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## EVHS ONLINE...THE WEBSITE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP

In late 2015 the EVHS Board asked Joe Head and Scott Cooper, webmaster, to update our website to a more compatible platform that would feature a fresh graphical theme. This allows greater functionality to access background portals, software, improved content and processes. The updated platform included a link, coined "Bartow Authors" for research to allow local authors a means for posting articles and research now featuring more than 20 submissions. The site continues to feature the highly innovative Bartow History Scholars program, Oral Histories of local personalities interviews embedded in a YouTube Gallery, Search bar and a new Facebook link.

The newest feature to our website is an automated on line event registration system. This tool offers members 24/7 ability to register for events and pay on line using pay pal or credit card. This addition was guided by Debbie Head and is intended to provide convenience for members and allows EVHS the ability for greater accounting for event attendees. The tool can be found under the Events tab.

Bartow History Scholars Hit A Milestone @evhsonline.org - A first!!!!, August 30 was the largest single day use or traffic on our website exceeding 1100 clicks. Previously it was 760 which was the day before the Quiz Bowl. In reviewing the analytics it is clear that the activity was generated by one of the middle schools that focused on Native Americans and the overall Student Tutorials among other related curriculum.

There are a lot of comments from users of the website about the informative and thorough information we have on our site. The following are two notes recently received from Laura Huth from Cartersville Middle and Christie Barnett of Cass Middle School about recent assistance her class received from evhsonline.org:



*"...Greetings for the new school year! I'm very excited to participate again. We have started a "History Club" at the school for 8th graders, hopefully to expand to 6-8 next year, using our prize money from last year's competition."*

Laura Huth  
Cartersville Middle School

*"...You know Cass Middle loves EVHS and the wonderful resources you have provided for our students! We use them almost every unit throughout the year. Cass Middle had a lesson on Native Americans yesterday using the EVHS student tutorial, and concluded the lesson with a quiz. The students found it very interesting, and it coincides wonderfully with our 8th grade state standards..."*

*Thank you for all you do!*

Christie Barnett  
Cass Middle School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EVHS

**October 1 and 2, 2016** – Allatoona Pass Battlefield. Open to the public.

**October 7, 2016** – Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner at Grand Oaks. Reservations required. Call 770-606-8862 or go to [evhsonline.org/events](http://evhsonline.org/events) to make your reservations.

**October 8th, 2016** – Where Southern Legends Come Alive. Fundraiser at Valley View. Reservations required.

**Tentative: October 29, 2016** – Hike to Stamp Creek Furnace Ruins for Members Only!! This hike will likely be conducted between 9:00 and noon. Check the upcoming events section of [evhsonline.org](http://evhsonline.org) for details as they are posted – or give us a call at the EVHS office of the Gold Dome Courthouse at 770-606-8862.

**November 5 and 6, 2016** – Tour of Homes. All homes are featured on West Avenue and Attaway Drive. Tickets available at Gold Dome Courthouse. Open to the public.

**December 2, 2016** – Annual Christmas and Holiday Member Dinner at Roselawn.

EVHS is accepting memberships now. Go to home page at [evhsonline.org](http://evhsonline.org) to join.

## IN MEMORIAM

David Gaddis  
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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dot Brett	Rita Gann
Becky Carr	Melissa Phillips
Bob & Susan Fontana	Janice Wardell
Dawn & Winn Forkner	Jeffrey & Debra Williams

## EVHS OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

EVHS continues to invite interested members to volunteer in the office and for other duties. Recently Annette Cockrill has agreed to manage the Volunteer schedule and welcomes any who wish to participate. Annette will work closely with Office Manager Linda Cochran to assist in the flow of the office responsibilities at EVHS. She will direct volunteers and provide a line of communication to increase efficiency. The heart of EVHS is our hard-working and dedicated volunteers. As always, we sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers and all they do!

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## INTERNSHIPS - INTERPRETING THE PAST WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

Internships are carefully monitored work experiences in a student's prospective field. An internship is typically a single semester work experience (paid or unpaid) that offers students an opportunity to engage in further career exploration, supplementing academic and classroom learning.

EVHS is proud to have sponsored three collegiate interns this year. Each intern was assigned a distinctive topic that required a commitment of a minimum of 150 to 300 (depending on their major) research hours and a variety of methods to achieve the project. They learned to use microfilm, deed records, census records, books and they personally interviewed numerous individuals. Of course, the students used the internet to assemble information. Under the supervision of Joe Head, all three conducted internships between January and August 2016. You can read their research projects on the EVHS web site under the Bartow Author's link and see Jake's map on the Map Gallery.

### Intern Jacob Gresham

To the right is Jacob Gresham receiving first place award from the Georgia Urban and Regional Information Sciences Association (GAURISA) for his interactive digital Bartow mining map. This is a state-wide competition among universities and colleges. Jake is a Kennesaw State University student and his map was themed around the historic sites that primarily focus on New Riverside Ochre mining operations and other folk nicknames given to the mines. See the Gallery link and visit the "Bartow Folk Named Mines" map



### Intern Elyse Hoganson

Elyse Hoganson is a Cartersville resident and an art history major intern from Georgia College and State University. Elyse conducted an intense research project on the early schools of Bartow County between 1840 and 1940. Her work uncovered an unexpected group of schools we coined, Cottage Academies. Her research features a fascinating collection of newspaper ads that schools once used to promote enrollment. She was able to identify 120 schools that once operated in the city and county during this period.



### Intern Staci Lusk

Staci Lusk is a recent graduate of Kennesaw State University with an anthropology major. She previously was on the field school team that excavated at the Dabbs Dig in 2015 and delivered a baby boy during her intern semester.



Staci conducted an ambitious research project to tell the story of mining in Bartow County with a special feature on New Riverside Ochre. Her project included compiling a first-ever documented list of every mining company that operated in Bartow County.

## EVHS CONTINUES TO WORK WITH LAKEPOINT SPORTS

Lake Point Sports held a ribbon cutting Friday September 9 to open their family entertainment center. Joe Head and Dianne Mooney continue to work with LakePoint Sports to add Bartow history themes to their new LakePoint Station Family Entertainment Center. Selected attractions will feature history factoids, photos and questions about Bartow mining and railroad history.

From left to right are:  
Robert Gilfillan, Manager  
of Miner's Mountain; Billy  
Popham, Emerson; Richard  
Walters, General Manager of  
LakePoint Station; Diane  
Mooney, EVHS; Neal  
Freeman, Co-CEO LakePoint Sports; Joe Head, EVHS VP.



## BARTOW AUTHORS' CORNER

*A venue for local authors to publish their research about  
Bartow County*

Check out the Bartow Authors' article collection and read submissions from our very first lady authors. Our own Sandy Lusk is credited with being the first female to post her article on Emerson. She is followed by two of our college interns with their articles on mining and schools. Take the opportunity to read the newly posted article by Intern Elyse Hoganson entitled "Evolution of Schools in Bartow County". Additionally, Intern Staci Lusk's contributed "Bartow Mining".

More newly posted articles are:

- Saltpeter Cave - Joel Sneed
- Etowah's Camp Foster - Joe Head

Bartow Authors' is an opportunity for EVHS members and others to contribute works on local historic topics.

## VALLEY VIEW: WHERE SOUTHERN LEGENDS COME ALIVE



*Valley View (circa 1840)*

Join EVHS members at the home place of the Norton Family as EVHS sponsors a fundraiser to support our Oral History and Bartow History Scholar projects among other preservation initiatives. Among the tour of the home and grounds, meeting some of our famous Southern Legends, enjoying a Confederate Gold signature drink, bidding on useful and interesting silent auction items, you are helping to make sure the Oral History Project and the Bartow History Scholar Program continue to preserve legacies for our county. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres will be served followed by entertainment and a silent auction. Limited to the first 100 registrants.

Southern Legends will mingle as you stroll the grounds at the antebellum home of the Norton Family on October 8th. Cecilia Stovall's good friend, Miss Lucy, will host the occasion in her most gracious manor. Music by The Stephen Lee Band plays in the background as you ponder the premium selected items in a silent auction all while you enjoy the food provided by Sixes Tavern, Grand Oaks and Southern Mugs.

Oh, and don't forget to taste the signature cocktail of "Confederate Gold."

Advance registration is required. Call the office to determine space availability. (770-606-8862)



*Do you know the legend of "Confederate Gold"?*

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## MATTIE LEE PRICE COMES HOME TO BARTOW COUNTY



*From the collection of  
Warren A. Raymond*

EVHS sponsored a book signing and program July 26 featuring Texas author, Donna Lee Dicksson at the Stiles auditorium in the old Cherokee Avenue School. Donna introduced Mattie Lee Price to over 50 Bartow citizens and acquainted us with a long lost and forgotten personality from Stilesboro who became a worldwide celebrity. At 90 pounds she performed a stage act demonstrating unusual feats of strength against full grown men. She eventually performed with Harry Houdini, toured Europe and died in Great Britain at the age of 29. Donna has placed books for sale at the EVHS office and Bartow History Museum.

EVHS sponsored reception, lecture and book signing for Texas author Donna Lee Dicksson.

Ray Thacker gets his signed copy of the "Forgotten Georgia Wonder" from Author Donna Lee Dicksson.

EVHS welcomed Texas author Donna Lee Dicksson as she brought the story of her great-great grandmother, Mattie Lee Price, to a standing room only crowd at the old Stiles Auditorium at the restored Cherokee Avenue School on July 26, 2016. Donna is a retired engineer with a passionate interest for exploring her past. As a result, she has discovered her family roots lead back to Georgia and revealed an ancestor that she and Bartow can be proud to remember. Donna introduced Mattie Lee Price to over 50 attending Bartow Countians and acquainted us with a long lost and forgotten personality from Stilesboro who became a worldwide celebrity. At 90 pounds, Mattie Lee performed a stage act demonstrating unusual feats of strength against fully grown men.

Mattie Lee Price was blessed with an unusual skill that developed into a vaudeville stage act, eventually earning her billing with Harry Houdini, the famed escape artist. The story of Mattie Lee Price weaves through a great variety of places in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, and England. She was billed as a sideshow act in The Robinson Show, The Great Wallace Show and Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth. She was a center ring act in The Walter L. Main Circus and even got her own circus poster.

Her friends were bearded ladies, dog faced boys, armless



*Attendees enjoyed experiencing the recently restored Cherokee Avenue School during Donna Dicksson's presentation. EVHS extends a huge "thank you" to Commissioner Steve Taylor and Bartow County for the preservation of Bartow treasures such as the Stiles Auditorium.*



wonders, midgets, and giants. The world of circuses in the period between 1884 and 1899 was colorful, alive, and amazing.

Ms. Dicksson has also contributed an article about Mattie Lee Price to the Bartow Author's collection on the web site (evhsonline.org). Her books are on sale at the EVHS office at the Gold Dome Courthouse and the Bartow History Museum.



*1894 Mattie Lee Price performing as "GAZA"  
Courtesy of this Ken Harck collection*

# STAMP CREEK HIKE TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 29TH

## FAMILY FIELD TRIP SERIES

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EVHS is tentatively planning our first fall hike **EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEMBERS ONLY** to the Stamp Creek Stone Furnace Ruins Saturday October 29.

Prior to the Civil War, at least nine iron furnaces operated at one time or another in the county. Today, the remains of five of these furnaces can still be seen along the banks of Stamp Creek and the Etowah River, where the heaviest deposits of iron ore exist.

The industry, which began with the arrival in Bartow County of pioneer furnace builder and ironmaster Jacob Stroup in 1836 and reached its peak in the 1850s, abruptly ended with the physical and economic upheaval caused by the Civil War and the destruction of Mark Cooper's Etowah Ironworks. Mining operations continued into the 20th century, but at a declining rate. An interesting theory was presented to a group of attendees at the first Hills of Iron event in 2001 about the name Allatoona and the Stroup's influence by DNR ranger James Hamilton: "The last furnace built by Jacob Stroup was the Allatoona Furnace, once located where Bethany Bridge now stands at the entrance to Red Top Mountain," Hamilton said. The bridge crosses what used to be Allatoona Creek. According to Hamilton, "The theory is that the name Allatoona may stem from the Stroups – Jacob and Moses – and not from Native American heritage. Apparently the Stroups' ancestors had come from the Ruhr Valley in Germany where there is a small town named Altona. Stroup ancestors turn up in Pennsylvania and guess what... there's an Allatoona, Pennsylvania. They migrate down this way and hmm.... Allatoona Creek, Allatoona Furnace, etc. Is this just coincidence?" Hamilton poses. "I don't know. It's kind of a curious note though."



*Stamp Creek Furnace Ruins – (Photo courtesy of Susan Tidwell, Ellijay, Ga - Patchwork Reflections)*



## PRESERVATION PROFILE

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***Backus-  
Dellinger-  
Dunn Home***  
***745 West Avenue***



The features of this stunning home are typical of neoclassical house built at the turn of the twentieth century. The colossal four columned front porch on the single main gable suggests the Colonial Revival style. 745 West Ave has 6 bedrooms, 4 baths, and approximately 5,155 square feet. The property was built in 1929 by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Backus, who worked with famed architect Kennon Perry to design the house. Mr. Backus, who was Vice President of Ladd's, married Mary Cobb Satterfield. The home was acquired in 1957 by Mrs. Backus' grandson, Jimmy Dellinger. Ms. Gay Dellinger lived in the home until her death in 2010. Reid and Brenda Dunn recently renovated the home and focused on restoring certain aspects of the home to their original features to honor the home's history. In this quaint historic home you will find detailed dentil molding and the slate roof, which are original to the home. EVHS is proud to have this as one of the featured homes on the 2016 Tour of Homes.

***Magnolia House***  
***218 West Cherokee***  
***Avenue in historic***  
***downtown***  
***Cartersville.***



Built in 1944, this charming home is located at 218 W Cherokee Avenue in Cartersville, and chosen as Atlanta Magazine's fall 2016 featured showcase – Magnolia House. The home, was originally designed in 1940 by the Smith & Daves architectural firm of Atlanta. However, the design was inspired by a drawing by Philip Trammell Shutze – a friend of the residence's original owners, Dargan and Lucille Cole.

Visitors to the show house can enjoy an abundance of dining, shopping and attractions only a short distance from the home in historic and charming Cartersville, as well as attend the EVHS Tour of Homes the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Open to the public Wednesdays-Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. from October 19th through November 13th. Tickets are available for purchase for \$20 each and can be purchased through Advocates for Children's website, [AdvoChild.org](http://AdvoChild.org), or Atlanta Magazine's website, [AtlantaMagazine.com](http://AtlantaMagazine.com)

## ASA GRIGGS CANDLER CARTERSVILLE'S CONNECTION TO THE COCA COLA EMPIRE

Local Historian and EVHS Vice President Joe Head shared his recent research on Asa Candler, founder of the Coca-Cola Company, at a lecture held at the Bartow History Museum on July 28, 2016. This presentation revealed a much deeper family connection to Cartersville than previously known. Also, Joe shared his findings to identify where the actual pharmacy in which Candler worked may have been located on Main Street. A packed crowd found this presentation very informative and discovered surprising Candler family ties back to Cartersville after Coca Cola was organized. You can read all about Asa Candler at the Bartow Author's Corner section of the EVHS website!



*Another full house for EVHS lecture from Joe Head on Asa Griggs Candler at Bartow History Museum July 28th – very interesting and informative information!!!!*



## TOUR OF HOMES NOVEMBER 5-6, 2016

Take a tour of Cartersville's West End and explore historic homes and properties - A gallery of spectacular homes from storybook Cottage to Colonial Revival reveal details that make the difference on enhancing curb appeal for one of the most intriguing streets in the area.

Historic Cartersville, Georgia, renowned for one of Georgia's most treasured National Register Historic Districts, will celebrate the 2016 fall season in grand style with the region's most popular tour event: the 2016 Tour of Homes, brought to you by the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Experience the living history of Cartersville while strolling through a collection of the city's finest architecturally significant private homes and properties with this self-guided tour.

Together, these grand structures tell the story of a genteel, gracious city - Cartersville, Georgia. Tour the magnificent homes and delight in the stories that historians and homeowners have carefully researched about the historic West End of Cartersville.

The Tour begins at the historic 1903 courthouse where ample free parking is available. Shuttle vans will provide transportation to and from the homes. Please note that parking will not be available along the tour route, which runs from the westward bound side of West Avenue to Attaway Drive.

Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to the homeowners for extending their hospitality in the Southern tradition by allowing EVHS to feature their homes.

## EVHS JOINS LEGION IN MARKER RE-DEDICATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK



The Carl Boyd Post of the American Legion and the Etowah Valley Historical Society joined together to re-dedicate a forgotten marker in Celebration of Constitution Week. Recently a lost marker was discovered on the Legion property that had become displaced and covered in soil, leaves and weeds. The marker had gone unnoticed for decades. It was originally installed in 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Company 485 in honor of the 150th signing of the Constitution of the United States. Local resident, Ernie Palmer's father served in the CCC and remembered his father talking about the marker. Ernie made a special effort to find it several months ago and brought it to the attention of EVHS and the Post. The Carl Boyd Post welcomes the public to view markers on the Post property.

*www.evhsonline.org*  
*Use the above website to*  
*keep up with the activities of the*  
*Etowah Valley Historical Society*



EVHS reminds our membership that we are now billing for dues on a monthly basis. As a convenience for our members and to assist with your tax records, the EVHS Board recently voted to change payment of your annual dues to a rolling renewal schedule based on each members individual enrollment date. Each member will receive a personal renewal notice during their EVHS anniversary month. Watch for your renewal notice on your anniversary month and mail it back or go on line to renew.



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