages and into readers' minds. Macfarlane's spell-poems and Morris's watercolor illustrations are musical and magical: these are summoning spells, words of recollection, and charms of protection. To read *The Lost Spells* is to see anew the natural world within our grasp and to be reminded of what happens when we allow it to slip away.

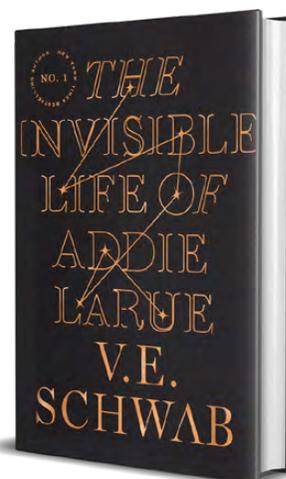
Buy your SIGNED copy here: <https://www.hillsandhamletsbookshop.com/shop/preorder-signed-copy-of-the-lost-spells-by-robert-macfarlane>



#### **New in Fiction: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab**

France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore, and he remembers her name.

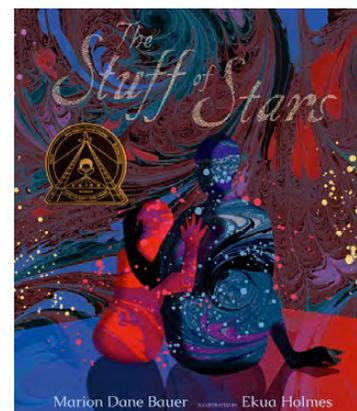
Buy here: <https://bookshop.org/a/45/9780765387561>



#### **New in Picture Books: *The Stuff of Stars* by Marion Bauer and illustrated by Ekua Holmes**

Before the universe was formed, before time and space existed, there was... nothing. But then...BANG! Stars caught fire and burned so long that they exploded, flinging stardust everywhere. And the ash of those stars turned into planets. Into our Earth. And into us. In a poetic text, Marion Dane Bauer takes readers from the trillionth of a second when our universe was born to the singularities that became each one of us, while vivid illustrations by Ekua Holmes capture the void before the Big Bang and the ensuing life that burst across galaxies. A seamless blend of science and art, this picture book reveals the composition of our world and beyond—and how we are all the stuff of stars.

Buy here: <https://bookshop.org/a/45/9780763678838>





## Dessie Norton Kinser

Dessie Norton Kinser, age 89, of Palmetto, Georgia, experienced her glorified birthday October 5, 2020, in Fulton County, Georgia.

She was born in Fannin County July 25, 1931, the daughter of the late William Harvey and Pell Mira Wishon Norton. Proud of her mountain heritage, Dessie had a strong work ethic, a strong love for God, and a strong love for her family. Over the years, she worked outside of the home in the sewing industry, retiring from Georgia Industries for the Blind, where she worked as a supervisor and taught many blind people how to sew. Every year at Christmas, she hosted a party for the workers, preparing much of the food herself. After retiring from the Industry in 1996, she continued to host the Christmas party for the blind for many years.

Dessie was a servant for her Lord, a devoted member of Providence Baptist Church in Palmetto since 1962, and a faithful prayer warrior. She sang in the church choir, taught Sunday school, and was the church custodian for over 50 years. Her favorite scripture was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength," and she did so much, actively visiting others and volunteering through church, sharing Christ's love as she lent a helping hand, food, and fellowship. She continually thought of others, sharing her homemade jelly, pickles, and canned green beans from her garden. A humble servant, she baked and delivered apple pies to shut-ins and the sick in the community.

Dessie was talented in the art of quilting, and recently had completed, along with the help of her daughters, almost 30 quilts for her family as Christmas gifts. Dessie was an amazing and Godly woman who lived by example. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Also preceding her in death was her loving husband, Verlin L. Kinser. As she was the last of nine children, her deceased siblings include: Elsie Lowman, Thomas Norton, Perry Norton, Delsie Queen, Harley Norton, Dollie Adams, Johnnie Norton and C.J. Norton. One grandchild, Bonnie Rigney Wheeling, preceded her in death as well.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Doug Rigney and Patti and Terry Hughes, all of Palmetto; Pam and Doug Cordle of Moreland, Georgia; and Michelle and Roth Hutcheson, also of Palmetto; grandchildren and their spouses, Misty and Mindy Rigney, Amanda and Tim West, Michael and Espy Hughes, Katie and Luke Hammock, Austin Cordle, Cody and Chynna Cordle, Houston and Rissa Hutcheson, McKinley Hutcheson, Colten Hutcheson and Carter Hutcheson; great-grandchildren, Hope Wheeling, Angel Wheeling, Emily West, Sammy West, Lily Hughes and Jameson Hutcheson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 1 p.m. from the Akins Funeral Home with the Rev. Claude Mathis and the Rev. Bryan Bentley officiating. Music was provided by Derrec Oliver, Dessie's daughters, and accompanied by Renee Siler. Interment followed in the New Antioch Baptist Church cemetery with the following gentlemen serving as pallbearers: Austin Cordle, Cody Cordle, Luke Hammock, Michael Hughes, Houston Hutcheson, McKinley Hutcheson and Tim West.

Junior pallbearers were Colten and Carter Hutcheson.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to one of the following: (1) Providence Baptist Church Van Fund, c/o Elaine Bryant at 7645 Campbellton Redwine Road, Palmetto, Georgia, 30268, (2) The ALS Association at [www.alsa.org/donate/giving/gifts-in-tribute.html](http://www.alsa.org/donate/giving/gifts-in-tribute.html).

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.akinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.akinsfuneralhome.com).

## Community OUR CHURCHES



**Campbellton Baptist Church**  
8660 Campbellton Fairburn Rd

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
6090 Cochran Mill Rd  
[www.friendshipbaptistchathills.com](http://www.friendshipbaptistchathills.com)

**Interfaith Fellowship at Serenbe**  
[www.facebook.com/  
groups/1964824926878340/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1964824926878340/)

**New Hope United Methodist Church**  
7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd

**Providence Baptist Church**  
6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd  
[www.pbcrico.org](http://www.pbcrico.org)

**Rico United Methodist Church**  
6475 Rico Rd

**Rivertown United Methodist Church**  
9325 Rivertown Rd

**Sardis Baptist Church**  
8400 Sardis Rd  
[www.sardisbaptistch.com](http://www.sardisbaptistch.com)

**Southern Crescent Unitarian  
Universalist Fellowship**  
[www.facebook.com/SouthernCrescentU-  
UFellowship/](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernCrescentUUFellowship/)

**Vernon Grove Baptist Church**  
8440 Vernon Grove Rd

**OTHER CHURCHES IN CHATT HILLS** Many churches have suspended services and activities due to the COVID-19 precautions. Please check with the individual churches to get an update on their schedules.

## Community FOOD PANTRY REPORT



### October

*The Brickworks Food Pantry served 118 Clients - 39 Children and 79 Adults*

Community Brickworks is a 501c3 nonprofit which supports the needs of our local citizens and people in our surrounding community. Often we are asked how we got the name Community Brickworks. Every person has their own bricks—education, skill sets, jobs, etc.—to build a foundation for a successful life. Our goal is to help individuals and families reinforce, complete, or fill in bricks that are missing due to circumstances, to help them develop a stronger foundation. Our job is to enhance the lives of all in our community.

**Chatt Hills Food Pantry** – We use the One Roof concept. This means that many local churches, organizations, busi-

nesses, and individuals combine to supply this main food pantry, allowing us to be sure that all available funds help as many people as possible. The One Roof concept minimizes opportunities for abuse.

Our pantry is:

- Open Wednesday from 3:30-5:30PM
- Clients may visit the pantry once a month; receive two bags after completing the Food Pantry Request Form. More if a large family.
- If there is an emergency need, text Carla Carrabino at 404-771-1418
- We serve Chattahoochee Hills, Palmetto, and Fairburn areas.
- Emergency Assistance once a year, if available.

Through our donors we have helped pay for critical emergency items – dental, propane for heat, electric, partial rent, medicines, materials to handicap proof a home, etc.

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Community Brickworks receives monetary donations as well as food, books, and school supplies all through the year. We are managed completely by volunteers with no paid staff. 100% of your donation is used in your community to help your neighbors.

Community Brickworks, 6505 Rico Rd., Chatt Hills,  
GA 30268, 770-463-6600





*Granddad and Corrine*



Logynn Ferrall, 281 658 5036

[logynnberrall@mac.com](mailto:logynnberrall@mac.com)

[my.doterra.com/logynnberrall](http://my.doterra.com/logynnberrall)

*Logynn Ferrall teaches healthy, natural ways to improve the quality of your life.*

## Age, Memory, and Essential Oils

One of the reasons I appreciate natural therapies is the “low to no” side effect profile of the botanical ingredients. You can easily eat, drink, and breathe them while just going on and living your life. Here is a short summary of a study identifying some natural ingredients that benefit our memory and mental resilience—something to consider when cooking or using essential oils for aromatherapy!

### Introduction

Danish scientists at the University of Copenhagen recently published an exciting study on the effects of various plant extracts on the central nervous system. The objective of their experiment was to investigate the activity of these plant extracts on targets relevant to memory and cognitive health.

There are multiple factors thought to affect the progression of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss. Two striking cellular/molecular features of these processes are the death of cholinergic neurons (neurons whose neurotransmitter is acetylcholine) and the formation of amyloid plaques in the brain.

### The Study

Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) is an enzyme in the brain that breaks down acetylcholine. AChE activity turns down the strength of signals sent from cholinergic neurons. In a person who suffers from a loss of cholinergic neurons, blocking AChE activity might help restore the function of the remaining cholinergic neurons by lifting the AChE block on acetylcholine transmission.

Amyloid plaques are abnormal clumps of the protein amyloid beta. These plaques and tangles are thought to be related to the neuronal cell death and subsequent memory loss in aging brains.

The researchers studied ethanolic extracts of 35 plants, including oregano, rosemary, wild olive, clove, lavender, sage, melissa, and spearmint. These plant extracts were tested for their ability to prevent the formation of amyloid plaques using a Thioflavin T fibrillation assay. They were also tested for their ability to inhibit AChE. The researchers discovered that caraway extract in particular “inhibited amyloid beta fibrillation considerably” and that nine other plants, including oregano and thyme, inhibited amyloid beta fibrillation as well, although to a lesser extent.<sup>2</sup> Researchers also found that “five plant extracts from the family Corydalis inhibited the activity of acetylcholinesterase considerably,” and that clove and oregano also had inhibitory effects.

### Conclusion

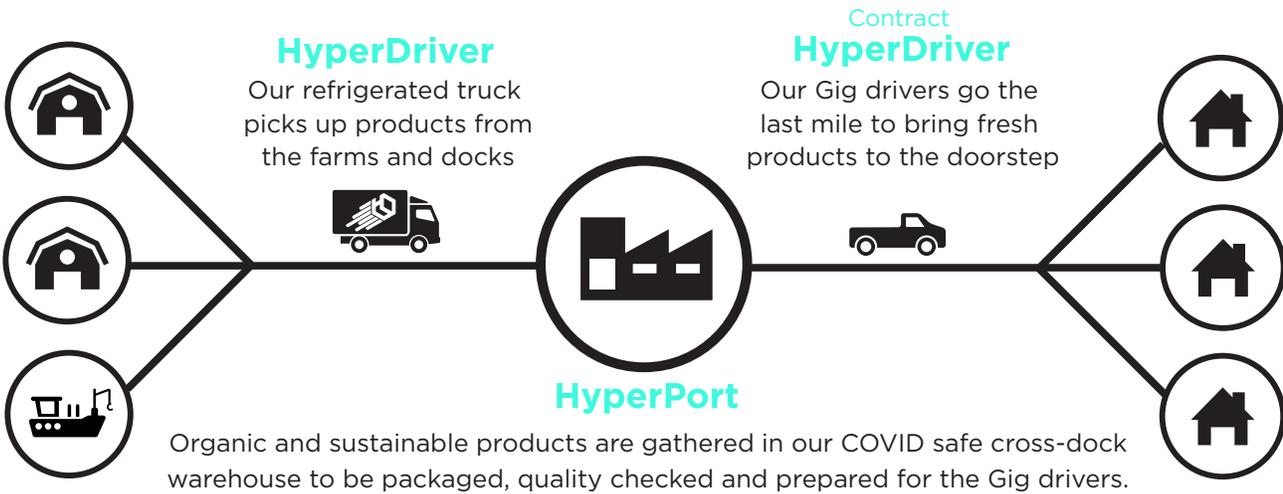
These remarkable results reinforce the growing body of research that shows plants have the amazing potential to support a healthy mind and body. Further research examining the constituents of these extracts will help us understand how the essential oils of these plants may have similar health properties.

BTW - Since we are in allergy season, our home has clove, cardamom, thyme, and peppermint essential oils going in a diffuser near our workspace—and we also take TriEase, which contains a drop each of peppermint, lavender, and lemon oil in a convenient soft gel. (Disclaimer: doTERRA is the only essential oil brand I recommend for quality and purity.)

**Hyperbox Fresh** believes in the health of the community by making food local again. We streamline delivery of sustainable, local, “non-yucky” foods. Consumers purchase your products on our e-commerce site or app. We deliver within 24-48 hours. We are more than a healthy food delivery company, we are a movement as we strive to serve local farmers and fans first!

A partnership with HBF guarantees:

- Better Margins**
- Reduced Waste**
- Farm promotion, Data**
- Faster, Fresher Delivery**
- Continuous Refrigeration**
- Dedicated Farm Concierge**
- Smart Inventory Management**
- Professional Pick-Up Availability**
- Expanding Direct to Consumer Base (our Fans)**



No farm is too small, so we would love the opportunity to grow together.  
Let's Chat!

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# Chattahoochee Hills Businesses

## SHOP LOCAL

Here is a list from the City of our businesses; they are without contact because some of that information is private. **Look them up, and keep dollars in our region!**

### 4 Props Aerial LLC

8445 Vernon Grove Road

### Advanced Gate Tech

8470 Hearn Road

### AK Repair,

9285 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### America Contractors LLC

5875 Cochran Mill Road

### American Tower Management, LLC

11208 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### Ann Jackson Artists

10571 Serenbe Lane

### Atlanta Five Star: Realty and Tax

### Resolutions Services

5875 Cochran Mill Road

### Bamboo, LLC, 11150 Serenbe Lane

### Battle Accord

7385 Cascade Palmetto Highway

### Bedrooms Plus

9090 Wilkerson Mill Road

### Bee Here Now, LLC

11134 Serenbe Lane, Ste 300

### BL Equities, 5060 River Lake Drive

### Brian Jefferson Davis DBA B. Jeff

Davis, RLS, 8385 Vernon Grove Rd

### Byrd Properties, LLC

7790 Cochran Mill Road

### C.O.D. Glass, 7800 Cochran Mill Rd

### Castillo Roofing & Gutters

4805 Cochran Mill Road

### Chai Vegan Spa Collection

11110 Serenbe Lane

### Chatt Hills Air Corporation

11775 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### Chatt Hills Chiropractic

10560 Serenbe Lane

### Chatt Hills Utilities, LLC

9110 Selborne Lane, Suite 210

### Cherry Hollow Farm

12525 Jones Ferry Road

### Civil Atl Inc., 6800 Jenkins Road

### Complete Construction & Roofing,

LLC, 12655 Hamilton Road

### Concept Theory LLC

10580 Serenbe Lane

### CTAB Collaborations LLC

10710 Cedar Grove Road

### D & R Deer Cooler

11750 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### Dallas Nevins DBA Design At

Creation, 9155 Selborne Lane

### Desirepath LLC, 9015 Selborne Ln

### Divine Nobility, 7296 Tiderace Ct.

### Eagle Agriculture, 7855 Rico Road

### Earnest Services, LLC

10395 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### Elizabeth Studios, 585 Tabb Way

### Equitable Restorations DBA BCC

Builders, 33 Swann Ridge

### Filter Services of GA Inc.

10640 Woodruff Road

### Flynn Whitehurst DBA Maliblue

Pools, 9071 Serenbe Lane

### Forage & Flower LLC

9206 Selborne Lane

### Gardencraft, Inc.

12000 Hamilton Road

### Grover Battles Grading

7465 Old Phillips Road

### GW Harper Designs, LLC

10625 Serenbe Lane



*Stacy Simmons in Hamlin serving our community!*

### Halsa, LLC, 11090 Serenbe Lane

### Hamlin, 9131 Selborne Lane

### Hearn Heating & Air

12650 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### Helen B. Vantine, PH D. LLC

10572 Serenbe Lane

### Hill Country Carts

10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road

### His & Hers Homes Care LLC

7275 Little Fawn Parkway

### Home Vacation Rental

807 Middleton Way

### IL Nido, 10532 Selborne Lane

### J. Layne Designs, 316 Mado Lane

### Judy Walker Design

9119 Selborne Lane

### Julie Genda Designs

446 Selborne Way

### Just 1 More Thing Handyman

Services, 7000 Rico Road

### K Bar R Farm & Home LLC

6265 Cochran Mill Road

### La Hacienda Bed and Breakfast

5541 Cochran Mill Road

### Manyfold Farm, LLC, 7850 Rico Rd

### Mark's Mobile RV Repair LLC

6165 Campbellton Redwine Road

### Martin Real Estate Developers LLC

4840 Cochran Mill Road

### McKinney Builders, Inc.

446 Selborne Way

### MD Palmetto, Inc DBA Thrift Food

Mart, 3939 Cascade Palmetto Hwy

### Mister and Mrs. Sharp, LLC

116 Gainey Lane

### Mitchell Tree Removal

7555 Barnes Road

### Moaney Wright and Associates

### DBA The Wright Learning

Solutions, 6000 Cochran Mill Road

### New Beginning Enterprises

7210 Petersburg Road

### Nomad Studio, LLC

9198 Selborne Lane

### Precision Alarms

8435 Vernon Grove Road

### Proper Hair, LLC

9059 Selborne Lane

# Chattahoochee Hills Businesses



*The Hacienda Bed & Breakfast and Event Space for a lovely gathering.*

**Resource Serenbe**  
9110 Selborne Lane, Suite 100

**RicShon Ltd, LLC**  
6915 Cascade Palmetto Highway

**Right Lane Transport, LLC**  
7280 Little Fawn Parkway

**Robert Lederman**  
11180 Serenbe Lane

**Roper Ramblings, LLC**  
8025 Atlanta Newnan Road

**Rover Care LLC**, 6595 Jenkins Road

**S & C House Flipping Duo LLC**  
7220 Petersburg Road

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Analog Escape**, 377 Anders North

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Haven**  
11260 Serenbe Lane

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Manor at Swann Wynd**  
17 Swann Wynd

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Modern Swann**, 33 Swann Ridge

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Retreat @ Anders North**, 360 Anders North

**SBW Ventures, LLC DBA The Victorian Terrace**  
10731 Serenbe Lane

**Schwartz Advisory Services, Inc. DBA Schwartz International**  
340 Halsa Drive

**Serenbe CH Bed, LLC**  
9065 Selborne Lane

**Serenbe CH Farms**  
8715 Atlanta Newnan Road

**Serenbe CH Properties LLC**  
9110 Selborne Lane, Suite 210

**Serenbe Fit, LLC**  
11090 Serenbe Lane

**Serenbe Real Estate**  
9055 Selborne Lane

**Serenbe Retreat**  
10680 Serenbe Lane

**Serenbe Swim Club LLC**  
295 Prom Field Road

**Serenbe Textile Lofts, LLC**  
10625 Serenbe Lane

**Shell Construction**  
10190 Hutcheson Ferry Road

**Smith's Grocery**  
6400 Campbellton Redwine Road

**South Eastern Properties DBA Hidden Cove Farmhouse**  
6814 Rico Road

**Southeastern Engineering, Inc.**  
417 Selborne Way

**Southeastern Tree Service**  
6530 Rico Road

**Southern Integrative and Environmental Medical, LLC**  
11090 Serenbe Lane, Suite 240

**Spoon Sister Tiques & Treasures**  
5495 Pace Road

**Statuary**, 9165 Hutcheson Ferry Rd

**Stembridge Custom Metals**  
10720 Woodruff Road

**Stone Cottage@CREATION LLC DBA Stone Cottage 1**  
1 Swann Ridge

**Stone Cottage@CREATION LLC DBA Stone Cottage 3**  
3 Swann Ridge

**Storey's Furniture & Floor**  
10185 Hutcheson Ferry Road

**Studio 13**, 11126 Serenbe Lane

**Superior Electrical Services**  
6870 Rico Road

**Superior K-9 Inc.**  
5065 River Lake Drive

**TAKK Transportation**  
11845 Upper Wooten Road

**Terranova**, 10215 Creel Road

**The Ballog**, 9077 Selborne Lane

**The Bernstein Firm, PC**  
10540 Serenbe Lane

**The Brainerly, LLC**  
11134 Serenbe Lane

**The Design Company, Inc.**  
9143 Selborne Lane

**The Farmhouse Restaurant**  
9110 Selborne Lane, Suite 210

**The General Store at Serenbe, LLC**  
10642 Serenbe Lane

**The Hideaway**, 9055 Selborne Lane

**The Hill Restaurant at Serenbe**  
9110 Selborne Lane, Suite 110

**The Inn at Serenbe**  
10905 Hutcheson Ferry Road

**The Loft 13**, 9059 Selborne Lane

**The Look of Atlanta**, 7970 Rico Rd

**The Residential Design Studio, Inc.**  
9118 Selborne Lane

**The Roost**, 9039 Selborne Lane

**The Schwartz Law Firm**  
340 Halsa Drive

**The Spa at Serenbe, LLC**  
11090 Serenbe Lane, Ste. 210

**The Sparrow**, 9121 Selborne Lane

**The Wine Shop at Serenbe**  
9135 Selborne Lane

**Thombani LLC DBA Kombi Keg Atlanta**, 9855 Hutcheson Ferry Rd

**Triple R Motorsports LLC**  
10130 Rivertown Road

**Typo Market**, 9133 Selborne Lane

**Underground Books LLC DBA Hills & Hamlets Bookshop**  
10625 Serenbe Lane

**United Security dba Satellite Security**, 5365 Cochran Mill Road

**Walker Farms, LLC**, 7060 Rico Road

**Wilkerson Mill, Inc. DBA Wilkerson Mill Gardens**  
9595 Wilkerson Mill Road

**Yumi Sushi, Inc.**, 9117 Selborne Ln



## City Receives Another Clean Audit

Every year, local governments are required by Georgia law §36-81-7 to have an independent audit of their financials and report the findings to the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA). We take great pride in our ability to be transparent and fiscally responsible when it comes to how we budget and report financials. That is, we have sound financial policies that dictate how we collect and allocate revenues and anticipate and expend those revenues. When anomalies happen, which they inevitably do, they are always communicated to the governing body, and budget amendments are recommended and adopted as necessary. This is evidenced in the favorable outcome of our annual audits.

We are now in receipt of a *DRAFT* Audit for FY2020 which is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. I have reviewed the audit and created a table below that illustrates where we stand in our governmental funds. This information will be even clearer when the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis) is complete. But in the spirit of transparency and educating the public, I want to share a snapshot of the results of our audit at the “Fund” level.

When the audit is complete, I will recommend some budget amendments so that the FY2021 reflects the outcome of the FY2020 audit. One thing that will stand out will be the effect of the CARES Act (COVID related Federal Funding) impact to the budget which is still a very fluid process.

### Revenues:

The audit shows that we have \$304,578 over what we projected in General Fund Revenues. This is attributed to our conservative projections which plays into how we budget expenditures.

The additional funds in the Grants budget is from the CDAP grant that is a reimbursement grant. As such, those revenues end up becoming expenditures in this fiscal year.

The increase in revenues in the Hotel/Motel Fund is a result of (a) a higher fund balance, and (b) more revenues than projected, again, based on being conservative in our projections.

The increase in TSPLOST is a result of a higher fund balance from FY2019 that was accrued over into FY2020. We intentionally did not schedule any TSPLOST projects last fiscal year to allow these funds to accrue enough to have the funds for another paving project this fiscal year.

The Fund Balance over all is pretty close to what we anticipated when we amended the FY2020 Budget and adopted the FY2021 Budget. It is nice to see how close we came on that projection after adopting the budget on June 11. The closer we are to a June 30 adoption, the better we can project the overall fund balance.

### Expenditures:

The General Fund expenditures, which are essential departmental budgets, were pretty close to what was anticipated.

We did not spend much Capital this year with the exception of fleet vehicles and the land purchase.

Debt Service was right on target for what we budget for our debt payments plus interest.

You will see that we did not spend much in our Hotel/Motel Fund, which will have to be justified in a formal letter to the Department of Revenue once the audit is complete. This fiscal year, however, we will be spending Hotel/Motel Funds on wayfinding signage throughout the City, a barn quilt trail, and the City’s newsletter (Chatt Hills News), which you are reading now.

The Grants budget shows no expenditures because (a) we chose to allow LMIG to roll over into this fiscal year to supplement TSPLOST for a largest project, and (b) we did not spend any Community Development Assistant Program

	FY2020 Amended	FY2020 Audited	Projections (+/-)
<b>Revenues</b>			
General Fund	\$ 3,298,135	\$ 3,602,713	\$ 304,578
Grants	\$ 761,642	\$ 824,338	\$ 62,696
Hotel/Motel	\$ 344,239	\$ 396,494	\$ 52,255
TSPLOST	\$ 570,431	\$ 814,320	\$ 243,889
Fund Balance	\$ 1,609,630	\$ 1,657,551	\$ 47,921
<b>Budget Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 6,584,077</b>	<b>\$ 7,295,416</b>	<b>\$ 711,339</b>

	FY2020 Amended	FY2020 Audited	Fund Balance (+/-)
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Fund	\$ 3,385,987	\$ 3,356,752	\$ 29,235
Capital Fund	\$ 957,330	\$ 719,239	\$ 238,091
Debt Service	\$ 161,845	\$ 162,465	\$ (620)
Hotel/Motel	\$ 223,115	\$ 69,831	\$ 153,284
Grants	\$ 202,072	\$ -	\$ 202,072
TSPLOST	\$ 570,431	\$ 365,688	\$ 204,743
Reserves	\$ 1,083,297	\$ 401,707	\$ 681,590
<b>Budget Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 6,584,077</b>	<b>\$ 5,075,682</b>	<b>\$ 1,508,395</b>

<b>Ending Fund Balance Total:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,219,734</b>	<b>\$ 2,219,734</b>
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(CDAP) funds until FY2021 started.

The increase of TSPLOST is based on the fund balance from FY2020 that was carried over and the additional funds that came in for May and June of FY2020 that was not recognized in the FY2020 Amended Budget.

By design, we did not spend much of our reserves which we conservatively accrue to maintain at least 17% of our General Fund. We were able to maintain 20% of our

General Fund.

Once the FY2020 Audit has been finalized, it will be uploaded to the Georgia Data site (<https://ted.cviog.uga.edu/financial-documents/budgets-financial-docs>) powered by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government as required by HB122. Previous years' budgets and audits can also be found on this site.

## Please join us for the final Historic Campbellton Master Plan virtual public meeting, Nov 9, 2020, 6:00 PM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89113634061?pwd=SGt-VOVBTV1czM2poY3dJcnNSS2d4dz09>

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Beavers House at Campbellton, Fairburn, Fulton County, GA



### CDC

Get the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) information [HERE](#).

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility. **CALL THIS HOTLINE: (844) 442-2681**



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### Event

We will be scheduling Special Called City Council meetings as dictated by circumstances. These will be virtual and open to the public.

#### The City will take the following safety precautions:

- The City Council room will be set up so that the council and staff are all at least 6' apart.
- Any citizen attendees that want to attend in person will also be separated by at least 6'; capacity will be limited to the number of seats that can fit in the room under those conditions.
- The meeting will be streamed live. Check details on the City's website.

#### **City Council Work Session - Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:00 pm**

City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

#### **City Council Meeting - Tues. Nov. 10, 6:00 pm**

City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

#### **Historic Commission Meeting - Sat., Nov. 14, 6:00pm**

Campbellton Crossroads Community Meeting, 6pm. Virtual Only. Details on the city's website.

#### **Parks Commission Meeting - Tues., Nov. 17, 6:00pm**

City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

#### **Planning Commission Meeting - Thurs., Nov. 19, 6:30 pm**

City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

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