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Home Depot workers honored for helping youth



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Home Depot employees were honored for helping out a local family by the Polk County Commission.

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A selfless act of kindness has made a few Cedartown Home Depot workers celebrities, and despite being busy with the press, Jeffrey Anderson and company found time to visit the most recent county commission work session where they were formally recognized for helping out a fellow citizen. The workers' story has been making the rounds, but for those unfamiliar, the group went

above and beyond by helping out local two-year-old Logan Moore deal with his hypotonia.

The condition, commonly referred to as floppy baby syndrome, makes it difficult for him to walk, so when he entered the store with his family, the workers built him a walker. "So today a lady and her mother and husband came in telling us that the insurance company may or may not pay for their little boys walker so they went on the internet and found plans to

make one out of PVC pipe," Anderson wrote in the original Facebook post that drew attention to the act. "So my store manager heard about this and we went over to them looked at their plans and said we got this so we started putting it together told the family to go and enjoy ice cream and come back in an hour. Other associates started jumping in and when the family came back it was done."

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AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Cedartown Farmer's Market has a new location and time for the 2019 season. Market-goers are invited to come out to the corner of Ware and South Main Street in Cedartown starting in recent weeks and continuing on Tuesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Contact Five Cedars Farm to participate at 678-246-1216 to learn more about becoming a vendor.

Summer Fun Day is coming to One Door Polk for local families and youth on Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., specifically tailored toward children birth to third grade. Want to volunteer? Contact admin@polkcouncil.com for more information.

Vacation Bible School is coming up at First Baptist Church of Cedartown on July 8 through July 12. This year's theme is "In the Wild." The ending celebration of VBS will be held during Sunday morning services on July 14. Register at fbc-cedartown.org.

Take part later this week in "Giddyup Junction" Vacation Bible School at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 956 Bethlehem Road in Felton. VBS runs from July 11 through July 13, with events Thursday and Friday scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and a wrap-up on Saturday starting at 3 p.m.

Man killed in Gibson Street shooting

Staff reports

Officials are still investigating a death on Gibson Street on Monday morning as the body of a man who died on the scene has been transported to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Crime Lab for a full autopsy.

Polk County Coroner Tony Brazier said that Robert Dennis, 29, of a Cedartown address, was pronounced dead on the scene in the shooting incident at 11:10 a.m.

He said that further information will likely be forthcoming after results of the autopsy are reported back from the Crime Lab. Brazier said that as of press time at the end of the week following the July 4 holiday, he was still waiting the results of the autopsy from the Crime Lab.

Cedartown Police and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation were on the scene Monday morning and through the day after calls came in at 10:30 a.m. requesting emergency personnel to the scene of 624 Gibson Street.

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Suspect injured in shooting at Polk party

Staff reports

The lone suspect — who is also the victim — in a shooting incident at a party on Judd Brazier Road was recovering in the intensive care unit at Floyd Medical Center last week.

Polk County Police Detective B. Brady said charges are likely to come down against the man shot around 3 a.m. on July 4 as the investigation to pin down all the particulars continues.

The unnamed suspect was alleged to have interrupted his ex-girlfriend's party at the Judd Brazier Road address after sending text messages to several individuals in attendance. Brady said the suspect arrived with several of his own friends and began a fight.

In the middle of the fight, Brady said the suspect pulled out a shotgun which prompted his ex-girlfriend to head inside and wake her stepfather, who came out with a gun of his own.

Brady said the stepfather saw the ex-boyfriend

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Kevin Myrick

An expanded collection now includes more rare items on display at the Cedartown Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia.

Sharing the love of all things Coca-Cola in Cedartown

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Coca-Cola tourists from all across the country and from every continent but Antarctica were part of a special day at the Cedartown Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia ahead of the July 4 holiday.

Museum Executive Director Daniel Morris was happy with the turnout coming from busloads for a stop at the Main Street museum featuring a collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia on July 2 during a three-hour event that saw the museum open for special hours for the group.

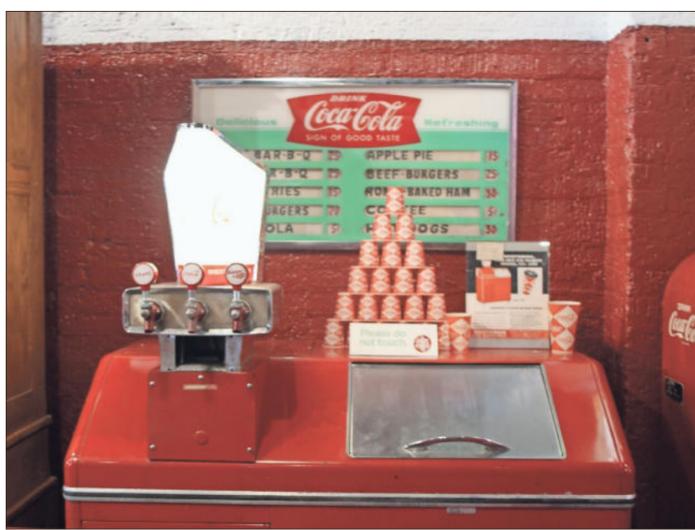
Morris said hundreds came from just about every state in the union, plus from dozens of more countries across the globe to see not only memorabilia gathered up by the family over the years, but also some new changes to the museum itself.

"We have been preparing for this event for months and will be featuring new displays and many new, rare items," Morris said previously.



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Visitors from all across the country and globe gathered at the Cedartown Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia on July 2.



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New items not on display before are now part of the collection to be seen at the Cedartown Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia.

The July 2 special tours coincided with the national convention of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club for the week of Independence Day held in Atlanta.

The museum marked its third

anniversary in late June ahead of the visit from Coca-Cola collectors. They came in buses for a stop in Cedartown and to look around the historic bottling plant and along Main Street by the hundreds for the event that started around 2 p.m. Those buses returned with new visitors throughout the afternoon.

It also gave opportunity to showcase new changes to the museum itself. Where before a large back area was used to showcase several Coca-Cola delivery vehicles that were restored on bare concrete, it now houses much more.

Collectibles are now part of the layout along the walls, carpet was added and only one of the historic vehicles now remains within. The collection also saw some rotation, with new items now on display while others were moved around.

Last week's event merited a visit from The Varsity food truck out of Atlanta to serve visitors and

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