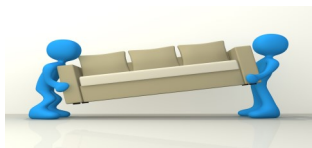




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THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT

Do you have household items and /or furniture that you would like to donate? The Craddock Center accepts donation of these items. We give them away to those in need! Give Lauren Miller a call at 706-632-1772 for further information or to volunteer for this program!

MAY—JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

MILK & HONEY



THE SECOND ANNUAL FRED B. CRADDOCK CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT was a huge success! We are most appreciative to all the teams that entered the tournament. Many thanks go out to our fabulous sponsors that made the event special. A BIG Craddock Center thank you to Mr. Mike Brumby and Mr. Pat Reagan for co-chairing our tournament. We are appreciative of WHITEPATH GOLF CLUB'S marvelous staff for helping make the event fun and successful. Last , but certainly not least, thank you to all our TCC volunteers, board members and staff that helped the event run very smoothly and highly organized!

THE CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



NATALIE JONES, CEP ARTIST

Last year, I visited the Dawsonville Head start on every other Tuesday. In the three-year-old class, there was one little boy who always remained quiet. He would clap along and stand up with group activities, but never spoke out. My end of the year program at that school was special. I take a basket of props that represent Mother Goose rhymes and let the children each have a turn to come up in groups of 2's and 3's to act out the rhymes.

My little quiet friend would not take a turn when offered several times to come up and hold the mouse in Hickory, Dickory Dock, or the spider in Little Miss Muffet.

At the very end, after I had led the whole group in Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around, he raised his hand and asked if he could hold the bear. He came up to the front of the group, held the bear puppet and proceeded to lead the whole group in the rhyme, without missing a word. His teacher let me know that it was the very first time he had ever spoken like that to the whole class. The fun of stories helped him overcome his shyness.

He is back this year as a four-year-old and is one of my most enthusiastic participants. At the last visit before Winter Break, the children helped me tell the story of the Gingerbread Man. Parents came that day with their children. This young man's father told me how proud he was to see his son taking part in something. It was the first time he got to be a witness.

THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.

A TASTE OF MILK & HONEY



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

How was I to know that when the cows are lying down, the fish won't bite? This bit of information is vital, especially to an eight-year-old, the perfect age for fishing. I could not believe this knowledge was intentionally withheld from me, although I know for a fact that adults withhold information from children. How do I know? Walk into a room of adults talking and suddenly every voice is hushed. Why? You know. Or when a child lies ill in bed with a fever of 120 and an adult says, "Now run along outside and play," you know secrets are being kept.

Now that I think about it, most of the important knowledge I possess was gained by watching and overhearing. Nobody told me that if a snapping turtle bites you, it will not turn you loose until it thunders. Nobody told me that a dead snake hanged on a fence will continue to wiggle its tail until sundown. Nobody told me that you can tell a watermelon is ripe by placing a broomstraw on the melon. If the straw turns a complete revolution, the melon is ripe. I picked up this information, nobody gave it to me. But it sure helps now and then when someone cares enough to just plain flat out tell you the truth.

So why didn't someone tell me that when the cows are lying down, the fish don't bite? We had a cow, for goodness sake! All those mornings I walked down to the farm pond with pole and worms, no one ever said, "Look at the cow on your way; if it is lying down, don't waste your time." Would that information have cost them anything? No. Would it have helped me? Yes, immensely.

It's not as if I was asking for an interpretation: did the fish get the cow to agree or was the whole thing the cow's idea? I don't care who started it or what the motive was. All I know is the basic information would have spared me many a disappointing day, the victim of a dark conspiracy.

Years later, my mother and I were driving out to the old farm where I was born. We passed a field in which were several cows, all lying down. "Not a good day to fish," she said. "You knew and didn't tell me!" My own mother; I couldn't believe it. She felt my pain. "You were just eight years old and you loved to fish. I didn't think *catching* fish was all that important. Besides, I did what I could." "And what was that?" "You remember Belle, our cow? Well, Belle promised me she would never lie down while you were fishing and she didn't. I trusted her."

And so did I, and I trusted my mother too. Trusting is very important, especially now, with all these conspiracies going around. Why, I heard the other day that cats can read your mind.



CAMP CRADDOCK!

Camp Craddock will get underway in June and run through July! This year we are excited to welcome Mt. Zion UMC, Sandy Springs Christian Church, and Trinity United Church of Christ from Wooster Ohio! The three mission groups will come to The Craddock Center for a full week of music, storytelling, and games. The mission groups will take Camp Craddock to Tower Road in Ellijay, The

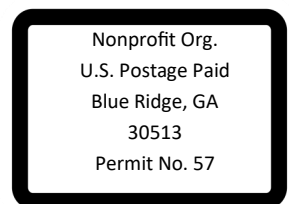
Mulberry Projects in Gilmer County, and Ranger Elementary School.

In addition, a week of fun will be had by all at The Gilmer Boys and Girls Club. Camp Craddock will be delivered there by TCC staff and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering this week please contact our programs director, Connie Chancey at 706-632-1772 or you may use the enclosed donation envelope to help out monetarily.

Our really big news is that Camp Craddock will begin the summer with the launch of a pilot program that will take camp to area churches and organizations. Camp will be coordinated by the congregations and club volunteers and staff. We are proud to begin the pilot program with Camp Craddock going to Holy Family Episcopal Church in Jasper Georgia. With their helpful generosity, we will be serving local children of The Pickens County Boys and Girls Club with food, crafts, adventure and "Happy and Hope" onsite at the Holy Family Campus. Stay tuned! Good things are happening!



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