



Summer Hill Heritage Group Annual Report 2020-2021

Summer Hill School, 1950s

Background

Established by Ronald Johnson in 1889, the original Summer Hill School was a wood framed Rosenwald structure of white clapboard with only a few rooms. The original student body numbered 55 students in first through sixth grades. The property was acquired by the city of Cartersville in 1892. By 1893, enrollment had grown to 250, and by 1920, served 358 students.

On May 20, 1922, the Cartersville School Board accepted a proposal by the Colored Committee and the Julius Rosenwald Foundation for \$3000 total from the Foundation and Summer Hill parents to build a much-needed new school. The structure was completed in late 1922; the school continued to expand until all grades through high school were finally added by 1951.

The Cartersville School Board hired J. Stanley “Fess” Morgan in 1925. “Professor” Morgan, as he was known, and his wife, teacher Beatrice Morgan, introduced a range of extracurricular activities—including band, choir, interest clubs and men’s and women’s sports—to develop well-rounded, civic minded students.

The current campus operates a museum, library, youth and alumni programs, auditorium, nature trail, and sports complex that includes the historic Blue Devil Stadium, hand built by parents in the community.



SUMMER HILL
COMPLEX

Welcome from the Summer Hill Heritage Group President

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**Calvin Cooley, Sr.
President, Summer Hill
Heritage Group**



In the following pages you find a review of projects completed in 2020 and 2021. The efforts include event planning, research, grant-writing, film production, fund raising, place-making, graphic design, social media marketing, exhibit curation, community education, and a K-8 summer enrichment camp.

The work completed demonstrates a concerted and deliberate effort to explore and promote the history and cultural identity of one of Bartow County's most interesting communities. We hope this review communicates the positive impact our work has on tourism, community-building, and economic development.

Memories Day

Memories Day: Black High School Reunion is an annual celebration of the segregated Black schools that existed in Northwest Georgia prior to 1968. The celebration is held at the historic George Washington Carver Park. Over 200 attendees were present for the 2020 celebration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 celebration was held via Zoom and there were 800 people that attended virtually.



Library Collaboration

In 2020, our resident librarian, Patricia Jennings, was able to collaborate with Carmen Sims, from the Cartersville Public Library, to establish a monthly donation partnership, the loan of 5 Chromebooks, as well as visits from the Bookmobile. The SHHG was able to discard old books and fill shelves with new books for the afterschool program. We hope to open the library to the public in Fall 2022.



Cultural Arts Alliance COVID Relief Project Support Grant Receipt

The Summer Hill Heritage Group applied for the COVID Relief Project Support Grant in November 2020. The grant awarded \$1000 to fund the purchase of African American literature in the Summer Hill Library.



Juneteenth

Juneteenth is an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the Confederate States. It has been celebrated widely by African Americans since the late 1800s. In 2020, the Summer Hill Heritage group celebrated Juneteenth virtually, with a total of 4,399 views for week long celebration.

Virtual presentations were held by community members and included topics such as mentorship, mental health, financial literacy, youth advocacy involvement, and resources for our senior community.



Erin Jones
e.Piphany Concepts & Consulting

Trauma, Grief, and Healing after George Floyd
10am-11am

Discussion of the path to healing in the wake of the George Floyd murder and protests.

Making Art While Black
7pm-8pm

Discussion and artist talk on creating art while being black with artist **Raemont Pinkney**. Raemont's work focuses on a detailed collection of modern sketches and abstract paintings. A suggested \$5 donation to the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center will provide participants a chance to win an original piece from Raemont's gallery.



Breathing + Movement in Healing
12pm-1pm

Discussion of the importance in practicing breath work and movement in healing from stressful life and societal situations.

Black Family Legacy Planning
3pm-4pm

Discussion of the importance of planning and building a strong foundation for long term wealth preservation.



T'Juana Stuart
Financial Advisor
Mutual of Omaha

Sankofa as a Healing Practice
9am-10am

Discussion of the ways to heal through the use of the concept of Sankofa—discussing the current practices that are tied to and direct us back to ancestral healing practices.



Margaret Conley, LCSW, MDiv, CCISM, CAMS, CDWF
Owner & Leader Consultant
MLC Consulting, LLC



Dr. Melissa Green
Resilience & Psychological Fitness Center

2pm-3pm

The Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging and the Georgia Cares program will provide information on resources for the senior population and the benefits of Medicare.



Lynne Reeves, MBA, RDN, LD
Director
NWGA Area Agency on Aging



Sharrell McKnight
Georgia Cares Coordinator
NWGA Area Agency on

Thursday, June 18

Black Mentors Matter
7pm-8pm

Local leaders and mentors, Erica Wilkins Slocum and Dexter Jones, discuss the experience and importance of Black mentorship in our schools and our communities.



Dexter Jones
Founder, Cap Fillers
District 4, School Board
Candidate



Erica Wilkins-Slocum
Regional Adoption Coordinator, DFACS
Chaplin, Cartersville Medical Center

Let Your Voice Be Heard
6pm-7pm
Community leaders and activists, **Michael Todd Dean, Scottlin Smith, Ashley Rogers, and Trey Benham** host a virtual townhall meeting to discuss the significance of the younger voice in the fight for justice.



Todd Dean
Circle of Advancement



Scottlin Smith
Love Travels



Ashley Rogers
Be YOUnique Styles



Trey Benham
New Frontier of Bartow County

Black Heritage Trail

12pm-2pm

Virtual tour and discussion of the significance of the historic Rosenwald schools, Summer Hill and Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center. Special announcement of the Bench by the Road project.



Alexis Callahan, M.A.
Co-Owner + Curator
Etowah Bush School



Valerie Coleman
Curator
Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center

Juneteenth 2021

In 2021, Juneteenth consisted of a week of activities including an outdoor vendor event held on Aubrey, Jones, and North Bartow streets, in the Summer Hill Community, hosting over 80 small Black business owners.

JUNETEENTH 2021

Summer Hill Community, Cartersville, Georgia

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor John S. Lampley, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Wednesday, June 16
via Summer Hill Heritage Group Facebook page

MEET & GREET RECEPTION

Welcome reception for new Black Bartow County professionals at the Summer Hill Complex
RSVP required.
Thursday, June 17
6pm-8pm

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL (DAY ONE)

Local vendors & food trucks will be available on N. Bartow, Jones, & Aubrey Streets.
Friday, June 18
4pm-8pm

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL (DAY TWO)

Local vendors & food trucks will be available on N. Bartow, Jones, & Aubrey Streets.
Saturday, June 19
10am-10pm

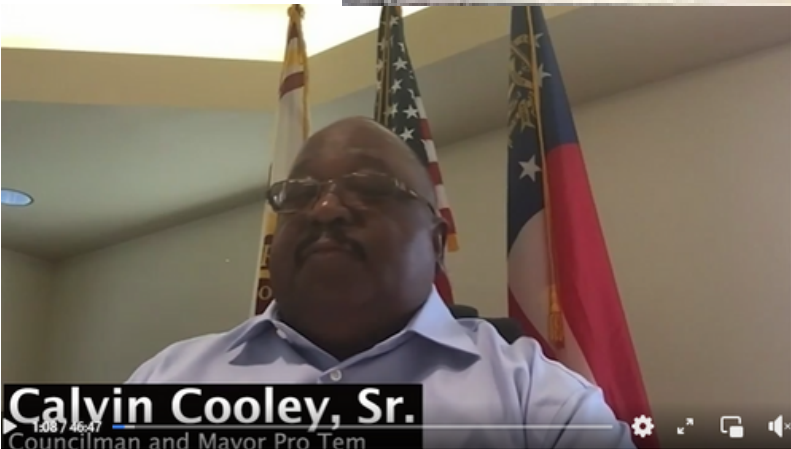
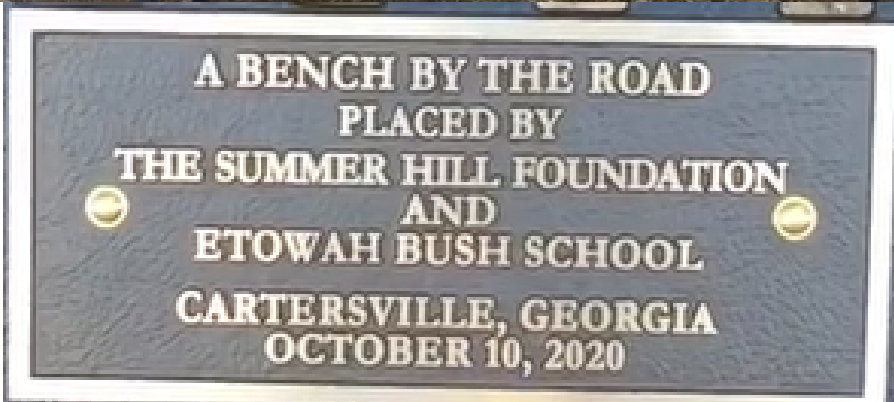
For more information, please contact:
summerhillheritagegroup@gmail.com

For more information on becoming a vendor, please visit:
www.thesummerhillcommunitymarket.com



Bench By The Road

The Summer Hill Heritage Group helped to sponsor the 27th Bench by the Road installation, an initiative of the Toni Morrison Society. SHHG led the project by raising \$5000 for the Bench installation. The bench is located in downtown Cartersville, Georgia and commemorates the labor of enslaved and emancipated Black men and women who worked bravely and tirelessly on the W&A Railroad. The unveiling event for the Bench took place, virtually, on October 10, 2020, with more than 1700 views on the Summer Hill Heritage Group Facebook page.



Cartersville-Bartow Chamber of Commerce Leadership Bartow Program

The SHHG has hosted two cohorts of the Cartersville-Bartow Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Bartow professional development program. The attendees were able to visit various parts of the Summer Hill campus, including the J.H. Morgan gymnasium, academic building, museum, and the historic Slab stadium.



Temporary Exhibit: John H. Morgan, Tuskegee Airman

An exhibit memorializing Tuskegee Airman 1st Lt. John H. Morgan was temporarily displayed by the Morgan family. The exhibit was housed in the Summer Hill Museum during the 2021 Leadership Bartow professional development visit.



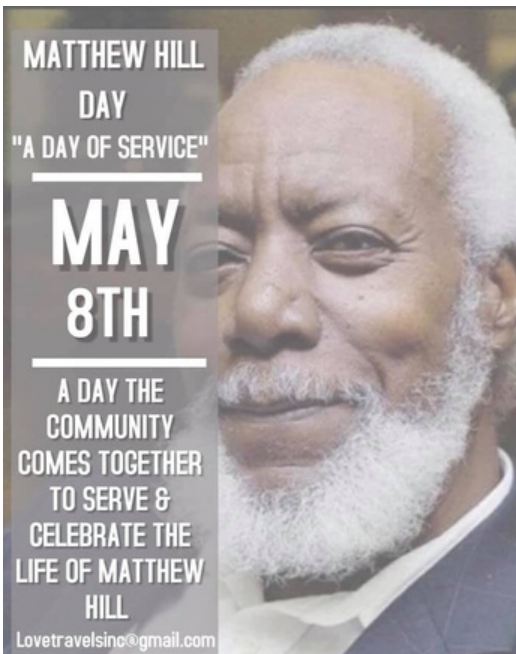
Summer Hill Blue Devil Night at Cartersville High School



Summer Hill Alumni, Calvin Cooley, Sr., James Carson, and J.S. "Bibby" Morgan represented the SHHS Football team at Cartersville High School Alumni Night celebration. The CHS football team wore pre-game t-shirts and stickers with SH logo on helmets to celebrate.



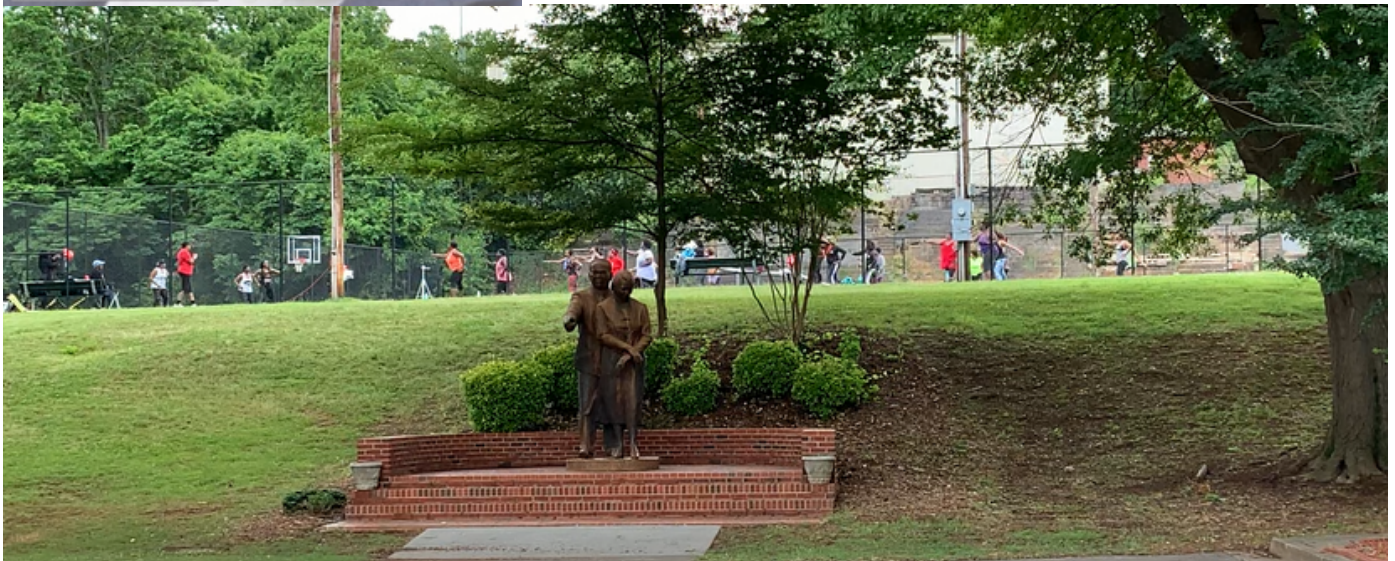
Collaborations with the Community



Calvin Cooley, Sr. (SHHG President) and Michael Todd Dean (SHHG Member) facilitated the efforts for revitalizing the Matthew Hill Park.

As a result, two community groups were able to hold their events in the renovated park. The first event, titled Matthew Hill Day: A Day of Service, was held by local organization Love Travels.

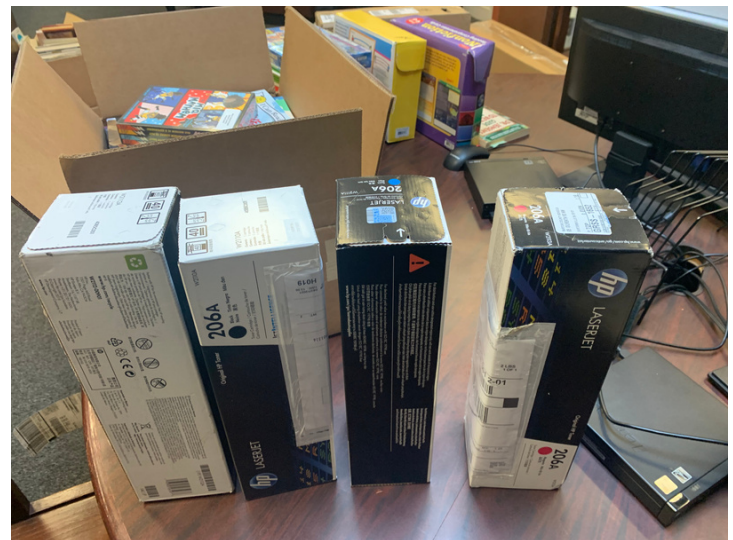
An outdoor Zumba class was also hosted by local fitness instructor, Michele Strickland, with over 25 attendees present.



Bartow County School System Donation

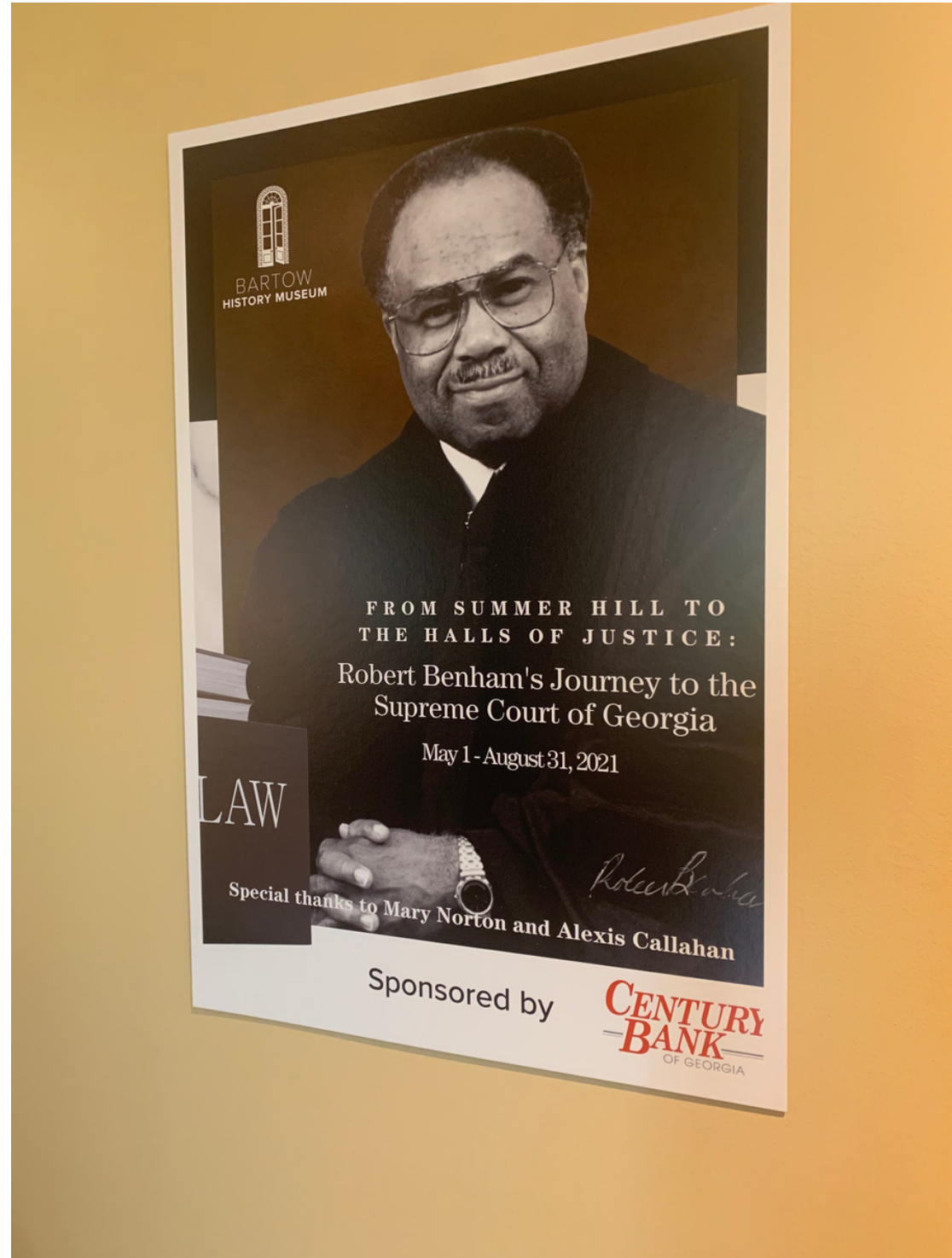


Four Dell desktop computers, a HP Color Laser printer, ink cartridges and several boxes of books were donated to SH Library by Bartow County School System.



Justice Robert Benham Exhibit

The SHHG assisted with the curation of an exhibit celebrating the life, career, and retirement of the Honorable Justice Robert Benham. The event reception was co-hosted by Calvin Cooley, SHHG President, in conjunction with the Bartow History Museum.

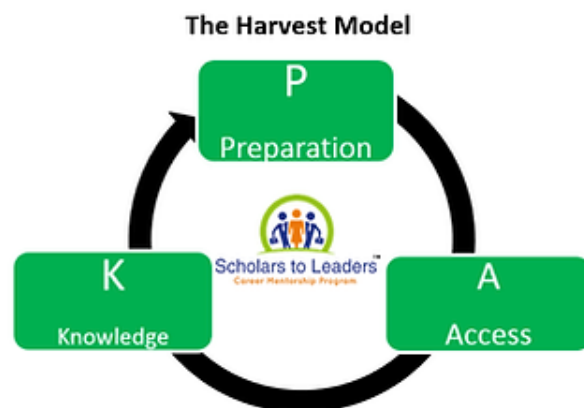


Harvesting Scholars Moves to the Summer Hill Complex!

Harvesting Scholars, Educational Consultants, is now located in the Summer Hill Complex. Owner, Gloria Calhoun, provides services to help high school students navigate college admissions, career preparation, and youth development programs.



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www.harvestingscholars.org



Harvesting Scholars

Harvesting Scholars hosts their inaugural Ride for Scholars Event

HARVESTING SCHOLARS
Inaugural
RIDE FOR SCHOLARS
Rosie Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund

**SATURDAY
October 2, 2021**

Kickstands Up @ 11:30 a.m.
Onsite Registration and Check In
10a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Single Passenger \$20
Doubles \$30
Virtual Ride Donations also accepted



Scan code to register or donate online

Beginns & Ends at
Summer Hill Complex
129 Aubrey Street
Cartersville, GA 30120

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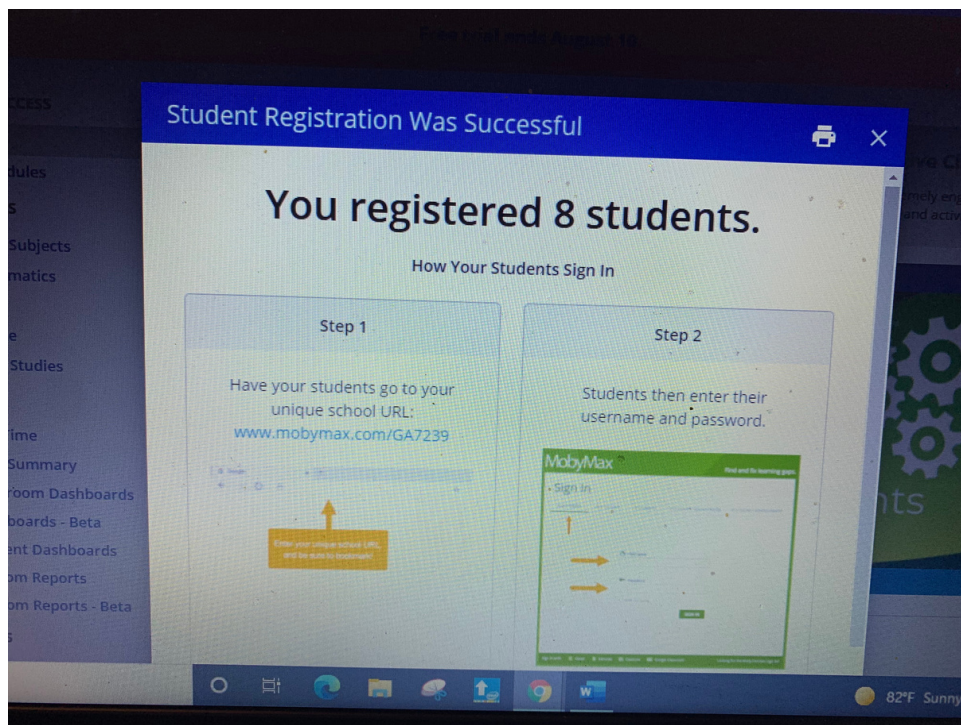
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Harvesting Scholars organized and hosted its inaugural "Ride For Scholars" fundraiser for the Rosie Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Summer Hill Complex. The Zulu Motorcycle Club led the ride.

2021 Summer Camp

The 2021 Summer Camp opened from Monday, July 12th and ended on Friday, July 30th. Campers were engaged in activities from 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday, at the Summer Hill Complex. The program accepted students in grades K-8 (ages 5-13). Readers were grouped by grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8.



Recommendations

Museum: *The Summer Hill Heritage Museum has hosted various civic and professional organizations. We would like to create more temporary exhibits, as well as marketing for greater outreach.*

Library: *The Summer Hill Library services children in the afterschool program year around. We would like to open the library to the community. As such, renewal of the 2021 library budget would allow for necessary purchases and labor to ensure hours of availability to the community.*

Outdoor Campus: *The Summer Hill outdoor athletic campus is used by many athletic groups. We would like to foster more organic traffic and community involvement. We would like to add a tennis club, swim lessons, and work towards renovations of the J.H. Morgan gymnasium, specifically upgrading the restrooms.*