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## CSS Chattahoochee Tragedy to be Commemorated on May 27

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To commemorate this event, and honor the men who perished, a brief ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at 11:30am at the monument. Historian and author, Dale Cox, will be on hand to provide a historical account of the event.

For more information, please contact Ben Chandler, Executive Director for Chattahoochee Main Street, Inc. at 663-2323 or email ben.chattahoocheemainstreet@gmail.com.

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