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A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day



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UCDD PARTNERS WITH BULL AND THISTLE TO HOST GAINESBORO BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES

Beginning July 30, the Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) will partner with the Bull and Thistle restaurant to host the Gainesboro Bicentennial (Plus Two) Lecture Series on Saturday mornings. Historians and other experts will present on subjects related to Gainesboro and Jackson County history. Attendees should arrive at the Bull and Thistle at 9:45 a.m. and the lectures will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Each presentation will last 30-40 minutes with a question and answer session afterwards. Admission is free.

Confirmed lecture subjects include:

- Caves and Waterfalls in Jackson County; July 30, Chuck Sutherland

- Sons of the Cumberland: The Early Years of Cordell Hull and John Gore; Aug. 13, Mark Dudney
- The Avery Trace and Fort Blount; Aug. 20, Paul Hoffman and Ben Nance
- Prehistory and Native Americans in Jackson County; Aug. 27, Dr. Troy Smith and Dr. Randal Williams
- The Civil War in Gainesboro and Jackson County; date TBD, Dr. Kent Dollar
- The Flynn Creek Impact Crater; date TBD, Dr. Larry Knox

For updates about scheduled lectures, please follow the Gainesboro Bicentennial 1820-2020 Facebook page. For more information, contact Mark Dudney, UCDD Historic Preservation Planner, at 931-476-4152 or at mdudney@ucdd.org.

VAN BUREN, WHITE COUNTIES HOLD SUMMER STRATEGY SESSIONS THIS WEEK



UCHRA, PARTNERS HELP SINGLE MOTHER, CHILDREN

I am a single mother of four children. I am so blessed to be the mother of three daughters and a son, but life didn't go the way I expected it to. I found myself divorced, working a low paying job, and stressed out. I went to church on Sundays just praying life would turn around for my family. I decided to try the UCHRA office for assistance and that's when I found out about Balinda and the TEAM program. I met Balinda and she was so welcoming, caring, and helped me feel loved. Balinda worked with the whole family and got my girls into Imagine Foundry's summer workshop where they love it and Dr. Jessa. My oldest daughter is now a junior helper for Dr. Jessa and receives gift cards for her work. My son is attending daycare with the help of Smart Steps and with the TEAM program I was at a loss and scared of losing everything and now with Balinda and Dr. Jessa things have changed for my family. My children enjoy learning at the Imagine Foundry and can't wait to go while I am starting a new full-time job and can see a better future for my family. Thank you, TEAM program, Imagine Foundry, and staff, for caring as much as you did when I thought I was all alone.

Mistie Johnson



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.

OUR VISION

A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.

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