



Our history begins here. Let us start you on the journey.



# Adapting & Reacting

Like everyone, the History Center has a story to tell about our institutional reaction to the pandemic. We carefully watched and anticipated the unknown of the emerging COVID-19 pandemic in early March. Decisions regarding field trips, public programs, and usual operations were day by day until we reached the decision to close.

Throughout the shutdown, we've relied heavily on recommendations from across the community, state, and our colleagues in the museum field. We've all taken part in virtual meetings, discussions, and presentations designed to help us better serve you.

From these online seminars and our own conversations as a staff, we swiftly transitioned from in-person museum work to digital: planning social media campaigns to keep our community engaged if not distracted, tackling a backlog of cataloging and collections work, and juggling the logistics of the staff being physically away from the museum.

From these discussions emerged our plans for the "Distraction Digests," featuring content from our collections and archives, videos, and at-home activities for youth and families. Ephraim was able to tackle huge sorting and organizing projects during the closure that has revealed new and fascinating items in the collection. Like museums across the country, our forced reinvention has yielded exciting new ideas and approaches. We hope that you found, and continue to find, these changes useful as we navigate this ongoing pandemic.

We thank you for continuing to offer your support-

whether through social media, spreading the word of our activities, or joining and renewing your membership. The History Center remains in a strong financial position thanks to your ongoing support!

The History Center has reopened the historic buildings and grounds, and the Lapham-Patterson House on a limited basis. We hope that you will visit us at either location soon!

THOMAS COUNTY

## CHRONICLES COVID

#THOCOCHRONICLES

In May, we joined forces with our colleagues at other cultural organizations in Thomas County to discuss how we could collectively respond to the pandemic. After a series of socially distant front porch meetings, we formalized a partnership with the Jack Hadley Black History Museum, Thomas County Public Library System, Thomasville Center for the Arts, and Pebble Hill Plantation to embark on a journey to collect the stories, photographs, and objects that have and will reflect our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These items will be held at the Thomasville History Center and each *Thomas County Chronicles COVID*



partner organization will have equal access and use rights to the materials. It is our hope that the work we put into collecting now, will benefit the community and its storytellers in the years to come. (continued page 3)



# Thomas County Chronicles COVID

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The Thomas County Chronicles COVID project will continue for the duration of the pandemic and beyond so that we can capture all facets of the experience.

To contribute items to this project, please visit [thocochronicles.org](http://thocochronicles.org) or contact the History Center directly. Follow the project on social media @thocochronicles.

Photos: Visitors at Woodleaf Senior Living during quarantine. Submitted by Woodleaf Senior Living.

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## Have no fear... Pilau will be here!

Like museums across the state and region, we've struggled with when to return to "normal" programming. The safety of our members, visitors, and neighbors is our utmost priority and we are approaching our fall calendar with optimism and caution.

As CDC recommendations for social distancing allow, we will begin to repopulate our calendar with events that had to be postponed in the Spring such as the Trusty Sidekick Walk and the Volunteer Appreciation event as well as our traditional fall fun like trick or treating, the Lapham-Patterson House's Mystery Escapade, lectures, and more.

Never fear, Pilau is on the calendar! We are also re-imagining our annual fall fundraiser to offer a new and exciting format. See the page 5 for more information!

## Dogust Is Back!

August 2020 | #Dogust, follow on Facebook & Instagram



The time is nearly here for the 4th annual #Dogust celebration on the History Center's social media pages. In honor of the dog days of summer and our love for man's best friend, we continue to scour our collections for images that contain dogs so we can feature them on social media. Don't worry! We won't be ignoring the felines; Saturdays will become #Caturday and posts will be dedicated accordingly. Watch out for pet adoption features throughout the month from the Humane Society.

### ***Get Involved***

Pets are part of your family so we think they should be part of *our* family as well. Consider signing your furry (or scaly) friend up as a History Center member under one of our new membership categories. These funds will help support our operations to digitize and protect our fantastic collections. Your "Furry Friend" membership can be purchased online at [thomasvillehistory.org/memberships](http://thomasvillehistory.org/memberships).

### ***Trusty Sidekicks, \$10***

Invitation for up to 3 transportable pets to a special pet-friendly event in 2020  
Pets' names listed in Annual Report & fall Hourglass Membership List  
Gift Item

### ***Stay-At-Home Pals, \$5***

Pets' names listed in Annual Report & fall Hourglass Membership List  
Gift Item



Watt Collection: Watt boys with dogs and pony.

# Things to Do & See

## Scavenger Hunts & At-Home Projects

As you explore the History Center and Lapham-Patterson House, make sure you grab one of our new scavenger hunts designed to help visitors of all ages take a closer look at the details, big and small, that make up our historic buildings. Scavenger hunts can be downloaded from our website at [thomasvillehistory.org/athome](http://thomasvillehistory.org/athome) and are offered free of charge.

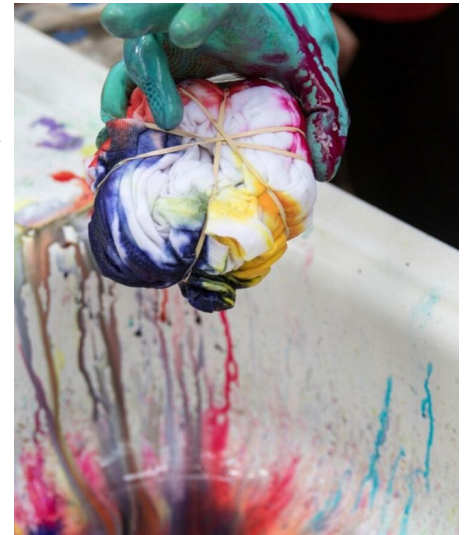


The History Center has also launched a new series of At-Home Camp Kits inspired by the popular activities at Camp Dawson and Camp LPH. Kits are available for \$5 each and include all specialty materials needed to complete a hands-on project. Activities include fossils, reed baskets, rag wreaths, and turtle shell rattles. Visit our website to view and reserve available projects.

## Make History: Tie Dye, Part II

July 17, 10am-Noon (Reservations) 2pm-3pm (Drop-In), \$8 each

After a great turnout for our first Make History: Tie Dye program on June 27, we've decided to offer another session on Friday, July 17. Tie dye is one of our campers' favorite activities each year at Camp Dawson and wanted to share the fun with you! Crafters of all ages are welcome. Advanced registration is \$8 per person. Those accompanying crafters do not need to register. Sign up for a time slot between 10am and Noon in advance to guarantee exclusive access to the materials, and enjoy a private craft session. Maximum of 6 crafters per time slot. Gather some friends and make an outing of it! Drop-ins will be accepted on a first come-first, first-served basis between 2pm and 3pm. Please bring your own item (maximum of 2 items per crafter) to dye made of 100% cotton; we'll provide the rest!



## Social Media Surge

Throughout the shutdown and beyond, one way we've been able to maintain and grow our audience has been through our popular social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. Both accounts have seen a growth in followers and engagement thanks to your ongoing support. In total, the History Center has more than 8,000 followers across our social platforms!

On Facebook, stay up to date with the collections that Ephraim is currently digitizing, especially from the Ed Kelly Collection. On Instagram, we're highlighting additional images and objects from our collection that help to tell the story of Thomas County. Follow along with our weekly themes through our #CollectionsSpotlights and #Trivia posts and join the conversation. We've also built up quite the catalogue of past lectures and archival video footage that are available on demand on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in today to relive your favorite programs or to learn something new!

**Follow us at @thomasvillehistory today!**



# CRATE TO PLATE

Thursday, October 15, 2020

We'll provide the crate... you provide the plate!

We have all experienced many challenges over the last several months but we are excited to introduce a new spin for our 18th fall fundraising dinner this October 15.

Instead of a seated dinner on our grounds, we invite you to be a part of our CRATE TO PLATE dinner in which we provide an assortment of curated local foods and you provide the plate! Enjoy an intimate dinner party at home or set up a picnic at your favorite local park.



## SPONSOR LEVELS

### PARADISE PARK \$3,000

*Presenting Sponsor*

- 5 Crates & 5 Bottles of Wine
- Choice of Private Picnic Location
- Recognition on Menu Card & Beverage Tag
- Delivery to 2 Addresses
- Souvenir Picnic Photograph  
(Serves 10)

### FRANCIS WESTON PARK \$1,500

- 4 Crates & 4 Bottles of Wine
- Choice of Private Picnic Location
- Recognition on Menu Card & Beverage Tag
- Delivery to 1 Address
- Souvenir Picnic Photograph  
(Serves 8)

### MACINTYRE PARK \$1,000

- 4 Crates & 2 Bottles of Wine
- Recognition on Menu Card & Beverage Tag
- Delivery to 1 Address  
(Serves 8)

### CHEROKEE LAKE PARK \$750

- 2 Crates & 2 Bottles of Wine
- Recognition on Menu Card  
(Serves 4)

### BIG OAK PARK \$500

- 1 Crate & 2 Bottles of Wine  
(Serves 2)

### REMINGTON PARK \$250

- 1 Crate & 1 Bottle of Wine  
(Serves 2)

To sponsor this event, please complete and return the pledge card below before *August 28, 2020*. Sponsors will receive recognition on all print and digital materials relating to the event as well as special benefit packages.



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Will you provide a logo? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Decline Benefits? (no crate) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Would you like an invoice? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

# Memberships

This list reflects Personal and Business members who have joined or renewed their memberships between **FEBRUARY 27, 2020 AND JUNE 30, 2020**. Thank you for your support! For questions or corrections, please contact Amelia, [amelia@thomascountyhistory.org](mailto:amelia@thomascountyhistory.org).

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## Did You Know?

Membership dues comprise 15% of our annual operating budget. A generous matching grant from the Jasper & Marthalene Davis Foundation adds \$1 for every \$2 of every donation made for less than \$499.

## Spotted!

The Thomasville History Center staff has spotted a lost quail somewhere on the grounds. Can you find it? Continue your search for the all of the quail with the City of Thomasville's scavenger hunt!

## Memorials

Paul Bryan

Martha & Larry May

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# Garage Receives an Update

Just after the History Center closed its doors to the public in March, the 1936 Ford Phaeton returned home to the Flowers-Roberts Garage. Donated in 2018 by a community member who wishes to remain anonymous, the operational yellow Phateon is a striking addition to the History Center's "stable" of antique automobiles.



Also taking place during the closure, were ongoing repairs to the garage doors and mechanisms. Blackwater Timber generously donated their time, materials, and labor to rebuild sections of several of the original garage doors that date back to its construction in the late 1940s by the Roberts family. Join us in sending a special thanks to Rick Bradner for repainting the repaired panels for us.

Rose City Garage repaired and replaced some of the original hardware, tracks, and springs. Weather stripping on the bottoms of each door will help to keep the interior clean. For the first time in many, many years, all six garage doors can now be opened! This allows for 360 degree views of the vehicles and easier parking after they've been taken out for a ride. The circular driveway continues behind the garage so that cars can easily pull in and out without having to reverse into or out of the garage.

Next on the project list for the Garage is to re-surface the concrete floor to better feature the automobiles. In addition to the structural updates, we've installed new exhibit panels that tell the stories of each automobile as well as the fire equipment and WPAX transmitter on display in the garage. These panels join several other new signs that have been added to the interiors of the historic buildings to help guests during their self-guided tours.





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