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Important Dates to Remember for June 2019

June 5—Summer Kick-off Party at Rutledge, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

June 14—Flag Day

June 16—Father's Day

June 21-Summer begins



Executive Director's Corner

By Ann Newton, Executive Director

Summer-time, sweet summertime is here!



Summer is one of our favorite times at Rutledge. We are planning several fun days outside to take advantage of the warmer temperatures.

First off, on June 5th, staff has planned a great Kickoff party to Summer. Another fun day is planned for the month of July. We'll keep you posted on our summer activities throughout the upcoming months.

Welcome New Staff!

We would like to introduce you to three new staff members at Rutledge Center.

Courtne Hill, Myia Roberts and Brian Rowell began on May 30th. We welcome them aboard our wonderful team of Direct Support Staff. Currently, they are training and soon they will be working with our participants in the Community Access Group (CAG) and Community Access Individual (CAI) programs.

Rutledge will be closed July 4th & 5th

Rutledge Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th, in observance of state & federal holidays.

We will re-open on Monday, July 8th at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday!



Happy Birthday!

June 6 - Dwayne
June 12—Andrew
June 14—Tony
June 16—Mike S.
June 20—Summer
June 28—Ronnie

Noteworthy

We welcome your comments, suggestions, and input. If you would like to submit an article, you can send an email to: psibley@rutledgecenter.org.

Summer Kickoff Party at Rutledge on 6/5

By Staff

Rutledge Center staff is planning a Summer Kickoff party for our participants on Wednesday, June 5th. Festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lot of fun games outside and prepare to get wet on the water slide!

After the water fun,

participants will enjoy hamburgers and chips for lunch. Also, we will have a sno-cone machine, so everyone can cool off with an icy treat!

Please remember to bring a towel and a change of clothes if you want to participate in the water activities. Also,

wear sunscreen because we will be outside most of the day on June 5th.



IT'S SUMMER!

Caregiver Meeting held on May 9th

By Ann Newton, Executive Director

On May 9th, Mrs. Linda Wilson spoke on the topic of “Guardianship and Financial Planning for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” at the Rutledge Center. Below are some things she advised that caregivers SHOULD KNOW.

- Pro’s and Con’s of Legal Guardianship (the process of asking the court to be the legal representative of another person) A legal process done through the County Probate Court
- ABLE Accounts, which are tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities and their families, will be created as a result of the passage of the Stephen Beck Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 or better known as the ABLE Act. The beneficiary of the account is the account owner, and income earned by the accounts will not be taxed. Contributions to the account made by any person (the account beneficiary, family and friends) will be made using post-taxed dollars and will not be tax deductible, although some states may allow for state income tax deductions for contribution made to an ABLE account. Log on to www.georgiastable.com for more information.
- \$\$\$EXTRA FUNDING from Medicaid to cover Dental Care, and other medical expenses previously not covered by Medicaid. Each person who qualifies can receive \$3,000 a year to cover medical expenses.

Shrine Circus Fun!

By Staff

On May 22nd, our participants and staff were accompanied by member of the Newnan Shrine Club to the Shrine Circus which was held at the Jim R. Miller Park, in Marietta, Georgia.



This year was another exciting circus. Some of the circus acts that the participants enjoyed included the clowns, jugglers, acrobats, and a motorcycle act.

After the circus under the big top, participants and staff were treated to lunch which was a choice of a hot dog or hamburger, french fries and a drink.

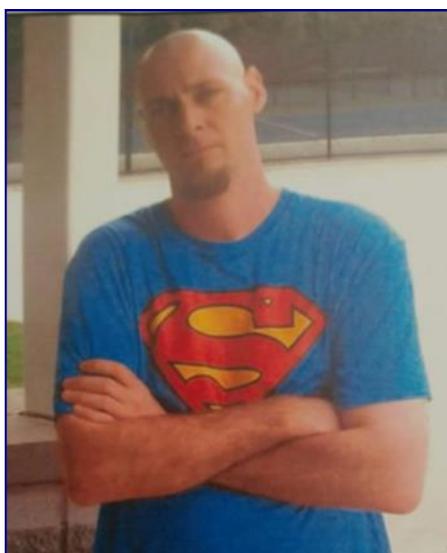
Everyone had a great time. Thank you, Newnan Shrine Club for your kindness and generosity for this fun-filled day!

In Memory of Tommy

By Staff

One of our participants lost his battle with leukemia on May 15th. Tommy Spriggle will be remembered as a guy who loved life and lived it to its fullest. Tommy enjoyed playing video games and listening to music. But he LOVED his team, the Atlanta Falcons and was probably their #1 fan! More than his love of the Falcons, Tommy loved his family and friends unconditionally and for that we are all blessed to have known him.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his parents, Melba and Mark Johnson, brother, Dwayne Hipp, and nephews, Jared and Dawson. Rest in peace our dear friend.



Thomas “Tommy” Spriggle
03/07/1982—05/15/2019

Looking Ahead...

July 4th & 5th—Happy Independence Day! Rutledge will be closed.



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