

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SMOKE SIGNAL

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Happy Independence Day from the staff of the Smoke Signal!

The *Smoke Signal News* Turned 50 in 2018

The *Smoke Signal* Staff has done a little research, and is uncovering some really fun things. We made a trip to the Dekalb History Center in the old historic courthouse in Decatur where the old *Smoke Signal* issues are archived. (Thank you Jan Mahoney and Marty Bryan for all your hard work). Barbara Bruschi found more issues in her house. In the process we decided at last that the REAL start of the *Smoke Signal* began in 1968. I suppose we could have just read the banner across the top of old *Smoke Signals* we found, but we got confused because the *Smoke Signal* was incorporated as a separate entity in 1969 and we couldn't find the first issues of the paper. So...we didn't know the actual month of the first publication.

A few fun things we discovered:

1. What is now known as Smoke Rise was originally called Mountain Shadow. The map, which we will publish in another issue covers an almost identical footprint as the current Smoke Rise.
2. Mountain Shadow, aka Smoke Rise had several bowling and tennis teams: the Chimney Swifts and the Bowling Stones were bowling teams (see page 3 for a picture). The Smoke Rise Blue was a men's doubles tennis team, the Supreme Courts, a ladies tennis team.
3. The current Hodge Podge recipe column has had several authors (and needs another one, we're afraid). It was called Kitchen Korner at one time.
4. The *Smoke Signal* used to have sports editors, social editors and 'editors' that covered all sorts of school and community news.



The *Smoke Signal* has been publishing the paper continuously for 50 years with an all-volunteer staff! It began on a kitchen table-- cut and paste style--before being sent to the printers. Now it is done via email and computer technology, still with an almost all-volunteer staff. It is amazing that we can continue to publish this special community paper each and every month. The number of people, over the years, who have poured their time and effort into bringing you the *Smoke Signal* is astounding! All of these staff, over all of these years should be congratulated for helping to make Smoke Rise a real community.

For the 50-year anniversary, the staff has decided to re-publish old *Smoke Signal News* articles and snippets! Look for them in each issue! The article we will feature today is the ONLY *Smoke Signal News* that came out in color! It was the July 1976 issue commemorating the 200th Birthday of the United States. Look for other snapshots from the past inside this issue. Enjoy!

The City of Tucker and Old Town Tucker Merchants Association will be hosting its very first **Fireworks Spectacular on Main Street on July 3rd**. Before the fireworks display, which begins at 9:30 p.m., there will be live music and giveaways. The fireworks will be launched from the practice field behind Tucker HS and will be easily seen from Main Street. The fireworks event is just one of the monthly events in the *Tkr Summer of Fun* series.



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Time to Get Grillin'!

Joel Gilbert, P.E.

Perhaps there is nothing more popular during the summer months than cooking outside. Most of us started doing this in summer camp, cooking a hot dog on a stick and roasting marshmallows in a camp fire. As we got older, it seemed that gathering branches and twigs gave way to purchasing bags of preformed charcoal, which burns hotter and is certainly more convenient.

The Food Network reports the history of grilling begins shortly after the domestication of fire, some 500,000 years ago. The backyard ritual of grilling as we know it, though, is much more recent. Well into the 1940s, grilling was done mostly at campsites and picnics. After World War II, as the middle class began to move to the suburbs, backyard grilling caught on, becoming all the rage by the 1950s.

If man has been grilling since the Stone Age, he had to wait a good long time before he got his first taste of 'barbecue.' Just how long is a matter of debate, but the word's etymology has been traced to the Spanish word 'barbacoa' and to a similar word used by people in the Caribbean to denote a wooden structure on which they roasted meat. Like so many of the most recognizably "American" of foods, barbecue goes back to 18th-century colonial America, specifically the settlements along the Southeastern seaboard. The direct descendant of that original American barbecue is Eastern Carolina-style pit barbecue, which traditionally starts with the whole hog and, after as many as fourteen hours over coals, culminates in a glorious mess of pulled pork doused with vinegar sauce and eaten on a hamburger bun, with coleslaw on the side.

As the settlers spread westward, regional variations developed, leaving us today with four distinct styles of barbecue. Carolina-style has split into Eastern, Western and South Carolina-style, with variations largely in the sauce: South Carolina uses a mustard sauce; Western Carolina uses a sweeter

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July Calendar of Events

- 3 Main Street Tucker Fireworks Display
7:00 p.m. events, 9:30 p.m. fireworks
- 4 Fourth of July!!
- 5 Every Thursday: Tucker Farmer's Market
4:00-8:00 p.m. BOA Parking Lot
- 12 ART Station: The Bikinis
Thursdays through Sundays through July 29
- 14 Cruise in Main Street Tucker, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 19 Murder at the Luau: Main Street Theater production
4 performances

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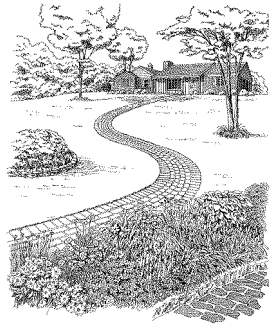
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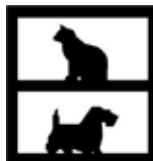
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 Jeremy Colliver, Minister to Families with Youth
 Amanda Coe Burton, Director of Nursery Ministries
 Valerie Coe Lowder, Director of the Weekday School
 Telephone: (770) 469-5856
SmokeRiseBaptist.org

Sundays:
 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Sunday school
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 Communion: Second Sunday of each month
 Wednesdays:
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults
 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir
 Nursery provided

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 Director of Respite Care Program: Helen Wilborn
 Director of Communications: Joy Summerville-Johnson
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Respite Care Center Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday

Sundays:
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - nursery provided
 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 Communion: First Sunday of each month
 Wednesdays:
 5:45 p.m. Join us for dinner! - \$5 per adult
 6:30 p.m. Program
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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 Student Minister: Will Tyler
 Coordinator of Kids Ministry - Jim Barber
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MC3 Church launched on Easter Sunday. Hours are:

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Coffee/ Doughnuts/ Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Life Group Classes - Adults & Children
 10:30 a.m. Worship

First Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Family meal and worship service
 All other Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. -- Life Groups on campus

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Pastor: Dr. Stephen Weisz
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 11:00 a.m. Worship
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Please join us for worship on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.
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 4950 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Mountain West Church

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 Worship Arts Pastor: Gary Robinson
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www.mwchurch.com
 4818 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain
 Service Times: 8:30 a.m. | 10:15 a.m. | 12:00 p.m.

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SRCA Board News
By Michael Heurkamp



The SRCA board met three times since our last comprehensive report to our members at the March 27 annual meeting. Most of our time has been devoted to allocating funds and planning and activating this year's projects.

- Most prominently: the community garden has rebounded robustly thanks to the efforts of Eileen Stone, Lyle Collins and a host of eager and friendly gardeners!
- The board also resuscitated the idea and began exploring the feasibility of developing a pedestrian path along Hugh Howell that would connect Stone Mountain Park to the new school location and continue toward Tucker City Center. If it gains traction, this will be a complicated endeavor involving Smoke Rise, residents along Hugh Howell, and our city.
- Under the leadership of Jenna Greene, we floated the idea to Mayor Auman of stationing sponsored, painted locomotives about town. This distinctive Tucker iconography would be similar to the artistically-embellished cows or pigs distributed around some municipalities or that little burg to the east of us with its scattered pack of bulldogs. This fund-raiser could potentially benefit our parks.

The SRCA and its board extends a special thanks to Pat Soltys and Bill Rosenfeld for recognizing SRCA along with other praise-worthy peer organizations and invested citizens in District 1 at their June 12 town hall meeting. The SRCA also congratulates the *Smoke Signal* staff and their forerunners for 50 years of delivering the news to all of us in Smoke Rise!

THE SMOKE SIGNAL... In Review

Reprinted from the July 1976 Smoke Signal Front Page

For almost a decade the *Smoke Signal* has served the community lying between Tucker and Stone Mountain along Hugh Howell Road. When it was first conceived as a yearly fund-raising project for the Smoke Rise Community Club the newspaper's coverage was limited to that subdivision.

During its first year (1968), however, its far-sighted first editor, Pat McCurdy, saw the need for expansion, realizing that Stone Mountain, Tucker, the industrial park, Gwinnett County and the expressway formed a boundary that confined all the land surrounding Smoke Rise, creating a unique residential area which (as we have witnessed in the ensuing years) would expand into one large community.

After the *Smoke Signal* was incorporated as a separate entity the following year, it conducted a contest to choose a name for this larger community. The name Mountain Shadow was selected. Sybil Reynolds, who had served as Community Club president the previous year, submitted the winning name.

At first "Mountain Shadow" was slow in "catching on," but with the advent of the '70's the big boom in developing was well underway and it seemed new subdivisions were springing up overnight.

A need for a civic club for the larger area became apparent and in 1971 Smoke Signal editor Kaye Mixon, her husband, Del, and others organized the Mountain Shadow Civic Club designed to "promote friendship, cooperation and understanding among all residents of the Mountain Shadow area: to foster civic pride, and to work for the common welfare and betterment of the residents." Lacey Thompson was elected its first president.

Since the Civic Club's formation, the *Smoke Signal* and the Civic Club have worked closely together for the improvement of the Mountain Shadow community.

The community club and the civic club are not the only organizations to which the *Smoke Signal* has lent support during the years. In the past, substantial monies have been contributed to the Boy Scouts, Keystone (a half-way house for juveniles), a summer recreation program at Smoke Rise Elementary School, the Drama Club at Tucker, as well as other worthwhile projects.

For the last several years, due to economic inflation and the expansion of the *Smoke Signal*, the staff has considered its service of informing the public as its foremost civic function. Through the years there has been a turnover in staff—some have moved away—but most of the staff members are still living in the area. These people who have given of their time and talent (without any pay) deserve plaudits for work well done.

Those who served as editors after Pat McCurdy include Tally Sweat, Marty Thyer, Kay Mixon, Margurite Nicholas, Dot Ringold, Joy Streater, Jane Brown and Candi Hall.

Through the cooperation of the entire community—all the civic groups, the churches, schools, and above all, the *Smoke Signal's* advertisers (without whom we could not publish, for their ads provide our total funds) the newspaper each year gets better and better. We don't want to brag, but we are very proud of the fact that we have actually had a waiting list for advertisers in recent years. This has enabled us to add more pages, therefore, have more room for news about the best people in the whole world—the people who live within the mountain's shadow!

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Woman's Club Wins Awards

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Pictured in front, Doris Hoenig; Left to right- Miriam Boone, Art Chairman, Angela Redmond, Nelda Lunsford (Smoke Rise resident), Art Chairman, Brenda Price, Club President





In the Gallery
June 30-August 25

Main Gallery:
Member Juried Artists Exhibition

Trolley Stop Gallery:
Diverging Paths: Works by Dekalb County artists Sharon Dowdell and James Hobby.

In the Theater:

The Bikinis
Thursdays, through Sunday
July 12 to July 29
Thursday through Saturday
performances are at 8:00 p.m.
Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
Special performance Wednesday,
July 25: 10:30 a.m.



The girl group everybody loves is back, with all the sun and fun, and great songs they sang down on the Jersey Boardwalk in 1964, when they won the Belmar Beach Talent Contest in their bikinis. Reminisce and be transported back to a simpler time with favorites like "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," "Under the Boardwalk," "It's Raining Men" and more.

Summer Camps

Summer Arts Camp for Ages 5-13
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Week 5: July 9-13
Week 6: July 16-20

The mission of ART Station Summer Arts Camp is to involve the campers in a variety of artistic activities in the performing, literary, and visual arts, allowing the students to explore their creativity with their peers in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment. This exciting and diverse Arts Camp format offers opportunities for campers to explore and expand their creativity in full day sessions. Activities vary weekly and include painting, drawing, cartooning, puppet making, architecture, collage and pottery. Full-day campers will have an involvement in several disciplines with four classes per day, including creative dramatics, movement, pottery/sculpture and visual arts. Visual arts activities vary from week to week and include painting, drawing, mask making, cartooning, puppet making, architecture, collage and story journal.

Teen Performance Company:
Age 13 and up

Teen Writing Intensive:
Age 13 and up

Week 7: July 23-27
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The ART Station Teen Performance Company provides students with the necessary theatre skills to create a performance in just 5 days. Working with ART Station's new performance company director, Paul Conroy, students will use improvisation and theatre exercises to develop a new play in the ART Station theater.

Tucker Reid-Cofer Library July Programs

Building Blocks
(ages 0-2 years)
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.

Tales for 2s
(ages 2 years)
Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. (except 7-4)

Spanish for Preschoolers
(ages 3-5 years)
Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.(except 7-4)

Eager Readers Book Club (ages 5-6 years)
July 11

Book Buddies Book Club (ages 6-9 years)
July 18

Book Ends Book Club (ages 9-12 years)
July 25

Toy Sleepover
July 13-14

Family Nights @ Tucker (all ages):
Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

July 9:
Reptile Wrangler
July 16:
Magic with Jeff McClure
July 30:
Drumming for Success

Smoke Rise Academy of Art Welcomes New Art Instructor

Caitlin Thigpen attended The School of the Art Institute of Chicago focused on drawing and painting, and graduated from Georgia State University with a BA in studio art.

Fall classes include:

-Beginning Drawing
ages 10 and up, with a focus on value, shading, 3D shapes, and eventually, drawing from life.

-Intermediate Drawing
ages 12 and up, for those who have some knowledge of how to draw and shade (Applicants will need to show examples of previous work to qualify).

-Advanced Drawing - Intermediate Drawing required.
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-Color Theory for Kids
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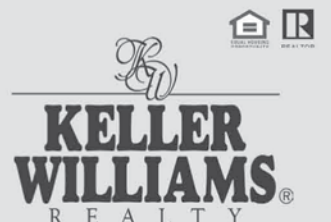
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Thanks in advance for your generous donations.

Call (678) 533-0558 or e-mail srbweekday@smokerisebaptist.org for more information.

**SRAA Summer Arts Camp
July 9 – 13
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The week-long day camp is geared for ages 5 to 12, and offers a variety of arts exploration, including Orff Instruments, Nature's Music, Drum Circles, Ukulele, Dulcimers, Dance, stage, art, explore the pipe organ and its chambers, and more.

For more details on performances, classes and private lessons, visit www.smokerisebaptist.org/arts or call 678-533-0562.

**Pool News Makes a Splash!
July Events**



**Mountain Creek Swim Club
2092 Mountain Creek Court**

For More Information: MountainCreekSwimClub@gmail.com
Website: MountainCreekSwimClub.com.

May 23-September 3 Pool Hours: 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 7 Days a week.
Life Guard on Duty ONLY on Friday-Saturday 1:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.,
Sundays 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Events:

- ◆ Water aerobics: members free/\$5 Guest: Call 678-824-2108 or RSVP to MarshaAshby@yahoo.com
- ◆ Sunday Fun activities: ice cream, root beer floats, contests, games.

**Smoke Rise Bath and Raquet Club
2046 Glacier Drive**

For More Information: srbrc.org or 770-493-9073

May 25 to August 6 Pool Hours: 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
August 6 to September 25 Pool Hours:
Swim at own Risk 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Events:

- ◆ July 4 Bash: Tennis round robin, open grills, hotdogs, fireworks
- ◆ July 22: Low Country Boil

Summit Swim and Tennis Club: 2051 Silver Hill Road

For more information: (419)-506-0559 or info@smokerisesummit.com



May 25- August 5 Pool Hours: (lifeguards begin at 1:00 p.m.)
Sunday – Thursday: 6:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: *6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

August 5-September 9 Pool Hours*:
Monday-Thursdays 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturdays 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

*Lifeguards begin at 1:00 p.m.; Weekends only through Labor Day, then No Lifeguard on Duty after Labor Day.

Events:

- ◆ July 4, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Summer Chill Out Picnic Celebration
- ◆ July 7, 8:30 p.m. Summer Dive-In Family Movie Night
- ◆ July 21: 7:00-9:00 p.m.- Summer Family Trivia Night

**Smoke Rise Country Club: Golf, Tennis and Pool and Social:
4900 Chedworth Drive**

For More Information: 770-908-2582

Memorial Day to Labor Day Pool Hours:
Tuesday through Sunday: 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Café Closes at 6:00 p.m.



Events:

- ◆ Friday and Sunday evening cook-outs
- ◆ July 4 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. - DJ and Cookout Buffet

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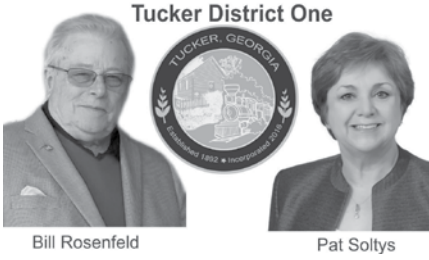
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**District One Town Hall
a Success!** by Rene` Boven

Mr. Bill Rosenfeld and Mrs. Pat Soltys, Tucker City Council representatives for District One, hosted a Town Hall for District One on Wednesday, June 13 at the Smoke Rise Baptist Church. There were close to 100 community members in attendance.



The meeting showcased all of the volunteer groups who live in our community! It also gave information about many topics including Parks & Recreation and upcoming street repairs, and even provided time for a lively Question & Answer session.

Pat started the meeting off by saying that "Tucker Is on Fire!" She was referring to how our community has so much to offer in terms of great people, strong volunteerism, generosity and so many things to do. In the last 27 months people have given their time, talents and resources to launch our city and enrich our community. Pat recognized many of these groups and individuals including the staff of *The Smoke Signal*, the four area garden clubs, the Smoke Rise Community Association, the Community Garden, and many more.

Did you know that the *Smoke Signal News* is produced and delivered to 2,200 area driveways by a mostly volunteer staff? This is the 50th year of continuous publication! More news about that anniversary will be published in the forthcoming months. Special thanks were given to the advertisers for supporting *The Smoke Signal*, and for providing the funds to publish this community paper.

The four area garden clubs: The Mountain Mums, The Smoke Rise Morning Glories, The Mountain Shadow, and the Smoke Rise Garden Clubs offer a variety of opportunities to learn about 'all things gardening'. They also serve the community through projects like Walk to Remember, maintenance of several chimney landscapes, the Rosser Road chimney and the Hugh Howell Triangle, the Blue Star Marker and Garden projects with the Smoke Rise Elementary School. Membership is open and meetings are held each month – three during the day and one in the evening.



Contact information can be found in *The Smoke Signal*.

The Smoke Rise Community Association (SRCA) is an all-volunteer organization that maintains the areas chimney subdivision markers, hosts many community events, advocates for and provides information to the community. This year's shredding

event by the SRCA was a huge success. It was so successful that the trucks were filled up before the event had finished and vouchers had to be given out for shredding at a later date/another location.

The Community Garden is a SRCA project. The garden is located on land that was going to be sold but was bought by an 'angel donor' so that it would remain a community garden. Plots are available to rent for the year. Some of the plots' harvests are donated to area food banks/co-ops. This community not only takes care of itself but it also takes care of others!

A community clean-up day was recently held for Peters Park – a community park located off of Clark Drive, behind the Sam's on Mountain Industrial Drive. This area of homes and the park has been around since 1935. Over 75 members of the Tucker community came out on May 19 and volunteered to help with the project. Cameras have been installed for safety and police are patrolling the area. Linda Clark, a longtime resident of this community –who lives on the street that bears her family's name, spearheaded this project. Her efforts have paid off! It is this sort of Tucker pride and spirit that is a win for our neighborhoods.

GRADUATE

GRAYCE ROBINSON

Joanne and Ted Robinson of the Summit are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Grayce, from Chamblee Charter High School on May 21, 2018. Grayce attended Smoke Rise Elementary before entering the Magnet program at Chamblee. She has been a Smoke Rise Shark since she was three years old.



For the past two years she has participated in dual enrollment at Georgia State University. At Chamblee, Grayce was inducted into the National Honor Society, and was a member of both the cross country and swim teams. Grayce was recently named a National Merit Scholar. She will be attending the University of Georgia and plans to major in biomedical engineering.

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Dekalb History Center is Now Open on Saturday!

The DeKalb History Center announces that it will now open on Saturday's so that more locals and tourists are able to come in and enjoy the rich history of DeKalb County. Beginning July 14, the DeKalb History Center will be open to the public on Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Now visitors will be able to stop in and visit our free exhibits six days a week! We currently have four uniquely interesting exhibits on display:


Reclaimed by Nature: The Historic Davidson Quarries of Arabia Mountain.
 Photo gallery by Virginie Drujon-Kippelen.

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More information about the DeKalb History Center exhibits, events, and programs can be found online at www.dekalbhistory.org.



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Troop 876 News

In June, Boy Scout Troop 876 went tubing behind a boat at Lake Sinclair, but the boat was moving very fast! The scouts were thrown from the tube into the water. The temperature of the water was not cool, it was warm, so it wasn't very refreshing. There was also a big storm on Saturday evening and it rained heavily for 3 hours! But luckily we had already gotten all of our tubing in before the storm happened. Overall, the scouts had a great time and can't wait to go tubing again!



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vinegar-and-tomato sauce.

Success with barbecuing at home generally depends upon the "brine" you soak the meat in and/or the "rub" you use to season the meat. Opinions about these vary widely. But, the key to really great grilling is "low and slow" ... cook the meat at temperatures lower than about 275 and therefore for long periods of time ... perhaps even days. This is not easy to do with conventional charcoal grills, so the serious grillers choose slow cooking electric devices or wood fired cookers that control temperatures well.

Here in Atlanta, we have two great companies building some of the best outdoor cooking devices you will ever use: The Big Green Egg and Primo Grills. I prefer a Primo because it is oblong making it easier to build into your cabinetry. Both do a great job if you follow the instructions, and both have fabulous recipes for grilling on their websites.

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Stone Mountain and Tucker Rotary Clubs

The Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain each hosted significant events in the month of May, marking two different holidays.

The Rotary Club of Tucker sponsored a booth at the Annual Tucker Day in May, which is held each year the Saturday before Mother's Day. The central display of the club booth was the Rotary open-wheel race car brought in by Rotary District Governor Elect (DGE) Court Dowis. Adults and kids alike were attracted to the booth by the car, and RCT members took the opportunity to talk to them about Rotary programs.

Later in May, RCSM and Park Springs Retirement Community hosted the Annual "Salute to Veterans" Luncheon at the community's clubhouse. All

branches of the military were represented, with members from the club and from Park Springs residents. A VFW Color Guard opened the luncheon with a presentation of the American Flag, and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. While lunch was being served, a guest pianist played the theme songs from each of the services, encouraging a crowd sing-along.



Rotary Club of Tucker President Ed Warner (left) poses with District Governor Alec Smythe in the Rotary Race Car.



Three Smoke Rise military veterans posed with Freedman (second from left) after the lunch – President-Elect Scott McEvoy (far left - Air Force), Past President and Former District Governor Al Lipphardt (second from right - Army) and Past President Harry Strack (far right - Navy).

The guest speaker was 96-year-old Hank Freedman, who talked about his experiences as a 22-year-old machine gunner captured in 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle in U.S. military history. Hank's division suffered 50 percent casualties, and the 25 survivors, including Hank, were captured by the German army and sent to a Nazi POW camp in Blicalf, where they served 98 days before being liberated in March 1945. The meeting wrapped with a demonstration by the Color Guard of the proper folding of a flag for presentation; this one was given to Freedman.

The Stone Mountain Club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch in the fellowship hall of Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church; the Tucker Club meets the second and fourth Thursday at The Magnolia Room in Tucker. Visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend as a guest of either club. To learn more about

the clubs and their upcoming programs, go to stonemountainrotary.org or tuckerrotary.org, or follow the clubs on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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Smoke Rise Country Club Ladies Tennis Team Wins Big!

Congratulations to the Smoke Rise Country Club Sunday Women's ALTA Team they won city finals at the B-6 level. The victory was an ultimate team effort. The ladies will be moving up to B-3.



The city finals came down to the final match with the line 5 winning in the third set to take home the dinner plates. Congratulations to the entire team: Carolyn Carl, Allison Coulter, Liz Davenport, Kim Diamond, Dawn Duffie, Patty Geltz, Debbie Granger, Edwina Hairston, Becca Hales, Beth Kellerman, Gidget Kettle, Stacey Jacen, Gail Mooney, Kate Moore, Deborah Citron, Anjela Davis, Kathy Stephens, Mary Lou Still, Melissa Vick, Carol Wales, Nicky White, and Karen Wood.

Smoke Rise Community Garden Update

Summer crops have been planted at the Smoke Rise Community Garden and have been flourishing with June rains-almost to the point that gardeners are having trouble staying ahead of the weeds! The rains have hindered the completion of the final food pantry beds as well as a few finishing touches on the garden. Spreading mulch is still on the "to do" list but it's grown rather hot and humid for that job! It is easier to weave the lawn mower over the grass at this point. We are considering this a "soft" opening even though currently there are 23 planted/rented beds.

It is NOT too late to rent a bed and get in that summer crop-Atlanta is known to grow tomatoes well into October! If interested, please contact Eileen Stone at 404-583-3091 or at srgarden@smokerise.org.

Walkout Photo Wins Tucker Day Contest

Tucker Civic Association's first Tucker Day Photo Exhibit and Contest drew entries from 24 talented photographers, with photographs reflecting their take on the theme "Inside Tucker."

Ian Nuhfer - 1st Place: "I captured this photo during the Tucker High School walkout, where hundreds of young adults used their voice to stand up for what they believed in". Ian is a 16-year-old student at Tucker High school.



Tucker Day Photo Exhibit & Contest Winners:
 1st Place \$50 - Ian Nuhfer
 2nd Place \$30 - Webb Sanders
 3rd Place \$20 - Mark Nuhfer
 Honorable Mention - Kevin Smith

Woman's Club Supports Clinic

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club welcomed Carole Fortenberry as the guest speaker for a general meeting. Carole, the former Creative Director of Physician's Care Clinic, was presented with a \$500 donation to support this organization that helps many DeKalb County residents by providing low cost health care. Physicians, nurses and pharmacists volunteer their time treating patients.



Pictured Left to right--Linda Smith (Smoke Rise resident), Mrs. Fortenberry, Barbara Curzon

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

Smoke Rise has a Liaison to Local Government

Do you need to report a pothole, damaged crosswalk, litter, or a traffic issue? Now there's a convenient way to get the ball rolling on those kinds of issues—and many others--by starting with the city of Tucker's "Citizen Responder." What is a Citizen Responder? A citizen responder is a sort of 'help desk' or resource for the community who will find the answers you need about community government services and procedures. If you don't know where to start – Camille Taylor should be your first contact.

Camille Taylor began her role as Tucker's Citizen Responder in April. She fills a unique position that you won't find in many local governments. As a Citizen Responder, Camille fights for residents' interests and gets results.



"I love the thought of contributing to the betterment of the City that I live in," said the mother and expectant grandmother who originally hails from New York.

Camille has lived in Tucker for four years. Her background is in Code Enforcement – most recently in the City of Norcross. As Tucker's Citizen Responder, Camille's responsibilities include:

- Addressing citizen questions and complaints that come in via email, phone and walk-ins.
- Working with DeKalb County, GDOT and utilities to resolve issues for Tucker residents and business owners.
- Coordinating with Code Enforcement officers on incoming complaints.
- Greeting and assisting people as they enter City Hall.

"When we had the water main break on LaVista Road in May, Camille knew all the right people to contact to help the homeowners who were impacted. She's a Tucker resident working for Tucker residents: how great is that?" said Matt Holmes, City of Tucker Communications Director.

So remember, when you have a question about Tucker, Camille Taylor is your link! Simply walk into Tucker City Hall at 4119 Adrian Street and ask for Camille at the front desk – or reach her via email or phone:

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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

How Hot Are You? Heat Related Illness

Summer time in Georgia is just hot! And it's humid. These are two good reasons to pay attention to your body if you plan to go outdoors to exercise, garden or mow the lawn. Today's topic is Heat Related Illness. This covers a spectrum of conditions caused by overheating. If you are elderly or deal with a chronic illness, pay close attention to this information – you are at higher risk of developing one of these conditions.

Heat Cramps: One of the first signs that you may be getting in trouble in the heat is muscle cramping and/or feeling faint. If you are exercising during hot weather and you experience profuse sweating, muscle cramps, spasms or pain, you should stop and go to a cool place and rest. Drink fluids and wait for the cramps to subside. If they do not go away within an hour, switch to a sports drink and consider notifying your health practitioner for advice.

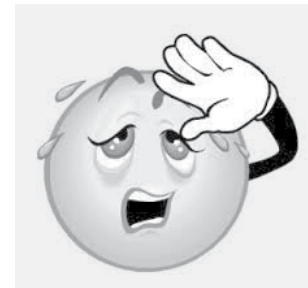
Heat Exhaustion can follow heat cramps if you continue to work in the heat. You may sweat heavily, but have a cool and clammy feel to your skin. You may notice a rapid pulse and feel faint and weak. Many people feel queasy or vomit. Muscle cramps and spasms are common and won't go away. If these symptoms occur, move indoors to air conditioning. Take your clothes off and take a cool bath (not a shower, as you could faint). Or you can undress and put cool washcloths or cool packs on your body as you rest. Get medical help if you get worse or do not improve in an hour. If you feel better, stay out of the sun for the rest of the day and stay well hydrated.

Heat Stroke is a medical emergency! This is the most severe form of heat related illness and can lead to death. In fact, more than 600 deaths a year in the U.S. are due to heat stroke. In this situation, the body's heat regulating mechanism fails. A person's body temperature can reach or exceed 105 degrees! The skin will look flushed and feel hot, and dry or slightly damp (not sweaty). Their pulse will be rapid and weak and they may feel dizzy and nauseated. Headache, mental confusion and sometimes loss of consciousness can occur. If you see someone with these symptoms, call 911 and move the person indoors or to a cool place immediately. Use cool washcloths or ice in a plastic bag to cool the person down while you wait for the ambulance to arrive. People most at risk for heat stroke include infants and children, the elderly, those with heart or kidney disease or other chronic illnesses, those who are medically fragile, and those who take diuretics, beta blockers or use alcohol.

This reminds me to remind you again: THE INSIDE OF A CAR HEATS UP RAPIDLY. Even when the outside temperature is in the 70's, the inside of the car can heat up to 120 degrees—even if the windows are cracked slightly. Most children who are left in the car are left there because the parent or caretaker has forgotten them. PLEASE! If you are responsible for taking or picking up a child, or an elderly or disabled person, check the car before you exit.

Leave yourself some reminder.... a phone reminder or purse or wallet in the back seat. If you are a bus driver, do a walk through row check before you exit-- a child could be sleeping in the seat.

Use good judgment as you enjoy the outdoors. Stay hydrated, pay attention to your body and be on the alert for those who are most vulnerable to our Georgia heat and humidity.



Remember to Keep Your Hands on The Wheel!
 The new Georgia "Hands Free Law" goes into effect July 1.

The Smoke Signal's June, 2018 edition featured an article on the law in its News You Can Use column. You can re-read it online at Smokesignalnews.com.

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Snake Problem? No Problem!

By Constance Schneider

Having a backyard pool is nice and refreshing, especially when it's hot outside. Finding a snake swimming beside you is not so refreshing. My friend recently told me that she found three snakes in her pool that week. When I asked how she dealt with them, she proudly stated that she smashed them with a rock after she caught them with a pool net.

Summer is the time of year where many people like to revisit the outdoor areas around their house. After many months of neglect, tables and chairs are cleaned, lawns are mowed, and weeds are pulled from the backyards of citizens all around Smoke Rise. One common problem with enjoying the outdoor season is that other creatures also enjoy sharing your yard-space. Don't avoid spending time in your outdoor property this summer. Learn how to expertly handle these surprising confrontations.

How should you react when you come upon a snake in your backyard? Snakes will not strike unless they are given a reason. Most snakes, when left unprovoked, will simply slither away to their home. So the first thought that should run through your mind is: "Is it worth picking a fight with this snake?"

Among the 46 different types of snakes in Georgia, only six are poisonous. So chances are, the snake you see is non-venomous. They are: the Copperhead, the canebrake or Timber rattlesnake, the Eastern coral snake, Eastern diamondback rattlesnake, Pigmy rattlesnake and the Cottonmouth water moccasin. Google "poisonous snakes in Georgia" for a great gallery of pictures posted by the *AJC*.

A good way to avoid confrontation with a snake is to find ways to snake-proof your yard. If you have a pest or rodent problem in or around your house, call an exterminator or pest control to solve it. Snakes are much more likely to appear around houses that have pest issues, since their diet consists mainly of small rodents. Another tip for your backyard is to clear out the ivy and piles of rocks, brush, and firewood. Snakes tend to seek shelter around these areas, which means the next time you have a family cookout, keep the kids away from these areas.

If you have problems with snakes visiting inside your home, you may want to set up a glue trap in an area that is out of the way of children and pets. The glue on these traps ensnares a snake, or pet if you're not careful, and holds them there until you can call animal control. If the snake is nonvenomous, you can set it free yourself by moving it outdoors and spraying PAM oil onto the snake. The oil will loosen the glue and the snake will slither away.

Summer is the time of year to enjoy the outdoors, but remember, snakes enjoy a nice sunny day as well!

Morning Glories Garden Club and The Blue Star Marker

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. sponsors Blue Star Markers all over the state of Georgia in cooperation with garden club districts, local garden clubs and other organizations. In 2007 Smoke Rise Garden Club, Mountain Mums Garden Club and Smoke Rise Morning Glories raised funds to purchase and install the Blue Star Marker at Smoke Rise Elementary School. The marker honors all men and women who have served and continue to serve in the Nation's military.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year, a permanent wreath is placed before the marker to honor our veterans.

This April a group of Morning Glories led by Chairman Gloria Cooke planted annuals in a very patriotic scheme at the school's entrance. Later in the month, Gloria, a former teacher at Smoke Rise Elementary asked the STEM teacher to select some students to help plant additional flowers in front of the Blue Star Marker. Member and DeKalb Master Gardener Kim Fair and Gloria were delighted to have students join them in the fun. The students designed the planting scheme by the marker and also by the stone bench using a variety of red, white and blue plants that reflect the patriotic theme. The students enjoyed the chance to show off their skills and honor our veterans.

Our club continues to honor veterans in our community by participating in an on-going garden therapy project at the Northlake Veterans Administration Clinical Annex. In the spring of 2017, the DeKalb Federation was contacted by this office and requested that we provide the opportunity for veterans to refresh and plant seasonal plantings twice a year. With other clubs in the DeKalb Federation, we have provided plants, new soil, and fertilizer for one dozen planters at this location. The veterans planted the containers as a part of their participation in the program that assists veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome or PTSD. This June the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs was honored with a special commendation certificate at a graduation ceremony for the veterans who had participated in an 18 month long rehabilitation program sponsored by the Veterans Administration. Federation Garden Therapy Chairman Joanne Bennett and club member Quill Duncan attended the ceremony and greeted the many veterans who planted the cheerful displays of annuals and perennials in the containers. We will continue to participate in this project with the blessing of the Veterans Administration who reached out to the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs in 2017.

**Teach 'em to Fish**

By Joel Gilbert, P.E.

Simple pleasures... sitting on a dock or the bank of a stream or pond... watching a red and white float for signs that a fish is nibbling. Not exactly the picture that modern marketers of outdoor gear want you to think about. Nope, they want to show you 60 mph bass boats loaded with fish-finding electronics and the latest in fishing rod and reel technology and fisherman using "miracle lures" that seem to compel fish to jump onto that lure and into the boat. Nice if you can afford all this... but far from necessary.

One of the most telling events in my life was when I was sitting in my little rowboat in the middle of a small lake attempting to catch crappie in the spring, and I saw two young boys with cane poles coming down to the shoreline and throwing what appeared to be a ball of white feathers as a lure into the water. Then, within seconds, they would flip a crappie onto the shore, just like those movies of commercial tuna fisherman.

This went on for about a half hour. They each caught about to 20 crappies, so I could not stand it any longer - since I hadn't caught one. I rowed over to them to see how they were doing this with their simple cane poles. Sure enough, the "lure" they were using was a small hook with some white marabou feather tied into a clump, perfectly imitating what the crappie were feeding on.

I rowed home and tied up something similar, rowed back to that spot, and indeed caught fish like they did. That day taught me a key lesson. You need to know where the fish are and when and what they eat. Or, as fly fishermen will tell you, "match the hatch," imitate what the fish are eating at that time of day or season of the year. Ironically, today, a simple cane pole, small float and hook and some worms will do the trick in our local ponds and lakes. You can sit on the shore or find a dock and fish it in the shallow waters near shore and catch bream, bass, catfish, crappie, etc. You don't need all that fancy equipment, but you do need to know something about fishing.

For starters, cane poles are hard to find, so just buy an inexpensive rod and reel at a sporting goods store or online. Keep it simple. You can study the behaviors of the fish you want to catch and scout the location of the most productive water online. That preparation will increase the odds of some success and that it results in stories and memories that last a lifetime.

Oh, I forgot to mention the most important thing. Do this first when your children are small, say 4-6, and they will ask you to go fishing with them for the rest of their childhood. Simple pleasures are often the most meaningful.



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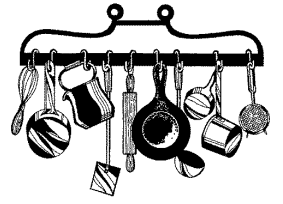
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from the *Smoke Signal* staff

In the heat of summer, nothing sounds better than fruit! The staff of the Smoke Signal News decided to share with you several of their fruit dessert recipes. Any of these can be transported to a picnic or used as a light finish to a healthy summer dinner.

From Joyce Ray:

These two recipes use the same fruit glaze for simple and spectacular summer desserts:

Fresh Peach Pie

Crust:

1 cup Bisquick or other baking mix
3 T. Powdered Sugar
3 T. butter
3 T. Ice water.

Cut butter into baking mix and powdered sugar. Add ice water 1 T. at a time until it forms a soft dough. Press into a deep dish buttered pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees until light brown. Cool.

Filling:

3 cups sliced fresh peaches
Add peaches to cooked pie shell when cooled.

*Glaze:

1 cup granulated sugar
3 T. Corn Starch
3 T. peach flavored gelatin

Mix together and add one cup water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and becomes clear. Pour over sliced peaches. Chill. Serve with whipped cream.

Fruit Pizza

This dessert gives you the chance to use your creativity when cutting the fruit and arrange it in your own chosen design. Use Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, fresh pineapple, peaches, mango, kiwi or any other favorite fruit other than melon.

Crust:

1 package (8 oz) cut and bake sugar cookie dough. Press dough onto a 12 inch pizza pan that has been lined with greased parchment paper (cut to fit) or generously grease pan if not using parchment. Bake as directed until dough is golden brown. If you desire a thicker crust, use 1 ½ pkgs of dough. Cool.

Filling:

One (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
¼ cup granulated sugar
½ tsp vanilla

Mix all ingredients in electric mixer until smooth. Spread on cooled cookie crust.

Arrange fruit in your own design on top of filling. Spoon over the fruit glaze above. It is best if the glaze is not too thick. If you prefer, you can paint it on with a pastry brush. Chill. Cut in pizza wedges and top with whipped cream.

*Note: Any fruit flavor of gelatin can be used for the pizza glaze. The same pie recipe makes a delicious strawberry pie!

From Pat Soltys:

Fruit Casserole

(This makes two casseroles.)

1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
2 pkgs Jello, no-bake cheesecake filling
½ c. Apricot or apple jelly
1 Tbsp Grand Mariner, Kirsch or no pulp fruit juice
Assorted fruits: sliced kiwi, peaches, plums strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries... any fruit works.

Cut puff pastry sheet in half on a floured pastry board. Line two glass pans with sheet halves. Bake until golden according to package and then cool. Prepare the no-bake cheesecake filling with milk. Discard or save crust ingredients for another use. Spread cheesecake over puff pastry. Arrange fruit over filling. Be creative!

Heat jelly and liqueur or juice in a pan on the stove, stirring until syrupy. Cool slightly. Pour over fruit casserole and refrigerate at least two hours.

If these desserts are too calorie dense: try freezing mango and pineapple chunks on kebob sticks and drizzling them with white chocolate for a refreshing dessert kebob that is super low cal!