

Hospitals the focus of next Roundtable talk

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The April meeting of the Dalton Civil War Roundtable will be Thursday at the Hamilton House at 701 Chattanooga Avenue. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

The program will be presented by Patsy Harris from Madison and is titled "The Confederate Hospitals of Madison, Georgia."

Harris was born on the North Carolina coast and lived in Florida, where she was a registered nurse and earned a degree in anthropology, before moving to Madison in 1994. In Madison she began working with local archivists on archeological projects and developed a tremendous love and respect for the deep history of Morgan County.

Since 2000 she has published five books centered on Morgan County's records to make its rich history accessible to historians, genealogists and to individuals trying to uncover greater details about their ancestors.

Her latest book — "The Confederate Hospitals of Madison, Georgia-Their Records-Their Histories-1861-1865" — brings to life a previously unknown era in Madison, its hosting of four official Confederate hospitals, their surgeons and staff, and thousands of patients during the War Between the States.

In the first chapter of this book she writes, "The author states the surgeons and doctors of the Confederate Hospital Corps not only provided a high level of care and compassion for their patients but they also created and maintained extensive records of their actions, their medical decisions, and their daily activity related to individual patient care."

It is from these extensive records that

Harris, through many years of study and research, was able to compile a book detailing and explaining the stories and the lives of the patients and doctors as they endured many trials, heartaches, acquired diseases and adversity related to the massive and unrelenting warfare.

Also from the first chapter, "... in December 1863, Georgia Railroad cars had arrived in Madison with the property, attendants and medical officers of three fully organized, but nomadic, Confederate hospitals. The surgeons attached to the hospitals were veterans of a new normal, expert at quickly discharging all patients and then transporting elsewhere entire medical units to keep pace with the Confederate Army's advance and retreat. Within their first two weeks in Madison, all three hospitals were in operation as they and dozens of other similar hospitals within the authority of the Army of Tennessee received sick and wounded soldiers from the bloody front."

The author explained that she "was able to follow and in a way began to know individual soldiers as they arrived in Madison ... with some surviving ... some being moved to other hospitals ... some, very few, being returned to service ... and some with mental or physical conditions that were beyond repair."

The author also said "these soldiers became her soldiers. She felt a very strong attachment for the soldiers and their families, even though the records and the documents she was reviewing and exploring and writing about related to events that occurred one hundred and fifty years ago."

The public is invited to attend as all Dalton Civil War Roundtable meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP



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From left, Karen Townsend, Dixie Kinard and Lynn Whitworth invite community-minded women to come hear Debbie Hackman-Bartlett, CEO of the Georgia Nurses Association, discuss emotional intelligence at the United Way Women's Leadership Council's Spring Symposium at The Farm on Wednesday, April 22. If you would like to attend, contact Margaret Zeisig at margaret.zeisig@ourunitedway.org or at (706) 876-1599.

Rabies vaccinations May 2

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REDUCED-FEE VACCINATIONS May 2

- Dug Gap Elementary School: noon to 1 p.m.
- Valley Point Elementary School: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.
- Eastside Elementary School: 3 to 4 p.m.
- Pleasant Grove Elementary School: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Varnell Elementary School: 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Cohutta Elementary School: 2:15 to 3 p.m.
- Dawnvale United Methodist Church: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Beaverdale Superette: 5 to 5:45 p.m.
- Northwest Whitfield High School: noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Tunnel Hill Elementary School: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Rocky Face Baptist Church: 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.
- Westside Elementary School: 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Dogs must be leashed and cats in a pet carrier. Distemper, parvo and other vaccines are available also. Prices vary for these vaccines.

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While rabies is rare in the United States because of strict vaccination laws, worldwide there are about 55,000 cases annually, with a death rate of almost 100 percent.

Participating in the rabies clinic are Dalton Animal Care, Animal Hospital of Whitfield County and Higdon Animal Hospital.

"We are glad to provide this service to the communi-

ty," Stearns said. "With rabies in Whitfield County and in nearby counties, we are at great risk for a rabies outbreak. For just \$10 you can protect your family and your pet from rabies. We urge everyone who has a cat or dog to have them vaccinated at one of the clinics May 2."

Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a pet carrier.

Anyone needing more information may contact Whitfield County Rabies Control Officer David Hedden at (706) 278-2018.

HISTORICAL SALE



The Whitfield-Murray Historical Society's annual rummage sale is Friday (from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. to noon) at the Crown Gardens & Archives, 715 Chattanooga Ave. Pictured are Skip Cox (standing) and Louise Smith getting ready for the event. An assortment of items are available including china sets, clothes (baby, children's, men, women), kitchen items, electronics, furniture, framed prints, quilts and toys. Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward the maintenance of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society headquarters.

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