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The 19 of Greene: Football, Friendship, and Change in the Fall of 1970 by Tony Barnhart

The Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn presentation, *The 19 of Greene: Football, Friendship, and Change in the Fall of 1970*, by Tony Barnhart, will be held onsite. The presentation is on Friday, May 10th, 2024, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.

The Lunch and Learn presentation is free, and no registration is required.

Tony Barnhart will bring to life the captivating story of the 1970 Greene County High School football team (the first integrated team in the history of the school) in Greensboro, Georgia, as detailed in his book, *The 19 of Greene: Football, Friendship, and Change in the Fall of 1970.* Drawing from his experiences as a senior on the team, Barnhart shares the formidable challenges faced by the players following the merger of Greene County High School and Floyd T. Corry High.

Despite facing hurdles, the team exhibited resilience that culminated in winning seven of their last eight games and earned them a coveted spot in the playoffs. Going beyond the football narrative, Mr. Barnhart's book and presentation will delve into the broader themes of unity and lasting connections forged among players from diverse backgrounds. The community's rallying support during this pivotal era of integration serves as a testament to the profound impact of the team beyond the field.

Copies of Mr. Barnhart's book will be sold onsite by <u>Story on the Square</u>. You can also purchase books in advance using the following link: https://www.storyonthesquare.com/19-greene-tony-barnhart-preorder. By preordering from this link, your book will be handed to you at the event.

Tony Barnhart is in his 48th season of covering college football for radio, television, and the internet. He was a college football analyst for eight years with the SEC Network. Previously, he was a college football analyst for CBS Sports and a reporter for ESPN's College Game Day. He spent 25 years at The Atlanta-Journal Constitution as a college football writer. Tony is a 1976 graduate of Grady College, the school of Journalism at the University of Georgia. He has been inducted into the school's Grady Fellowship, signifying career achievement and contributions to Journalism. In 2016, Tony received the Contribution to Amateur Football Award from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. In 1999, Tony was named the Georgia Sports Writer of the Year. On May 22, 2021, Tony was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

Tony has authored five books on college football. Two of the books are autobiographies of Vince Dooley and Larry Munson. His sixth book "The 19 of Greene" was released on Oct. 15, 2023.

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