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Ringgold pools open
for business

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Warren Hughes, 9,
catches a ball at
Ringgold's Martha
Denton Swimming Pool.

COVER: Warren Hughes, 9, catches a ball at Ringgold's Martha Denton Swimming Pool. Ringgold and Fort Oglethorpe swimming pools are the perfect way for summer vacationers to cool off.

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On page 19 of this issue you will find the ballot for **Catoosa Life Magazine's "Reader's Choice Awards"**.

Please take the time to fill out the ballot and return it via fax or mail. This ballot will also appear in the next issue of Catoosa Life Magazine and the winners will be announced in the 'holiday issue'.

Only one vote per person, please.

Each ballot must have at least 25 categories voted on for the ballot to count.

Each correctly completed ballot will be placed in a drawing for \$50.00.

The ballot must contain your name, address and telephone number.

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'REMEMBERING OUR HEROES'

By Chris McKeever

Gen. Patton (portrayed by Denny Hair) with Col. Charles Codman (Ray Marino) and MP detachment and driver in a 1942 Dodge Command Car. The Allied Forces will protect a French farmhouse on Saturday, Sept. 4, when "Remembering Our Heroes" is presented on Barnhardt Circle's polo field in Fort Oglethorpe.

World War II battle re-enactments set for Barnhardt Circle



The Allied Forces will protect a French farmhouse on Saturday, Sept. 4, when "Remembering Our Heroes" is presented on Barnhardt Circle's polo

field in Fort Oglethorpe. Two World War II battle re-enactments, complete with authentic vehicles, weapons, mock firings and Allied and Axis re-enactors, will highlight the rich military history of the Army Post at Fort Oglethorpe (1902-1946).

In 2003, Downtown Development Authority Chairman Debi Wilson visited the 6th Cavalry Museum (www.6thcavalrymuseum.com) to see if the museum had any tourism events planned. "I met Bill Taylor, who spoke of the museum's struggle to remain open and realized that the plight of the museum was something the entire community needed to know about," Wilson said.

Key community leaders and history buffs Chris Lane, Gerry Depken, Lin and Ben Prabish, Warren Demarest, Sam Weedle and others met at the chamber office and planned "Veterans History Day," held on June 14, 2003, as a way to raise money and awareness for the 6th Cavalry Museum. Heavy rains fell while preparing the polo field for the ensuing battle but cleared in time for the re-enactment.

"People still talk to me about 'Veterans History Day' and ask if the museum will be bringing the event back," Wilson said. Today Wilson serves as past president of Friends of the Museum Inc. and is also on the planning committee for the museum's inaugural fundraising event.

"Remembering Our Heroes" is a day of living history and remembrance of our Armed Forces. While the battle re-enactments are World War II era, vehicles, displays and living historians from all time periods will be welcomed.

"We wanted 'Remembering Our

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Polo Field

- 10 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 11 a.m. World War II battle
- 1 p.m. Scenic City Chorus patriotic concert
- 2 p.m. World War II battle

The Colonnade Center

- 6 to 9 p.m.
Buffet, auction and address by George Patton Waters, grandson of Gen. George Patton

For More Information

- www.wwiiheroes.net
- www.pattonthirdarmy.com
- www.6thcavalrymuseum.com

Heroes' to represent all branches of service and time periods. We have historians and displays from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam," said Chris Lane, museum board member and event organizer. "Our military heritage will be displayed on a grand scale with something of interest for everyone."

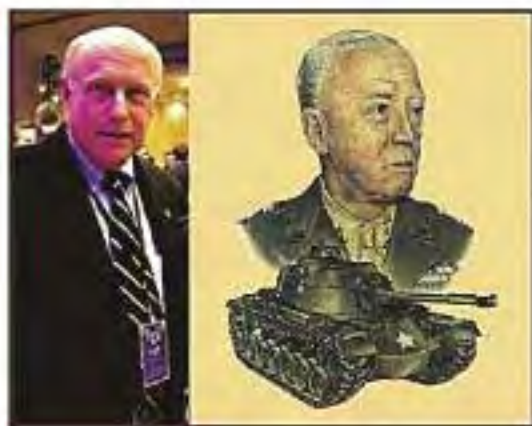
Internationally recognized Gen. George S. Patton portrayal Denny Hair and his Third Army Living Historians will travel from Houston, Texas, for the event. The Patton Third Army Living Historians have studied all the battles the Third Army fought, the conditions fought under, and the various strategies and equipment used. This extensive knowledge has allowed them to acquire proper uniforms, restore their equipment and vehicles, allowing them to authentically recreate and re-enact the period and bring history alive to audiences all over the world.

Hair has been honored to portray Patton since 1984 in movies, plays, re-enactments, at active duty military bases, veterans reunions, parades, museums, city, state and federal governmental agencies, and even musicals.

"I have studied the general for 30 years and read just about everything ever writ-



Top, Troop B re-enactors with their military equipment and display. Below, from left, George Patton Waters beside an illustration of his famous grandfather, Gen. George Patton; Troop B re-enactors of Florida who will be at this year's "Remembering Our Heroes" event; the Scenic City Chorus will perform a patriotic concert as part of "Remembering Our Heroes."



ten about him," he said. "I want my portrayal to give a keen insight into who he really was, while authentically dressed and equipped."

The World War II battle re-enactments will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Scenic City Chorus will present a patriotic concert at 1 p.m. Vehicle and equipment displays will be on site for the public to view and the 6th Cavalry Museum will be open. Admission to the event is \$5 per per-

son; children under 5 are free.

George Patton Waters, Patton's grandson, will be at The Colonnade in Ringgold for a dinner and auction to give a personal address about his famed grandfather.

"My grandfather's legacy to me is one of courage, sacrifice and patriotism," he said. "His dedication to duty remains a benchmark to which I will always look up to but the same characteristics he showed filtered through to his men and women

serving with him."

Waters was 5 when his grandfather died in an automobile accident near Heidelberg, Germany, on Dec. 21, 1945.

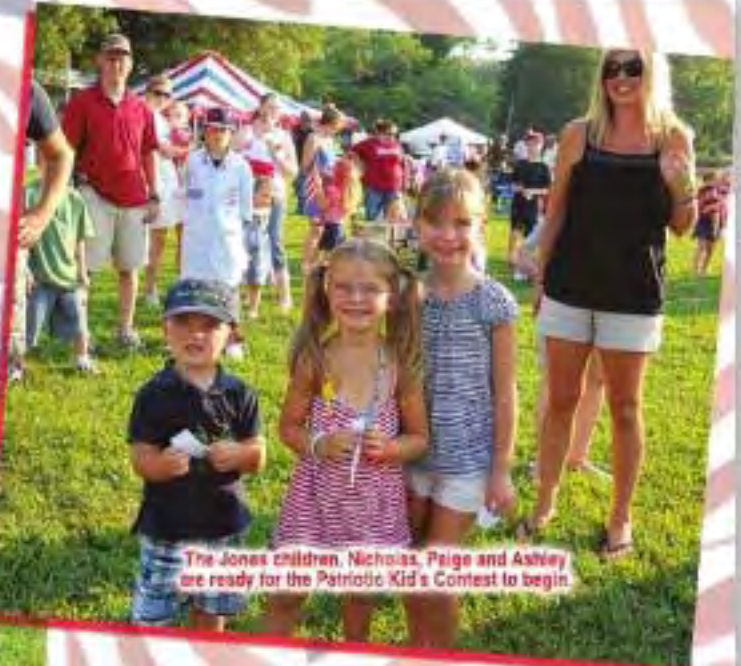
Tickets for the dinner, catered by the Ivy Cottage Restaurant, are \$25 per person. A live and silent auction will also be held. Information and tickets for "Remembering Our Heroes" is available on the web at www.wwiheroes.net or by calling the 6th Cavalry Museum at (706) 861-2860.



Two-year-old Ansley Marsh and her mother, Ashley, show off their red-white and blue.



The Ivy Cottage Restaurant in LaFayette showed off their gourmet picnic and patriotic table. Pictured are Marissa, Miranda and Cindy Cahesy.



The Jones children, Nicholas, Paige and Ashley are ready for the Patriotic Kid's Contest to begin.



Old Mill Kettle Corn owner Jim Hornady hands a bag of fresh kettle corn to Lynn Strickland and Alma Newsome.



Ready to feed the masses were VFW Chickamauga Post 8679 members (l-r) Larry Hesler, Odie Hickman, Ben Dewitt, Ramon Garrido and Bill Sandberg.



L'Abri Symphony Orchestra entertained the crowd with patriotic songs and fan favorites like "Sherandoah." This is the fifth year the orchestra has performed at "Patriotism at The Post."



Ella Headrick (baby) Ashley Headrick, Linda Reed, Maria and Pat McMitten enjoy their picnic while waiting for the festivities to start.



Six-year-old Michael Hill, shown with Dallas Alder, attends E. Brainerd Elementary.

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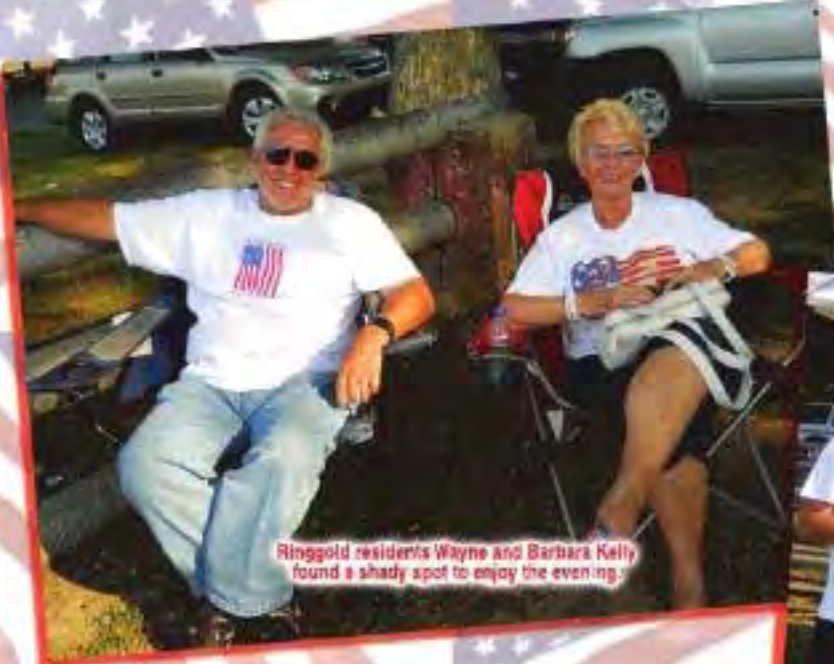
Nine-year-old Jill Brandenburg of Chickamauga was the 3rd place winner in the Patriotic Kid's Coloring contest and led the children in the "Pledge of Allegiance."



Four-year-old Soppiah is pictured with her mother Sarah Bencosse who is holding 4-month-old Exalynn.



Two-year-old Ella and mom, Linda Green



Ringgold residents Wayne and Barbara Kelly found a shady spot to enjoy the evening.



Five-year-old Olivia Kilburn, who attends Baynton Elementary was recognized as the "Most Patriotic Girl" and received a \$50 gift card. Also pictured is Margaret Turner.



Repici Ice predicted they'd serve over 400 cups of the flavorful treat, Monty Daggett, his son Brandon and Taylor Pearson



Two-year-old Bailey Long and her four-year-old sister Jenika participated in the Patriotic Kid's Contest!



Enjoying the VFW BBQ and hodgepodge are (left - right around table) Connie and Aaron Swann, Carolea Swann, Jeanette Smeltzer and Simensen. Smeltzer and Simensen are from Charleston, SC.

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Audience during the National Anthem



16 month-old Jamie Locke enjoyed dancing to the music of the L'Abri Symphony Orchestra



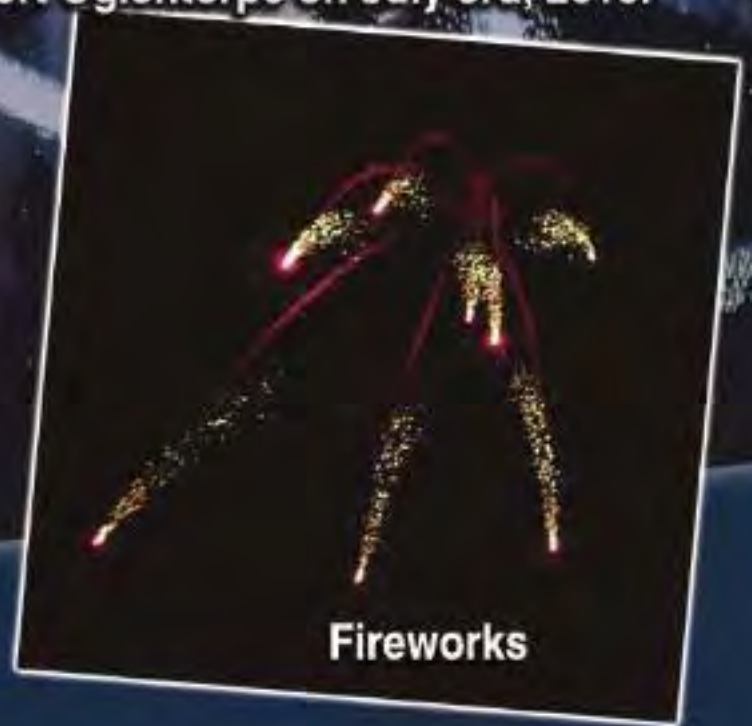
The L'Abri Symphony Orchestra



A few hundred people wait for the start of the L'Abri Symphony Orchestra concert at the Fifth Annual Patriotism at the Post in Fort Oglethorpe on July 3rd, 2010.



Spc. Jonathan Callahan with his brother Daniel and father, Butch, sing the National Anthem



Fireworks

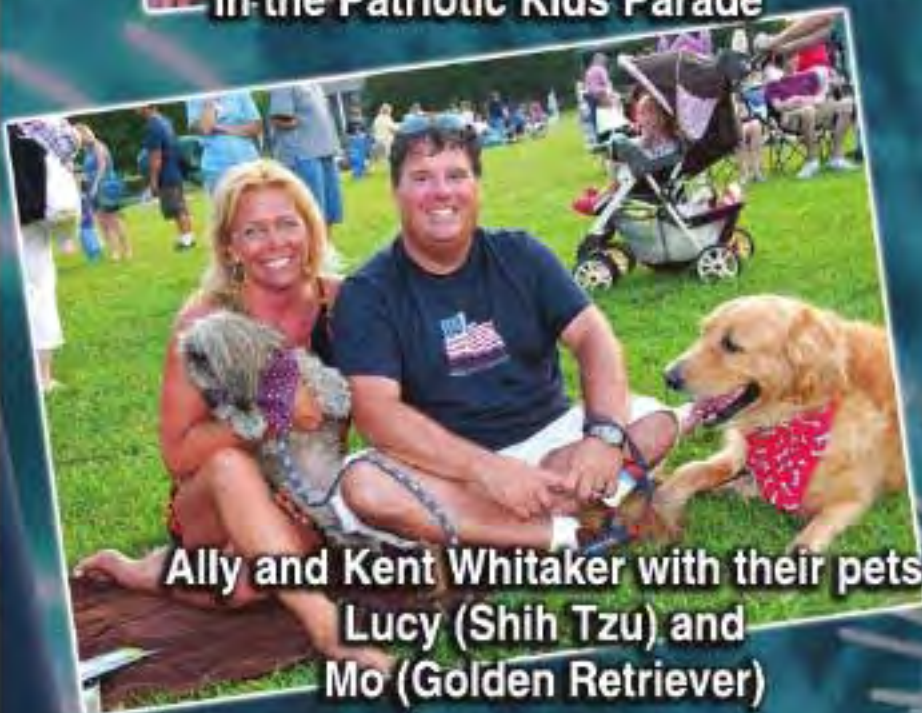
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Bailey (age 2) and Jerika (age 4) Long in the Patriotic Kids Parade



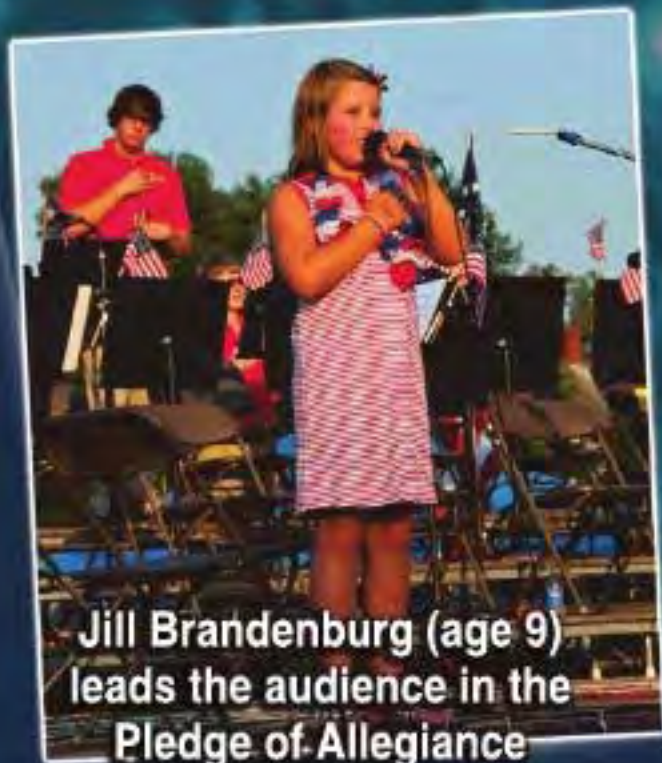
Parents with their children waiting for a turn playing in the inflatables



Ally and Kent Whitaker with their pets Lucy (Shih Tzu) and Mo (Golden Retriever)



Patriotic Kids Parade winners Olivia Kilburn (age 5) and Aiden Raymer (age 6)



Jill Brandenburg (age 9) leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance



The L'Abri Symphony Orchestra

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