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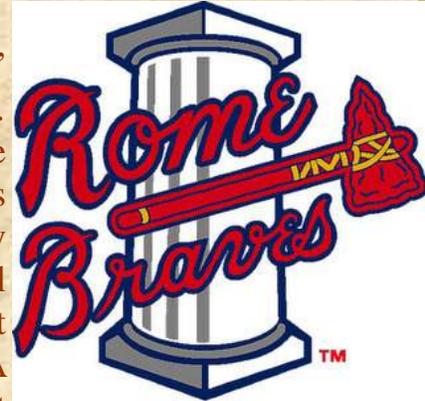
Summer Promises Food & Fun at Chieftains



Look for fun programs and events at the museum this summer!

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home is partnering with the Rome Braves to bring the Rome/Floyd County community a free day of family fun on Saturday, July 23rd.

The museum will host a “Family Free Day” from 11am until 4pm on Saturday, July 23rd. Visitors will receive free admission to the museum. In addition, for each child who visits the museum and completes the Family Scavenger Hunt, the Rome Braves will provide two free tickets to the game that night against the West Virginia Power, the Single-A team for the Pittsburgh Pirates, with the first pitch thrown at 6pm. Tickets to the game include a post game concert by “Appetite for Destruction,” a Guns n Roses cover band.



The “Family Free Day” will take place from 11am until 4pm at Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home located at 501 Riverside Parkway in Rome. The Rome Braves game against the West Virginia Power begins at 6pm at State Mutual Stadium located at 755 Braves Boulevard.



It’s also time again for an evening of food and fun at the annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque event scheduled for Thursday, August 4th at the Rome Civic Center.

Doors open for the event at 6pm, which features an open bar and an all-you-can-eat buffet of low country boil and barbeque provided by Two Can Do Catering served at 7:15pm.

Attendees will be able to choose from a variety of silent and live auction items. In addition, beautifully potted plant centerpieces will be available for sale again this year.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for individuals, with tables for 8 available at \$600, and tables for 10 available at \$750. Portions of each ticket sale are tax-deductible. The Low Country Boil & Barbeque is sponsored by the Friends of Chieftains Museum with all proceeds benefiting the museum.

For more information about these events, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494 or visit our website at www.chieftainmuseum.org.

CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM / MAJOR RIDGE HOME

THE RIDGE REPORT

Eagle Scout Project Helps Protect Archaeological Site

Take a look on the museum campus and you will see a newly constructed fence around the site of the former trading post from the Ridge farm.

Designed by Landscape Committee members Jerry & Mary Sterling, the new fence was constructed as an Eagle Scout project by local Scout and recent high school graduate Joseph McDaniel. McDaniel was assisted by his brother, parents, and other Boy Scouts from local Boy Scout Troop 113 to complete the fence, which involved measuring, cutting and setting fence posts, drilling holes in the posts, and threading rope through the posts to create a fence to protect this archaeological site.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 113 work on the new fence

The trading post on the Ridge farm was operated by George Lavender and created a third source of revenue for Major Ridge after his crops and ferry operation. The trading post area was the location of archaeological digs on the museum campus in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Museum Serves as a Stop in History for Paddle Georgia 2016

Chieftains Museum was proud to be a recreational stop for visitors in kayaks and canoes participating in the Paddle Georgia 2016 event on June 24th.



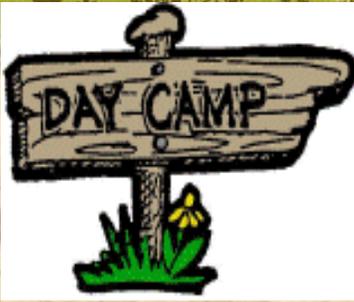
This 7-day, 103 mile journey along the Conasauga and Oostanaula Rivers began on June 18th, ending in Rome on the 24th with a fish fry and celebration in Heritage Park. Paddle Georgia is an annual event sponsored by the Georgia River Network, an organization dedicated to helping everyone enjoy, connect with and advocate for economically vital and clean flowing rivers. This year's event attracted 350 participants to experience Georgia rivers.

The museum was chosen as a stop along the route by the Coosa River Basin Initiative in Rome as a way to showcase both the beauty of the Oostanaula River and the history of our community. Participants in the paddle that visited the museum received free admission as part of their river journey.

We would like to say thank you to CRBI and the Georgia River Network for featuring Chieftains in their event this year!



Fourth Graders Explore History at Chieftains Summer Camp



Students from Rome and Floyd County learned more about the history of our community at the History Explorers Camp in June.

Three local museums worked together to give area students a chance to explore local history with a free summer camp from June 20-22nd. Partnering with the Rome Area History Museum and the Oak Hill & Martha Berry Museum, Chieftains Museum/ Major Ridge Home began the camp with an exploration of the

Ridge home and Cherokee history. Participants took a tour of the Major Ridge Demonstration garden and learned about Cherokee agriculture before planting their own nasturtium to take home. Inside the museum, our explorers discovered the origins of the Cherokee syllabary and the printing techniques used by Elias Boudinot to create the *Cherokee Phoenix* newspaper before stenciling their names in Cherokee on a scarf. The final activity at Chieftains involved creating individual pinch pots out of clay as students examined pottery in the museum and learned about Cherokee pottery decoration.



Artist and volunteer Elizabeth Barron instructs campers in making pottery at Chieftains

The second day of the camp provided the explorers with a chance to tour the rivers aboard the Roman Holiday and take a walking tour of downtown Rome with the Rome Area History Museum. The final day of the camp took students to the Oak Hill & Martha Berry Museum where they saw the personal side of Martha Berry by touring her childhood home, visiting the original log cabin where Miss Berry began her first school, and dressing in period costumes to present what they had learned.



A pre-test and post-test of the same questions about Cherokee history the day of the Chieftains camp showed that while only 10% of the students could provide correct answers at the beginning of the day, by the end of the day 70% of students could correctly answer all questions about the history of the house and the Cherokees. The camp was well received by parents and fourth graders alike, with one student commenting on their evaluation that they would definitely visit the museum again because, “it was awesome!”



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Collections Corner

Canvas Copy of Frank Murphy Painting



This painting was created by local artist Frank Murphy and is the only canvas copy of the original painting that prominently hangs in The Griffin, a commercial and residential development located on Broad Street in downtown Rome.

Greg Sumner, owner of The Griffin, donated the painting to the museum in June. The painting depicts Major Ridge standing behind the five founders of Rome: Colonel Daniel Mitchell, Major Philip Hemphill, Judge John H. Lumpkin, Colonel Zachariah B. Hargrove, and Colonel William Smith.

The painting has found a permanent home on display in the museum. Visit us Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00am-5:00pm to view this wonderful piece of artwork!

Upcoming Events

July 23rd:

Family Free Day with the Rome Braves

August 4th:

Low Country Boil & Barbeque

September 24th:

Museum Day Live! Sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine