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WHITFIELD-MURRAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JANUARY 2014

CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014
2:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Old Spring Place
Methodist Church

Hear reports from all committees on 2013 accomplishments, plus 150th updates!

Sat., Jan. 25, 2014
& Sat., Feb. 1, 2014
9:00-4:00

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

at the archives
by DAR genealogists
Sarah Roach & Jean Drew
SIGN UP NOW!

See details on website.

NEW HOURS
at the Hamilton House!
Saturdays, 9:15-12:45
Docent Christian Callahan

IS YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ON FILE AT THE ARCHIVES?

If not, start today by sharing copies of basic information & photos. You can always add to your file at your convenience. Help your descendants have an easier time tracing their family tree than you've had!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Just type in Whitfield-Murray Historical Society to see our page, & hit "like." You will receive notices of WMHS meetings & other special events on Facebook.

RUMMAGE & XMAS ITEMS WELCOME YEAR-ROUND!

We can pick up if needed.



SCOUT DAVID JEWELL STANDS BETWEEN THE NEW BENCHES & THE IMPROVED FIRE PIT AT THE DUG GAP BATTLE PARK.

DUG GAP BATTLE PARK SPIFFED UP BY SCOUTS

The Dug Gap Battle Park, site of the May 7, 1864 conflict, is preparing for its 150th anniversary next spring. A number of visiting groups have already been scheduled.

Boy Scout David Jewell has led a clean-up crew at the park as part of his work on his Eagle rank. The Scouts of Troop 65 & their adult leaders have spent 90 hours improving the park. Dead trees & underbrush have been removed, & paths have been cleared to the site's two main attractions.

At the Battle Park, the left path leads to the natural rock outcropping where Confederates defended the mountain from invading Union troops. The right path leads to the manmade fortified wall built by the defenders during the night following the battle. The wall was not used because Union forces did not attempt a second scaling of the mountain. Although the wall was originally much longer, 1,237 feet (over)

NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVEL BENEFITS ANNOUNCED; RENEW TODAY!

New membership levels & benefits have been adopted by the WMHS officers & trustees. Which level is best for you & your family? Renew your membership for 2014 now! Both memberships & donations are tax-deductible.

Standard benefits: Six newsletters, free self-research, discounts for assisted research, & membership card.

Student Level: Standard benefits. **\$10.00**

Individual Level: Two journals with standard benefits. **\$25.00**

Family Level (up to four per family): Two journals with standard benefits. **\$40.00**

History Buff Level: Five percent discount on WMHS publications, and two journals with standard benefits. **\$60.00**

Preservationist Level: Five percent discount on meeting room rentals, five percent discount on WMHS publications, and two journals with standard benefits. **\$100.00**

Protectors of the Past Level: Ten percent discount on meeting room rentals, five percent discount on WMHS publications, and two journals with standard benefits. **\$500.00**

Lifetime Level: Ten percent discount on WMHS publications, and two journals with standard benefits. **\$1,000.00**

DO YOU HAVE HUFF HOUSE STORIES TO SHARE?

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Office Depot, Staples & Big Lots? They are always welcome! We also recycle printer ink cartridges.

DUG GAP BATTLE PARK SPIFFED UP BY SCOUTS

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of it exist today at the park. Some breastworks also remain on the other side of the road through the gap.

The Scouts & their adult leaders have improved the existing fire pit & built benches. The current sign will be scraped & painted, & the front gate will be replaced through a grant from the Northwest Ga. Community Foundation. Lines on the parking area will be repainted. Volunteers to pick up litter are always welcome.

Committee chair Marvin Sowder welcomes helpers. Contact him at msowder@dalton.net or 706-278-3925.

HISTORICAL QUESTION #4

In each newsletter, we ask a question about local history. To check your accuracy, go to our website: www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org.

Our third question appeared in the Oct. newsletter: What was Dalton called before it was incorporated? We'll bet a lot of you know this answer since, in recent years, several businesses have used this name: Cross Plains.

Here's question 4: How did Dalton get its present name?

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- Gifts to the Chatsworth Depot Fund have been received in memory of Pat Ausmus from Frank & Peg Adams, Ellen Thompson, & Ralph Ausmus & family.
- In memory of Ruth McGill by Thomas & Sadie Mann.
- In memory of Reg Burnette by Ellen K. Thompson
- To the Wright Hotel Fund in memory of Glenn & Annie Laurie Howard by M/M Paul Houston.

IN HONOR OF . . .

- Tim Howard by M/M Nat Hansford.

THANKS TO . . .

- Volunteers who hosted visitors at the Wright Hotel & Chatsworth Depot during the Black Bear Festival & Second Saturday openings & who operated the sales booth at Prater's Mill.
- Eagle Scout candidates Tracy Findley & Asa Hibbett for completing historical projects. Tracy led the clean-up of the Morris-Varnell Cemetery at Gladden

Springs, while Asa's project spruced up the Lucy Hill Spring & picnic area at Spring Place. We also appreciate the help of Murray County's Commissioner, Brittany Pittman, & the employees of the Road Department with the project. The Spring Place Historic Township also contributed to the effort.

- Frank & Linda Loyd of Chatsworth for donating scarves, a bonnet, & an apron to the Wright Hotel.
- Carolyn Luffman for her donation of numerous historic photographs, old copies of the *Quarterly*, & a number of past Murray County calendars to the Wright Hotel Archives.
- Carolyn Martin for donating historic photographs for future calendars.
- Mrs. Ruth Kemp Holcomb, who turned 102 in October & was born in the Chief Vann House, recently donated family photos & clippings to the Old Methodist Church Archives, plus a picture of the Vann House from the time her family lived there.
- All who donated items for the Christmas Sale--a huge success. Special thanks to the following people who set up & worked the days of the sale: Flora Caldwell, Routh Cline, Ann Compton, Ann Cook, Skip Cox, Dorothy Gray, Virgilia Meek, Paula Morrow, Jackie Pope, Louise Smith, Nellena Smith, & Ellen Thompson. Thanks to Jennifer D. for support throughout this event.
- Tim Howard for books & educational documents.
- Jackie Pope for *Historic Bartow County* book.
- Paul Ross donated a framed Woodlawn Sunday School banner from the 1800s to the Old Methodist Church, plus a framed World War II Armed Forces Honor Roll & banner remembering the men of the Center Valley community who were serving around the world. One name was designated by a Gold Star—Adrian Hammontree.

ARCHIVES FALL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to Kelly Caldwell, Don Coleman, Phill Conley, Jim Cook, Lindsey Derrick, Jane Harrell, Jacob Hixenvaugh, Nellena Smith, Dr. Don Thomas, Ellen Thompson, Tisha White, Alex Wilbanks, & Rhonda Wilbanks.

Interns David Dickie & Justin Deal work every Wed. afternoon.

HOLIDAY HOUSE VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BOMB!

Kudos to these multi-talented folks for all their hard work (cleaners, fixers, decorators, bakers, servers, hosts, history experts) on 2013 Holiday House at the Huff House: Judy Alderman, Randy Beckler, Bill Blackman, Dottie Boring, Ann Bowen, Brenda Brantley, Caroline Brown, Donna Burnette, Nathan Burnette, Betty Ann Chamblee, Routh Cline, Ann Compton, Sandra Derrick, Helen Conley, Bruce Davies, Sandra Derrick, Jennifer Detweiler, Patricia Edwards, Chance Fowler, Woody Glenn, Mary Hardin, Beth Hayes, Betsy McArthur, Tut McFarland, Virgelia Meek, Barry Miller, Jackie Pope, Patti Smalley, Nellena Smith, Marvin Sowder, Patty Spanjer, Ellen Thompson, & Jerry Trollinger. Also, a HUGE thank you to Benny Dunn & the City of Dalton work crew!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Patricia Burns, Dalton
Bryan & Donna Hair, Dalton
Sue Phelps, Rocky Face
John & Becky Bowling, Rocky Face
Crawford & Ann McDonald, Dalton
Mildred Ivester-Sterchi, Dalton
Jimmy Lunsford, Cohutta
Warren & Patricia Coppedge, Dalton
Michael Helmantoler, Lehi, UT
Nathan Burnett, Dalton
The Petersons, Atlanta
Bruce Broadrick, Dalton
Bob Neuls, Dalton
Judy & Bob Buchanan, Rocky Face
Donna Barclay, Dalton
Annelle & Trammell Scott, Dalton
Leanne Ward, Decatur, GA
Mary Jane Mohr, Dalton

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