

INSIDE CARROLL™

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY



*Pictured L—R:
Mr. Tab Richardson
on bass guitar,
Ms. Dawn Greenlo,
vocalist,
and Pat Heuer
(Tab's son-in-law)
on rhythm guitar
performing at
Cottage Landing
July 18, 2013*

MR. TAB RICHARDSON BORN IN CLEBURNE, AL 1933

On July 18 at the assisted living facility of Cottage Landing, we (Faye, Angela, and I) had the wonderful opportunity to hear a country music hall of famer. Mr. Tab Richardson, who was inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame in November, 2006, as he played for local residents. He was accompanied by his son in law, Pat Heuer on rhythm and vocals along with Cottage Landing Volunteer, Ms. Dawn Greenlo, vocals. It was a night for fun, food, and fabulous music.

Mr. Richardson has been playing bass guitar and doing vocals since the 1940's. He is proud of his Hall of Fame certificate for Achievements in the Hillbilly country Western Music Industry. His accolades also include induction in the Georgia Country Music Hall of Fame and the Alabama Country Music Hall of Fame. In the mid 60's, Tab played bass and sang vocals with his band on WLBB Carrollton Radio Station with his first cut album. He has also fronted many gigs with Grand Ole Opry

bands. Over the many years he has played about 75 benefits including the Scottish Rites for Children just last spring. At eighty years old, he can strum and sing enough to melt your heart.

Mr. Richardson is retired from Southwire after having served 26 years of service to care for his wife of 59 years, Janice. After her recovery, he along with friend and band mate, Ms. Jerri Durham, opened the Heflin Opry House. Tab still assists in the care of his lovely wife who has been diagnosed with MS but remains friends with his fellow musicians. He states that he is very thankful for his God given talent, his wife and the Christian home they made together. He lets us know, too, that drugs and alcohol have never been a part of his life and he is grateful for that fact.

We enjoyed ourselves immensely meeting Mr. Tab Richardson and speaking with him of his country music endeavors. We thank Ms. Greenlo from Cottage Landing for including PR Publishing as a guest for that event.

Rudene Green

A Convocation of Buicks

Howard Scarboro

More than likely, if there is a parking lot packed with Buicks, seniors are in the vicinity. It can be at The Farmers Market, AmVets, First Methodist, or most anywhere that has items or events of interests for Silver Slipped folks. Food is the lure of choice, preferably fried chicken [note: dessert is required]. The hospital provided a "\$5.00 Sale" the other day -- all items were \$5:00, diamond or dishes -- which drew a notable number of Buicks.

One wonders why Buicks became the leader of the pack, the dominant dog? How did they win over The Olds, or The Torino? Didn't the Edsel have an aggressive shark-like mouth, located center point on the grill? Didn't that portray dominance? Leadership?

But here we are, with the Regal, regally delivering folks with silver hair to destinations near and far. The fact that you can load six medium size Citizens must be a contributing factor. Who's driving tonight? Fred can, HE has a LeSabre. And the trunk can hold 28 grocery bags, along with four 50 pound bags of 6-8-6 fertilizer.



Want to go to Florida, or Michigan? The big Buick stands ready to oblige, promising a steady smooth ride. Mechanics know this car inside and out, because they have been around over a century; the first Buick was produced in 1904 at Flint, Michigan. And parts are easy to find, at the auto parts store, or even the local junkyard. Nothing foreign about a Buick. It is American made; always has been, with a five digit zip code.

So, if you see a convocation of Buicks, it's a safe bet that reliable, seasoned Citizens are nearby. Go in and visit with them for a while,

they'd love to see you. They will be interested in you, your family, your career, and if you went to Smith High School down the road. They will remember when it was a small school, and they played ball right over there. Their stories are nostalgic, sometimes fascinating. And you will laugh, just because they get so cracked up telling their own funny story.

You will find veterans; you will find women who are strong, out of past necessity. A lady told me this week that when they were children, they worked in the field. She was familiar with the land, and dirt, and cotton, and horses. Her story, which had me grinning up a storm, was how she got in trouble for taking off her hat. Seems a cow made a snack of it, and her father declared that was the last hat he was a -buyin' her.

They volunteer, most anywhere. At the clinic, The VA, voting booth, church, Habitat, animal shelter, the nursing home ... for free, freely giving themselves. Their mature mindset is that it is better to give than receive. After their shift has ended, you will hear them say that it is they who were blessed in the process.

Though certainly not without flaw, this generation is made up of fine folks who have a lifetime of wisdom, which they will unreservedly contribute. Their experiences can span fifty plus years, so they know of which they speak. We all will be enriched, and learn from them. They will lift our spirit, and make us happy that we had a few minutes with them.

So, the next time you spot a convocation of Buicks, won't you go in and spend a little time with a Senior Citizen? They'd love to see you and you will always be welcomed, just like at Cracker Barrel. And, if you need a ride somewhere, there will be plenty of room for you.

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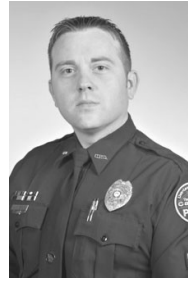
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Part 2 of an interview with Cpl. Edwin Ivey with the Carrollton Police Department:



Ivey first became interested in a career in public safety when Haralson County 911 was being created at the dawn of the 21st Century; he was only 19 years old. At that time, it was called Haralson County Communications; prior to the year 2000, Haralson County did not have a 911 system in place. When someone dialed 911 from Haralson County, the caller might receive a busy signal, get connected to Carroll County or Paulding County 911 centers, or nothing would happen at all.

Ivey was first hired in mid 2000. Starting out, they only used hand-held base radios with two phone lines (basic land-lines) that people called in case of emergencies. The office only dispatched to Fire Departments and Ambulance Services for the first few weeks.

Ivey stated that watching something being built from the ground up was interesting and he was proud to be a part of the progression. Within a few short months, after the temporary facilities were completed, Haralson County Communications became an Enhanced 911 Center; Enhanced Centers, or E-911's, provide computerized information on callers which includes their name, phone number, address, and zone information for first responders. Haralson County 911 soon began to receive emergency calls and dispatch responders for the Haralson County Sheriff's Office, Buchanan Police Department, Tallapoosa Police Department, and Bremen Police Department, in addition to Fire and E.M.S. Ivey was soon promoted as a Shift Supervisor, which meant that he not only supervised his co-workers, but also trained newer employees. Though he believed the work was interesting, and he actually remained working for the 911 Center as a part-time supervisor and training officer until 2004, Ivey began to pursue his desire to be in law enforcement in late 2001.

While going through the hiring process with Smyrna Police Department, Ivey received a phone call from Tallapoosa Police Department with a job offer at that agency. Ivey said he chose Tallapoosa over Smyrna because he liked all the officers and thought a lot of Chief David Godfrey. Chief Godfrey's list of accomplishments throughout his career was astounding, including having years of experience with Marietta Police Department and having previously retired from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (the governing body for Georgia law enforcement). Ivey jumped at the opportunity to work for and learn from Chief Godfrey, a highly respected leader and mentor.

Ivey started basic mandate training (a.k.a. Police Academy) at the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center; he completed the training in October 2001. He worked the streets of Tallapoosa from 2001 until 2004, when Chief Godfrey suddenly passed away. After Chief Godfrey's death, Ivey pursued a career with the Carrollton Police Department. The chance to return to his hometown and serve the people and community he knew best was too great of an opportunity to pass up for him. Carrollton also offered more opportunities for personal growth and advancement. In his 9 years with the Carrollton Police Department, Ivey has obtained his Field Training Officer Certification, Intermediate and Advanced Law Enforcement Certifications, and General Instructor's Certification. He also finished all levels of the Supervisory Certification and started adding various specialized instructor certifications to his resume. Ivey has assisted in teaching several of the Intermediate and Advanced Certification classes that his agency hosts for surrounding law enforcement personnel. Ivey stated that his favorite class to teach was the Field Training Officer course; this class teaches and certifies experienced officers as F.T.O.'s on techniques and trends used to train new officers fresh out of the academy. *Continued page 5.....*

Pictured below is Edwin Ivey as Honor Guard for Tallapoosa PD



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Ivey advised that F.T.O.'s are vital components of any law enforcement agency; they are the ones who help new employees apply the skills learned in basic mandate to the situations encountered on the streets. He singled the F.T.O. course out as his favorite to teach because, "Anytime you have 30+ experienced officers from numerous different agencies in one gathering, everyone, including the instructor, learns from each other. Also, it's great to have a small part in influencing the officers who are going to shape many, many more officers in the future." Ivey had previously taught some classes as an Adjunct Instructor for the local regional academy of North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy in Austell, and will soon be assisting with upcoming classes at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

In early 2008, Ivey was promoted to a Corporal with the Carrollton Police Department. Ivey described the duties of a Corporal as basically being one of the field supervisors. Any questions that arise from the officers working the street, such as search and seizure issues, legalities of situations, or just general advice, the Corporal would be out there with them to help them make the best possible decisions. Ivey stated, "Obviously, I work with some very qualified and competent men and women, some of the best out there. They don't need constant assistance, but on occasion they have a

situation they are unfamiliar with and need input on, or they need a second opinion on something. That's what we (Corporals) are there for; it's one of the perfect areas of leadership. It's not a position of remote supervision, looking down over what has been done, but it is more of a hands-on area of interaction with the officers; you are in there with them, you are a part of the team working side by side with them, and you learn from each other constantly." Some of Ivey's other duties include checking reports, daily assigning of equipment, fielding citizen complaints, assisting with employee performance evaluations, and compiling monthly statistics for the officers on his shift; all of this in addition to working patrol and responding to emergency calls for service. Ivey was also recently made one of Carrollton P.D.'s Public Information Officers; P.I.O.'s are the media liaisons for agencies, conducting news interviews and completing media releases for public information dissemination.

When asked why he chose Police work as a career, Ivey responded by saying he had wanted a career that held meaning for him and made a difference in his community. He told us that he had been looking for something he could do with his life that when the day was done, he could rest easy knowing he had tried to help people. "I was able to help people through 911, but it was from the other end of a phone line. I realized I could help people more directly in the field, standing beside them while assisting them through whatever situation they were experiencing at the time." Ivey said that Law Enforcement is exciting and entertaining, where he not only gets to try and help individual people, but where he gets to serve his community as a whole. "Sometimes you are in the front seat of any action that goes on in your community. On occasion, it's a job where everyone else is screaming and running away while our guys are running in; there's a certain satisfaction to that." While interviewing him, I asked Ivey what made him want to be a public servant. He stated that it is an ingrained desire which was hard to articulate in a few sentences, but compared my question to asking why lungs need air or why a heart pumps blood. He says, "Those are vital, compulsory functions that maintain life, set in motion by their Creator. Police work is who I am and what I do. It feels that I am fulfilling a role I was created for, and using my God-given abilities in the way He wants me to." *Interview concludes on page 6.....*



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*Conclusion of interview.....*Ivey is involved with a few outstanding organizations. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police lodge in Carrollton. The F.O.P. does a lot of great fundraising through events and donations, which provides for the yearly Kids, Cops, and Christmas program (formerly known as Shop with a Cop). Ivey is also a member of the Tallapoosa Masonic Lodge, and occasionally visits other lodges in the area, all of whom participate in various charitable programs in their communities and throughout the state (including support for an orphanage in Georgia and the Scottish Rite-Egleston Children's Hospital). Ivey is an avid supporter of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund, which spearheads the memorial monument and programs in Washington, D.C. The N.L.E.O.M.F. does donations, gifts, and provides assistance to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. Ivey recently joined the Metropolitan Atlanta Police Emerald Society, which is a group of Police Officers and civilian supporters (of Irish descent) who provide various charitable programs for officers and their families.



Cpl. Edwin Ivey

Ivey places a lot of emphasis on the role of Public Safety Honor Guards, and he has participated with various Honor Guards since 2001. He was a member of Tallapoosa Police Department's Honor Guard, which assisted with Police, Public Safety, and Military funeral details, casket watches, flag folding ceremonies, and 21 gun rifle salutes. When Ivey left Tallapoosa P.D. and went to Carrollton P.D., he expressed an interest in continuing his service in the Honor Guard and joined the team there. He told us that in an Honor Guard, one could serve their community in various ways, but the real focus was the opportunity to serve one's "brothers and sisters in blue" and show one's ultimate respect to fallen officers. "It's a chance to show the surviving family members that you really care about their loved one, and an opportunity to give service and pay tribute to those who spent their lives in service and sacrifice to others."

Ivey was pleased to conclude his interview by informing us that in mid 2010, with the generous help of the Carrollton P.D. and F.O.P., he was able to purchase a high-quality set of bagpipes, a full formal piper's uniform, and all of the supplies to go along with it. Later that same year, he was able to launch and perform the Bagpipe portion of the Honor Guard. Ivey played funerals for Carrollton officers that had passed away, and also did funeral details for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and other surrounding agencies. Ivey also piped for several of the memorial programs held at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park. Ivey has since been hired to play for private weddings from Carrollton to Savannah, and has piped for various private parties and special occasions across the state, including the Medical Association of Georgia's officers installation ceremonies held at Callaway Gardens. After playing at a Public Safety Memorial held in Forsyth at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Ivey has traveled to places all over the state playing funeral details for deceased officers and firefighters. Ivey said, "A majority of these funerals are for retired personnel, with a portion being for those whose deaths were in the line of duty." Ivey, who does not receive compensation for public safety funerals, expressed what a privilege it was to give those last honors to the surviving families and to assist various other agencies. "It's always amazing to see how various public safety agencies can pull together and support each other in those difficult times. There aren't many bagpipers in public safety in this immediate area, so I travel a lot to other locations. It's always nice when officers and firefighters I've never met before thank me with sincere gratitude, but at the same time their vocalized appreciation is not necessary. My response is always that it is my privilege, my absolute honor, to be able to do that for them and the family. A day of my time and ability is not near the sacrifice these men and women, including their families and loved ones, have made during their careers. I thank God for having blessed me with this talent and providing the chances to pay homage to my fellow public servants."



Fun at the Farm Pond

I believe that everybody needs a place to share fun times and relaxation with friends and family. My place is the farm pond.

A few months ago, I mentioned about Junior being a “one upper” and would tell tall tales just to make him feel like he is the best. In later months there will be Junior tales about hunting, more fishing, and even car racing, but the stories at the farm pond are 100% factual and actually happened.



One afternoon, I was catching bream and blue gill in the shade with the kids when J-Bird the Turkey was showing his lovely young bride how good of a fisherman he was on the dam - taking things to an extreme showing her the proper techniques in baiting, casting, and holding the rod just right. Well he was mostly right, but he definitely needed to practice what he preached. You see, he baited the hook with a live minnow, cast in the perfect spot, and turned to his bride with a mile wide grin. I think it even impressed

his bride so much, that for one split second she quit thinking about shopping or anywhere else she could be besides there. Well J-Bird was still swolled up with pride in the feat he accomplished, and laid the rod down by his side to reach around to the cooler and grab a drink. This gave just the right amount of time for a fish to take the bait and drag his rod into the lake. J-Bird, at that very instant, lost all pride and gained nothing but embarrassment. But J-Bird is as stubborn as a three legged mule and felt that he could gain some of that pride back by demonstrating to his lovely young bride the proper technique to snag a rod (that is underwater) with an oversized treble hook. With each failed attempt, you could see J-Bird's face get as red as Mee Maw's back while she is cutting grass. Finally, after being amused with this spectacle, I decided I needed to help J-Bird before had to give his bride his wallet for her to go shopping. All I had was this small “kiddie” fishing pole and was lucky enough to snag J-Birds rod on the first try. I was able to drag the rod back to the bank and give it back to J-Bird and he reeled in the 6lb bass that started this fiasco!

I have never told this story to Junior, and I can only imagine what kind of tale he will come up with to top this one. As for J-Bird's lovely young bride, she has renewed her interest in shopping instead of fishing. This is to J-Bird's advantage – last year she was able to shop around enough to find him some fishing rod holders with a lifetime warranty.

Uncle David

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For all our Pet Loving Readers here is the true story of “Little Hooch”

THE ADVENTURE OF LITTLE HOOCH



Little Hooch is a mixed breed dog with some Border Collie. He was one of eight puppies and is light brown with a black and white mask. He also has a curly tail. He belongs to Tom and Bunni Cook who love him very much. They all share a happy home.

In August 2011, however, things weren't quite so happy. Tom and Bunni decided to attend Tom's 45th high school reunion in his Pennsylvania home town. It would be a 12 day stay and they had never left Little Hooch. They made arrangements for Little Hooch with a friend, Pastor Paul Widener of Sunrise Baptist Church, who said he'd be happy to care for their dog while they were away. Pastor Paul lives at state line which is Alabama.

The two owners carried Little Hooch to the sitter's house in their black convertible. Hooch must've known something was up because he kept getting in the driver's seat with Tom. Pastor Paul soon realized that he'd have to take Hooch into his barn so that Tom and his wife could sneak away. Poor Hooch felt abandoned.

Pastor Paul told the owners later that Hooch whined all night. He let him out the next day to run and play but Hooch would not return to the safety of the barn that night. Hooch wandered in a two mile radius for about ten days then just left.

When Tom and Bunni finally returned home, they were devastated. Not knowing what else could be done as they knew Hooch was last seen wearing his dog tag with a registration number on it, Tom conducted a thorough search of Pastor Paul's farm, roadsides and surrounding areas with no luck. He finally gave up after a two month search knowing it would take a miracle to see Little Hooch alive again at this point.

Well, little did they know that Little Hooch was searching for them! After about three months, Hooch came out of some woods and stopped at a very fancy house located close to the Times-Georgian. The family that lived in this house saw the dog and fed him, giving him a special Thanksgiving dinner. They also owned dogs and had children. Eventually they got close enough to read the tag on Hooch and called Carrollton Animal Hospital. When the hospital called to say Little Hooch had been found, Bunni cried.

As Tom drove up to the house to pick up his long lost pet, children were playing in the yard with Little Hooch perched on a hill top. Little Hooch saw the black convertible and when Tom called him by name, Little Hooch jumped on Tom, wrapped his paws around him and started whimpering as if he, too, were crying because he was so happy!

Tom states, “He found us, we didn't find him.” Little Hooch had lost all the hair on his tail, probably due to briars and fences. He had only lost about 6 pounds which means he was getting food somewhere. He is now 12 years old, all his tail hair has grown back and he weighs a whopping 85 lbs! He has gained 25 lbs in the last two years. Tom, Bunni and Little Hooch are grateful to be together again in their happy home!! *To the right: looks like Little Hooch isn't letting Tom leave him again.*





TIME FOR A FEW UPDATES

Big changes for the good of Carroll County veterans started showing up a little less than a year ago, when the Trinka Davis VA Clinic was transformed from an idea into a reality here in Carrollton. In the short time it has been in operation, the Clinic has built a large customer base of veterans who would have otherwise had to travel up to a couple of hours one way to get the assistance needed that is now provided to them locally. There are still times when a trip to Decatur or one of the large hospitals in the VA system might be necessary though. So, how does one get in line to use the Clinic here in Carrollton or get transportation from Carrollton to Decatur for medical assistance?

Veterans of the US military who served honorably have earned certain benefits from their service. Not every veteran is given the same benefits, and some have an expiration date. It is the veteran's responsibility to make the first step in determining his or her eligibility for any offered to them. You can make this first step by ordering a stack of publications from the VA, or surf the internet for hours trying to understand all the information there, or you can check with the experts on a face to face visit. Best Plan for step one, get a copy of your DD-214, or what ever discharge document you have and go to the Trinka Davis VA Clinic. When you walk into the lobby, go to the right side of the front desk area and sign in on the clipboard for the VSO, and have a seat. This is a first come, first served office, so stay close. In a short time, one of our Veterans Service Officers, Fred Daniels or Ted Merriss will call your name and you will be on your way to finding out what you have access to. Both of these guys are veterans themselves, and very qualified professionals who are there to help other veterans get what they are due. Once you are set up for your benefits, if being assigned to Trinka Davis for your medical provider is part of the package, it gets simple. You will be processed in, given a VA card, and from there, you will be given an appointment schedule, or can call or walk in when there is an immediate need to see some of the staff. When you walk into the lobby for either an appointment or as a walk in without an appointment, there will be a volunteer worker on the left to help you. If you have an appointment, this person can help you check in using one of the kiosks there or point you in the right direction for a staff member who can if you are a walk in or have called in. There is also a computer set up inside the lobby that can be used to request a prescription refill online if that is all you need so that you do not have to wait for service from the Pharmacy.

Veterans with special needs, experiencing financial hardship or in need of transportation who reside within a thirty mile radius of Stockbridge, Lawrenceville, Austell, Carrollton or the East Point-Fort McPherson VA based clinics are eligible for transportation. To schedule transportation from your home to and from a VA medical appointment, call 404-728-4190, select option 2 at least 7 days before your appointment is scheduled.

Also, volunteer drivers for the DAV van are being solicited by the DAV Coordinator, Mr. Richard Simpson. If you are interested, an application can be picked up by the volunteer workers in the lobby of the Trinka Davis Clinic. Fill out the form, attach a copy of your driver's license and insurance and then return to the front desk at the Clinic. Your help is desperately needed in getting these veterans to the help they deserve and have earned.

As the Clinic grows, the need for volunteers will also grow. Please support the program, and give back to the veterans. Remember, some of these people were injured while in service fighting to defend our way of life. Help make their quality of life as high as possible.

Dale Robinson, Viet Nam era Veteran and member of American Legion Post 143



“I need help caring for a loved one where do I start?”

Georgia has a statewide number to link you to services in your area. The Georgia's Aging Network number is 1-866-55AGING (24464) and by choosing option #3 you will be connected with your local Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) network. Just by dialing this one number you will have access to over 4 thousand resources available to your loved one. In the Griffin area your ADRC network is through the Southern Crescent Area Agency on Aging. Just by dialing 1-866-55AGING (24464) option #3 you will be connected with a Gateway Specialist (ADRC) screener who will be able to address your loved one's immediate and long term needs. Through the screening process you will be linked to all of the services available to assist in the care for your loved one such as:

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Homemaker Services- light housekeeping duties and home related activities,
Respite Care- temporary in home caregiving to give family a brief rest,
Alzheimer's Respite Program-temporary relief for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's,
Alzheimer's Day Care-short term respite for person's with Alzheimer's disease through specialized adult day care activities and peer based support groups,
Georgia Cares – health insurance information, counseling and assistance for Medicare beneficiaries through your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and through the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) seniors will be empowered to prevent healthcare fraud. Your local Georgia Cares can also be reached by dialing the 1-866-55AGING (24464) and by choosing option #4,
CARENET- Rosalyn Carter Institute caregiver resource group,
Elder Abuse Prevention-community and agency education on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, Ombudsman-licensed ombudsman handles nursing home & personal care home complaints; provides education information and advocacy for long term care issues,
Kinship Care-helping grandparents raising grandchildren through resources and support groups,
Legal services-provides legal assistance, information and counseling,
Senior Community Employment Program- helping seniors 55 and over return to the workforce through a training program,
Georgia Family Support Program- support services to spouses, adult children or partners of individuals with Alzheimer's disease,
Money Follows the Person- transitions a nursing home resident back out in the community,
Care Transitions- helps patients leave the hospital with supportive services for 30 days,
Voucher Transportation-provides voucher to pay an individual to transport seniors, available in the Carrollton, Coweta and Meriwether areas,
Nutrition- education & counseling for seniors in nutrition,
Chronic Disease Self Management Program- 6 week course to benefit persons with any chronic disease,
Senior Center- congregate meal site for senior, recreation and supportive services.

There is a Gateway Specialist (ADRC) and Georgia Cares Counselor standing by to provide information on services available to meet the needs of your loved one. All you need to do is call into the Georgia's Aging network by dialing 1-866-55AGING (24464) and choose option #3 to connect with Southern Crescent Area Agency on Aging; Gateway Specialist (ADRC) or you can choose option #4 to reach your local Georgia Cares counselor.

I Saw Mandy Today

Howard Scarboro

I saw Mandy today. It has been almost three years since I last saw her, and it was emotional. Mandy elicits deep human feelings. Just to recall the time we had with her, and how this wonderful lady seemed to touch our hearts in just the right place, continues to be life changing.

We met Mandy in September 2010 at our parent's home when Dad's health began to decline, rapidly. We were confronted with the daunting reality of our beloved father approaching the last days of his life. Though we know and anticipate the departure of loved ones, there just isn't an easy way to accept it.

Looking back, admittedly partial, I will always say with confidence and conviction that we had a fantastic father. He was a pastor all his life. Pastor, meaning he built relationships with real people, as a Gospel messenger. When mother had a stroke nine years ago, Dad emphatically declared: "I will take care of her!" And he did. His grandchildren have loving memories of their grandfather, too many to mention in this article, as do my sister and I. I've scarcely scratched the surface of great memories, but you see where this is going ... though certainly not perfect, Dad was wonderful.

So, when Mandy entered the equation, she became the next special person in our life, because, she would navigate us through the great loss of a great man.

Mandy is a hospice nurse. And our family will forever say *thanks to a special nurse*.

Just using the word hospice, in the old sense, causes us to think about matters about which we really don't want to think. But in this case, it reduced the pain, and we were blessed. For our experience, we would abbreviate the definition of hospice to: "nursing ... that specializes in caring ...", because, foremost, caring is what we received. And, largely, due to Mandy's loving outreach.

So today, to our delight, we saw Mandy. She was at a local assisted living facility, on the front porch, and it was "pony day." Along with her were her two sons, and her mother. They were there without agenda, just to be there among people they love.

No doubt, God has given her this hospice gift/ministry. Some have the ability to take care of details; some can manage a mess. Few can bless as she did in the middle of one of Life's awful transitions.

So Mandy, this brief tribute is for you. Please again accept our eternal appreciation for your kind care of our father. And, accept the fact, for it is a fact, that you have been given unique abilities, and purpose. Please believe it, and when you see your next patient, make that "person", know that they will superbly be blessed by having gone through the end of life with you by their side. We love you.



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Let me start by introducing myself, my name is Jonah Simonds and I'm the new pastor here at Tallapoosa Assembly of God church located in cozy little Tallapoosa, Georgia. I would like to take just a moment to tell you a little bit about our church. We have a wonderful team of ministry leaders that have a heart for God and are here to serve both you and your family. Our Sunday morning services start at 10:30am and include both children's church for children ages four to twelve and nursery for ages birth to three years. We have Sunday evening services as well that start at 6pm and mid week services on Wednesday nights that start at 7pm. Our mid week services have something for every member of the family including service for the adults, Youth ministry for the teenagers, Stars class for the girls and Royal Rangers for the boys. The second Sunday of the month we have what we like to call Friends and Family Fun Day. This is a time where we gather together after Sunday morning services and have food, fun and fellowship. It gives us opportunity to enjoy good food, build relationships and have some fun! There is plenty of room for the kids to play outside and activities available including volleyball, basketball and even a walking track for both young and old alike! Please consider this as a personal invitation from the pastor to join us for any of our upcoming services this week.

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JONATHAN DOCKERY

The Carrollton Menu started as a dream. At first it was simply a hobby with the first story written about 32 degrees and Dunkin' Donuts. It has taken off since then. The Carrollton Menu received their first ad in 2012 with Barks 'n Bubbles in Bremen. They've been on the web site ever since. The Carrollton Menu is a place for the community. It's a place for the community to interact and discuss what's coming to town and what's closing. It keeps the public informed about new restaurants, new construction around town, and even places that are closed or closing. Any industry that's coming to the area gets talked about. Jonathan tries to get the information first before other news media and he's pretty successful at it.

In the beginning things were completely unorganized with files scattered here and there from the computer, web page and even mobile. Jesse came in and organized everything and helped get The Carrollton Menu started. Jonathan is the only one behind it now. "I am very thankful for Jesse's help throughout his six month commitment with me from January to June." At that time Jonathan was still working a full time job. Jesse was able to help Jonathan get to the point where he could resign his full time job and dedicate his time to The Carrollton Menu fully. He loves doing what he does plus two days a week he does traffic reports for WSB Radio, just for fun.

The Carrollton Menu gets its information from a couple of different sources such as city government and subscriptions to various bidding websites. Jimmy Beck, who has been helping Jonathan since day one, returns calls for Jonathan along with other random tasks he is asked to do. he financial support from advertisers goes directly into Jonathan's salary and to supporting the website. Each business partner with a page on the website has information included such as a picture of their business, some info about their business, their location, and possibly a sale they might be having. The Carrollton Menu web site also includes links to facebook. Sometimes special promotions are added for each business and include a newspaper clipping if they have one. Of course, Jonathan gets permission if the article has already been in the newspaper. The Carrollton Menu will also post any upcoming events. Jonathan states he does his best to cater to everybody.

The Carrollton Menu encompasses a 30 mile radius around Carrollton that covers from Newnan to just before Peachtree City (Sharpsburg). It covers Heard County south of Franklin to LaGrange (central point of LaGrange). To the west it goes towards Roanoke and Wedowee as far to exit 199 at Heflin and sometimes Anniston for something big. It also goes as far north as Dallas and as far east as Thornton Road off I-20. Covering such a large area helps keep more of the public informed about businesses in their particular part of the county and the surrounding areas.

In all The Carrollton Menu has gained roughly about 10,000 followers within a year and a half. It has approximately 9,100 fans on Facebook and about 1,800 plus on Twitter and followers on the web site. There are roughly 2,000 hits per day on the web site with one week in April having an average of 2,096 hits per day, 5,975 views on April 2nd and that's up 121%.

The web site is for Carrollton and the surrounding areas with only positive reports, no bad news or tragedies. PR Publishing Services, LLC believes that The Carrollton Menu and Jonathan Dockery are doing a great job keeping us informed. We appreciate his hard work and dedication to his job. If you haven't checked out the website yet, please do so soon, it is well worth your time. Here is the link: thecarrolltonmenu.com. 'Like' him on Facebook!



Carrollton Teen Theatre presented *Les Miserables* on the first weekend in August. Kathy Waldrop, Director. This epic story recounts the struggle against adversity in 19th century France. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, petty thief Jean Valjean is released from his 19-year term and not only becomes an honest man, but the mayor of a prosperous town and a loving adoptive father - violating his parole in the process. The relentless Inspector Javert, who makes a decent life for Valjean impossible, consequently pursues him. Only years later, after Valjean proves his mettle during a bloody student uprising and saves the life of a young man hopelessly in love with Valjean's adopted daughter, does the ex-convict finally feel fully redeemed. Originally adapted from Victor Hugo's timeless novel, *Les Misérables* introduces a new generation to the grand and inspirational story that has touched the hearts of millions. For, within *Les Misérables* lies the universal truth "To love another person is to see the face of God." Support for this program is provided by Carroll EMC, Target, and the Community Foundation of West Georgia. Order tickets by calling 770-838-1083. *Photos from dress rehearsal on right.*



Bruce Bobick will present a painting workshop for Ages 16-Adult "Practical Color for the Beginning Watercolor, Oil, or Acrylic Painter" on **Saturday, August 10** from 9 am-3 pm (one hour break for lunch) at the Carrollton Cultural Arts Center in Classroom #4. This workshop will deal with color and it's three components: hue, value and intensity. Particular attention will be paid to the principles of intensity and neutrality. No drawing; no composition; only color. This class will help participants understand and use color to create three dimensional depth. Fee: \$50. Min 7, Max 20. Call 770-838-1083 for more information. Materials to bring: Oil, acrylic or watercolor (your preference), blank prepared canvas or watercolor paper. Your brushes and oil or acrylic



The Carrollton Artist Guild presents MeccaFest - October 12 & 13, 2013. Free! For MeccaFest information go to www.meccafest.com

Teen Improv Club - For Teens ages 13-19. The club meets the **second Tuesday** of each month **from August to May**. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in Classroom # 3. Director is Tommy Futch from the "Laughing Matters" Atlanta comedy troupe. This program is similar to TV's "Who's Line Is It Anyway." Fee is \$25 annually. This program is co-sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Carrollton. Register on line at www.cprcad.org or call 770-838-1083. **Begins August 13, 2013** Learn to think funnier, faster and more creatively with Laughing Matters Improvisational Comedy Troupe. The instructor, Tommy Futch, is co-founder and president of *Laughing Matters*, the oldest comedy troupe in the Southeast. In this class, you will learn the main principle of Improv Comedy--to say YES--and you'll learn to explore new avenues, co-create with a scene partner, and keep things positive. So, if you think you're funny, would like to be funny, or aren't funny but like to laugh, sign up now!

Dearly Beloved Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for *Dearly Beloved*, this year’s production by The Power of the Purse, a women’s giving circle sponsored by the Community Foundation of West Georgia. Tickets may be purchased online at townsendcenter.org, by phone at 678-839-4722 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or in person in the lobby of the Townsend Center during office hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour before show times). Prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and active military personnel and \$16 for children. Performances will be at the University of West Georgia’s Townsend Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. on August 22, 23 and 24 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 25. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit Power of the Purse and the organization’s annual grants issued in the community.

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HOWARD SCARBORO – Inside Carroll contributor and local writer

I first met Howard Scarboro at a Senior Expo hosted by Cottage Landing in Carrollton, GA. He approached our display table and we began to talk. He introduced himself and told us he is a member of the Carrollton Creative Writer’s Club. Before long he asked if we would be interested in publishing his stories in this bulletin. I gladly accepted his offer considering it quite an honor to include his writings in our monthly bulletin.



Mr. Howard Scarboro, who is now a contributor to Inside Carroll, has lived in Carrollton for about a year and a half. He has one sister who has lived here since the 1960’s and taught at Central Elementary for 20 plus years. He grew up in Morrow, GA, where his father was pastor at Morrow First Baptist Church. His mother took care of the home fires. After his dad’s passing in 2010 he moved to Carrollton, and his mother now lives in a local assisted living facility.

He obtained a BA from Mercer University in Atlanta after graduating from Jonesboro High School. Mr. Scarboro’s main career was in sales and marketing. He mainly worked with builders as a Realtor. For the last ten years or so he worked for builders in Nashville, TN while also working part time for a golf course as a green’s keeper.

He has several hobbies which are writing, golfing, dancing and working in his yard. Howard loves the smell of fresh cut grass and “whacking that little white ball who-knows-where.” He states that he thinks he is retired but isn’t fully convinced!

He has three grown children, two sons and a daughter. Before moving to Carrollton, Mr. Scarboro also volunteered at church working with preschoolers. He loved being with those “angels” and received a blessing and a lesson from them every Sunday. Now, he assists with his mom, and calls her “a treat and a trouper.”

Howard tells us that it was his sister who prompted him to pursue writing. She so thoroughly enjoyed his birthday cards, and encouraged him to give it a try. His first article, written about Facebook, was read at the Carrollton Creative Writer’s Club in March of last year. It was well received. He has now written about 50 such articles basically focusing on life observations, humor and encouragement.

We are proud to include Mr. Howard Scarboro as a continuing contributor to our monthly Inside Carroll publication and hope you enjoy his humorous observations as much as we do. Thank you for sharing, Howard, as we look forward to our future growth!

Rudene Green, President
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It was the first day of school. As the principal made his rounds, he heard a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushed in and spotted one boy, taller than the others, who seemed to be making the most noise. He seized the lad, dragged him into the hall, and told him to wait there until he was excused. Returning to the classroom, the principal restored order and lectured the class for half an hour about the importance of good behavior. "Now," he said, "are there any questions?" One girl stood up timidly. "Please, sir," she asked, "may we have our teacher back?"

Reverse Stencils

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Your kids will have a blast with this technique. First you press on Con-Tact paper shapes, next you spritz paint all over the shirt, then you rip off the stencils to reveal the finished design.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Plastic bag
- Cardboard cut to fit between the front and back of the shirt
- Light-colored prewashed cotton T-shirt
- Newspaper
- Pencil
- Con-Tact paper
- Scissors
- Spray bottle
- Warm water

1. Wrap the plastic bag around the cardboard and slip it inside the shirt and then lay the shirt face up on the newspaper.

2. Have your child draw various shapes, such as the shark, swirl, zigzag, or flower shown here, on the Con-Tact paper.

3. Cut out the shapes and stick them onto the shirt so that they are firmly attached.



4. In the spray bottle, mix three parts fabric paint to two parts warm water and shake. Now your child can spray the paint onto the fabric all around the cutouts. Advise him that a light spray will produce a striking bubbly effect and is less likely to seep under the stencil. (Another option is to press paint-coated sponges onto the fabric.)

5. Once the paint dries, remove the Con-Tact paper and the cardboard, then heat-set the design and launder the shirt according to the paint manufacturer's directions.

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August, 2013 Bizarre and Unique Holidays Month:

- Admit You're Happy Month
- Family Fun Month
- National Catfish Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- National Golf Month
- Peach Month
- Romance Awareness Month
- Water Quality Month
- National Picnic Month

Weekly Events:

- Week 1 National Simplify your Life Week
- Week 2 National Smile Week
- Week 3 Friendship Week
- Week 4 Be Kind to Humankind Week

August, 2013 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

- 1 National Raspberry Cream Pie Day
- 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 3 National Mustard Day first Saturday
- 3 National Watermelon Day
- 4 Friendship Day - First Sunday in August
- 4 International Forgiveness Day - First Sunday in August
- 4 Sisters Day - First Sunday in August
- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 5 Work Like a Dog Day
- 6 Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8 Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day - now that's nasty!
- 9 Book Lover's Day
- 10 Lazy Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 11 Presidential Joke Day
- 11 Son and Daughter Day
- 12 Middle Child's Day
- 13 Chinese Valentine's Day/Daughter's Day - 7th day of 7th Lunar Month
- 13 Left Hander's Day
- 14 National Creamsicle Day
- 14/15 V-J Day - which date do you mark the end of WWII?

- 15 Relaxation Day - now this one's for me!
- 16 National Tell a Joke Day
- 17 National Thriftshop Day
- 18 Bad Poetry Day
- 19 Aviation Day
- 20 National Radio Day
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 22 Be an Angel Day
- 22 National Tooth Fairy Day - and/or February 28
- 23 Ride the Wind Day
- 24 Vesuvius Day
- 25 Kiss and Make Up Day
- 26 National Dog Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 27 Global Forgiveness Day
- 27 Just Because Day
- 28 Race Your Mouse Day -but we are not sure what kind of "mouse"
- 29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day
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