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## "DIG" DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT EVHS MEETING ON JULY 26 AT INDIAN MOUNDS

**D**ean Wood, the Principal Archaeologist with Southern Research, Historic Preservation Consultants of Columbus, Georgia will address EVHS at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Etowah Indian Mounds historic site.

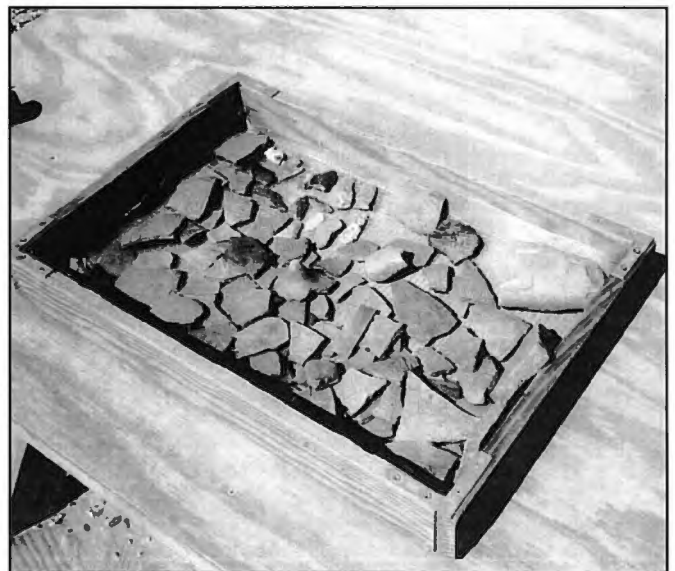
The Bartow Dig Archaeological Study is taking place at the Leake Site, a two thousand year old Native American village west of Cartersville. The archaeological study is examining portions of the village that will be affected when the Georgia Department of Transportation widens State Highway 61 and 113. Evacuations began in November 2004 and are expected to continue into late summer of 2005.

The archaeologists have found compelling evidence that the people who lived here between 100 BC and AD 400 were connected to many other native populations across the Eastern U.S. through trade and shared religious beliefs. The study has discovered the faint traces of numerous dwellings on the site, some nearly thirty feet in diameter.



**SOUTHERN RESEARCH  
WORKERS SCREEN SOIL AT  
SITE SOUTH OF ETOWAH RIVER**

Archaeologists are digging on both sides of the highway south of Ladd mountain before scheduled highway expansion covers the historic sites.



**ARROWHEADS, POTTERY  
SHARDS, BROKEN TOOLS,  
PIECES OF EFFEGIES**

A sample of the thousands of artifacts uncovered at the Leake site during the current archaeological dig. Some of these items had not been touched by human hands for 2000 years before being uncovered recently.



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## TIME CAPSULE PLACED IN CORNERSTONE

On Memorial Day, as part of the Carl Boyd Post of the American Legion's annual remembrance services, EVHS placed a new capsule in the cornerstone of the 1903 gold-domed courthouse.

The original capsule, placed in the cornerstone in 1903 at the formal dedication of the building, had been removed at the Centennial Celebration on January 12, 2003. Unfortunately, a metal box had been used as the first capsule and it, and its contents had deteriorated badly over the span of 100 years.

At the conclusion of the American Legion services in the historic courtroom of the gold-domed courthouse, the podium was turned over to EVHS president, Ed Hill, who thanked the Legion for allowing EVHS to participate. Recognition was given to the representatives of the Masonic Order who were in attendance and then Ed introduced our speaker, Bartow County Commissioner, Clarence Brown.

Following Commissioner Brown's speech (*printed on page 7*), Ed gave a description of the contents of the new capsule. He explained that the original intent had been to place the contents of the 1903 capsule back into the cornerstone. However, the only items in condition to survive another 100 years were two coins. The new items were selected to give Bartow County residents of 2103 a glimpse into the Bartow County of 2003.

At the conclusion of the program, the new capsule (*a plastic container sealed with duct tape*) was placed inside the cornerstone, where it will remain for another 100 years.

### TIME CAPSULE CONTENTS

- Apollo Patch with message to Cartersville citizens of 2103 from former Cartersville resident, John Young. John made six trips into space and walked on the moon.
- Memorial Day Program
- Centennial Program for January 12, 2003
- Copies of Etowah Valley Historical Society newsletter dated Jan. 1996, Jan. 2003 and March 2003 containing information on the 1903 gold-domed courthouse.
- Assorted photographs showing old buildings in vicinity of courthouse, views from the dome, and photos taken at the 2003 celebration.
- Copy of the visitors register for the 2003 Centennial celebration.
- Aerial photo, courtesy of the city of Cartersville, showing the courthouse and nearby buildings
- Bartow County Real Estate Guide
- Bartow County Tourist Brochure
- Assorted 2003 Coins
- Georgia Quarter
- Bicentennial Silver Dollar
- Cartersville Centennial Patch
- 1901 and 1902 coins from the 1903 capsule
- American Legion Medallions and the written history of the American Legion.
- Masonic Pins (Grand Master State of Georgia, Thomas L. Blanton, 2003-04, Cartersville), (State of Georgia), Grand Masters Medallion, Georgia Medallion
- Space program pins donated by Charles Puckett
- Computer disc of artwork made by Kingston Elementary students on "What I Like About Living In Bartow County In The Year 2004"

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# DINNER AT THE MOUNDS

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EVHS members enjoyed good food, a demonstration of arrowhead making and spear throwing, toured the newly remodeled Indian Mounds Museum and heard plans for new developments for the Museum on Saturday evening, May 21st.

EVHS past president, Carl Etheridge, demonstrated the methods used by the Indians to make an arrowhead by producing an arrowhead in ten minutes of chipping using a stone and an antler. Carl also gave a demonstration of spear throwing.

Most of the members had not been in the museum since it was remodeled and all were impressed by the improvements that had been made.

Ken Atkin, the new director of the Etowah Indian Mounds facility spoke on the history of the mounds and of his plans for further improvements. His future plans include the formation of a new group, Friends of the Indian Mounds. The new group will be spearheaded by Carl Etheridge.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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TUESDAY, JULY 26th @ 7 p.m. INDIAN MOUNDS  
The director of the Leake Archaeological project will speak

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st @ 6:30 p.m. NOBLE HILL SCHOOL  
EVHS Annual Dinner Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th @ 10:00 a.m. EUHARLEE  
Tour of Homes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th @ NOON EUHARLEE  
Tour of Homes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.  
ANNUAL Christmas Party



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 Confederate  
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 May 13, 1864

A portion of  
**BARTOW COUNTY**  
**GEORGIA**

**of Certain Landmarks  
of the Year 1864**

**Drawn for  
Thomas Spencer**

**by Wilbur G. Kurtz  
FEB. 1949**



*Editors note: The reproduction of this map and accompanying article is the first in our series of articles written by Thomas Spencer in the late 1940's and 50's. His articles, about Bartow County sites of historic interest, were published in the Cartersville and Atlanta newspapers. As Mr. Spencer states in the article, save this map for future reference.*

The map accompanying this article is a VALUABLE map. It is your map - of your county. Your good county - Bartow. It shows the roads and landmarks - as they were in 1864. 1864, as you know, is the year that real war came to Bartow

I had Mr. Wilbur Kurtz of Atlanta draw this map - a task that took more than fifty hours of real work. The original drawing is about eight times the size of the map as it appears in the Tribune-News. Information contained on this map comes from several thousands of miles that I have traveled in your county; from official records; maps of the period; information from my manuscripts "Hood"; some of the information from the notes on Mr. Kurtz's "Atlanta Campaign"; and from information that I have gathered from the good people of your good county.

I humbly suggest that every man, woman and child of Bartow get a copy of this map - your Tribune-News map will do - and to put that map in a good scrap book for future reference. I also urge that every school in Bartow county secure and save a copy. This map - as I have said - IS VALUABLE.

Those who have kept articles written by myself - will find this map most valuable. You will remember that many of the historic places on this map have already been written about. There are many more articles to come for publication in the Tribune-News - the lord willing.

When I report to the readers of this article, that I have traveled several thousand miles in Bartow county - I mean just that. For many of those miles, - the good wife accompanied me. For hundreds of more miles, Mr. Kurtz and Major B. C. Yates, were along. On hundreds of other miles, historians from out of the state went along. For many more of those miles, there were good citizens of Bartow along. For all of these I am most thankful.

All of the information on this map did not come easy. I "fussed" with and "cussed" at many bad roads. For instance - years ago the good wife and myself "explored" from highway 41 - right up the north bank of the Etowah. In those days there were many places to see - that no longer stand. The road - if one could call it that - was a nightmare of the worst type. Yet, we photographed many places soon to be flooded by the Etowah - once the dam begins its work of covering.

The people in Bartow have been more than nice to me. I could mention dozens of names, but will keep that until the articles are finished. Not a single instance of "lack" of full cooperation. I am most thankful for this. There are still some mysteries about your history I would like to know. That will come later.

And, while on the subject of being thankful - I want to thank those who have written me forty-six letters in the last month. I will try to answer all those letters, but here in this humble effort - will say - THANK YOU, very much. These letters show - beyond any shadow of a doubt - that those of Bartow county ARE interest in Bartow history.

I could borrow part of a slogan I once saw - and change it to read "Any country - of any people - which forgets its past - will have no future worth remembering."

So, now you have "YOUR MAP" of "YOUR COUNTY". Let's put it in that scrapbook - for future reference. And, let's make more trips - together in the Tribune- News - to more of your interesting and historic places. Bartow has so many of those places - and they are places of real interest.

I dare you to "tell the world" about them. That is, unless you simply do NOT want visitors and the tourist.

From *The Daily Tribune-News*, Cartersville, Georgia, Tuesday, November 8, 1949. Thanks to EVHS member Genie Certain for loaning a good copy of the map for reproduction in our newsletter.

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# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

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The Native American group is now meeting monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. The group meets in the EVHS resource library in the gold-domed 1903 courthouse. The group intends to try to present programs to the schools that will strive to educate, preserve and promote the history of the red man and their Native American heritage.

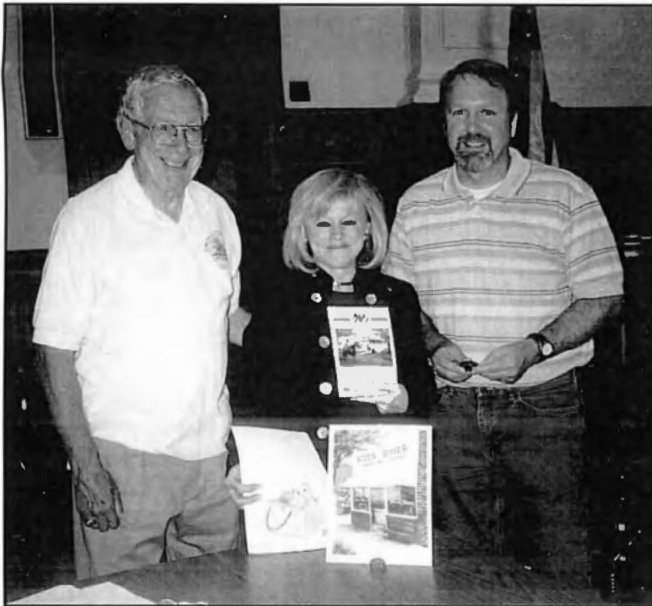
The group's motto is "may your drums of war forever collect dust and your pipe of peace never grow cold". Fifteen members attended the last organizational meeting at which members shared their treasures. Jane Thomas brought a Native American doll, stuffed with horse hair, dressed in a calico dress and moccasins. The doll was completely cloth except for a carved and stained head. Jane brought Native American music which was played as background music during the meeting. Collin Abernathy brought a Coco stick and a peace pipe which he designed and made for his father. The pipe and stick were identical replicas of those used by Indians in the 1700's.

Jodeen Blazer Brown related her work on the genealogy she has done on her husband's family who are related to Chief Crane Eater.

Officers were expected to be elected at the June meeting.

The group is open, not only to descendents of Native Americans, but to persons who are interested in the Native American culture.

## JEANNIE BUCK



Jeannie Buck, Bartow educator and author, poses with Ed Hill, EVHS President, and Michael Garland, EVHS Corresponding Secretary, after speaking at an EVHS membership on April 21st. Ms. Buck has recently written a children's book based on the people she has met and the stories she has heard at Ross Diner. All proceeds from sales of the book will go to Flowering Branch, the local children's shelter.

## TOUR OF HOMES

NOVEMBER 5th & 6th

The 2005 EVHS Tour of Homes is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 6th, from noon to 4 p.m.

This year's tour begins at the historic Commissary in Euharlee, where tickets will be available and parking will be provided. Participants will board buses in Euharlee and be driven to the homes that will include Malbonne, Valley View and the Nelson/Garden home. Tickets are \$12 each.

Corporate sponsors for this year's tour are: Century Bank of Bartow County, Shaw Hankins Agency, Bartow Paving, Phoenix Air and New Riverside Ochre.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including serving as hostesses at the homes and helping to distribute posters prior to the event. If you would like to be a part of this year's exciting event, call John Lewis at 770-386-1976.

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REMARKS OF BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
**CLARENCE BROWN**  
AT TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY  
MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2005

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On a very cold day in January 2003, we opened the cornerstone of this building to view the contents of a time capsule, which was placed inside it 100 years before.

Unfortunately, much of the contents of that time capsule had deteriorated beyond recognition. Yet, enough of the contents remained to give us a sense of what the people of Bartow County, on that long ago day, considered to be important for us to understand.

Clearly it was not about treasure or great wealth or even the great historical events of their time. Instead, it was about the people who were keenly aware and proud of their heritage and who were contemplating a future full of hope and promise.

They were reaching out to future generations to say that we care about you and we are striving to leave you a better community and we trust that you will recognize and appreciate those who came before you. That you will understand and appreciate your heritage.

On that day in January 2003 when we opened the cornerstone, our focus was on the past and the Courthouse was packed by our citizens, who came to remember, celebrate, and honor those who came before us. Those gathered on that day understood that the greatness of a community is not just about today, or about the past, but also about the future.

Those who came before us built a great foundation for our community. Upon that foundation, we have continued to build and it is how we build on that foundation that will determine whether we will be honored and remembered by those who came after us.

In 2103 when our time capsule is opened, will there be a large gathering of the community to celebrate and remember us for the work we did to improve the community?

If this happens, it will depend, in large part, as to how we are able to bring new residents to our vision for the community.

In the next few decades, Bartow County will experience unprecedented population growth. New residents will greatly outnumber those who were born here or who have resided in the County for many years.

Those new residents will have little knowledge of our community, of its history, and its sense of community.

Therefore, it is essential that we should welcome them and include them in our social, cultural, and service organizations, which will allow them to understand and appreciate our community and our sense of identity.

We can easily become just one of the many suburbs of Atlanta, unrecognizable from each other or we can sustain our sense of community, unique to us, and separate from Atlanta.

Perhaps the gathering to open our time capsule in 2103 will be a benchmark of how well we did. Will there be a large gathering of citizens who come to honor and celebrate those who came before and who acknowledge and appreciate our efforts to maintain a sense of community and an appreciation of our heritage or will there be only a few curious citizens who want to see some 100 year old artifacts?

Will it be a passing event, or a celebration that will inspire the community to look at its future with a vision of making our County a better place, while preserving a deep appreciation for our heritage?

The challenges are great, but I am optimistic that 100 years from today, Bartow County will be even a better more prosperous community retaining our strong sense of identity and ready to meet the challenges of the 22nd century and this old Courthouse will still be standing on this hill as a connecting symbol from the past to the present and shining as a beacon pointing the way to a bright future.

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# LIBRARY

## ADDITIONS BEING CATALOGUED

Our recent purchase of 1870 census books, as well as donations received recently are being properly catalogued for the EVHS library located in the 1903 gold-domed courthouse. The Bartow County Library System performs this task as a public service.

The majority of the books being catalogued are from a collection of 35 volumes donated by Chantel Parker.

A selection of books on preservation of old buildings were also donated by Susan and Brian McLeod.

## EVHS WEBSITE

If you have questions about EVHS all you'd ever want to know is available on our website. Information on our history, important projects, schedule of events, officers, etc. is available at [www.evhsonline.org](http://www.evhsonline.org)

The site is updated monthly by Eleanor Linn and Michael Garland

*In case you are looking for Volume 53, we accidentally skipped the number.*

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY PROJECT

December 2005, has been set as the deadline for collecting information for the Inventory project. Efforts for the next six months will focus on working with local community work teams to complete the documentation of historic sites in their respective areas. If you have any questions concerning this very important project, please contact Mary Norton, 770-607-9359.

## RETURN THE FAVOR

SOMEONE ASKED YOU TO JOIN EVHS  
RETURN THE FAVOR

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
IN THE COURTHOUSE OFFICE

The EVHS fiscal year runs from October 1st thru September 30th. If you have not paid your dues for the current year, you are in danger of having your name removed from the membership rolls. EVHS needs your support.



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