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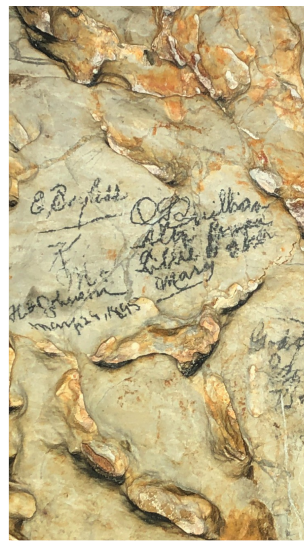
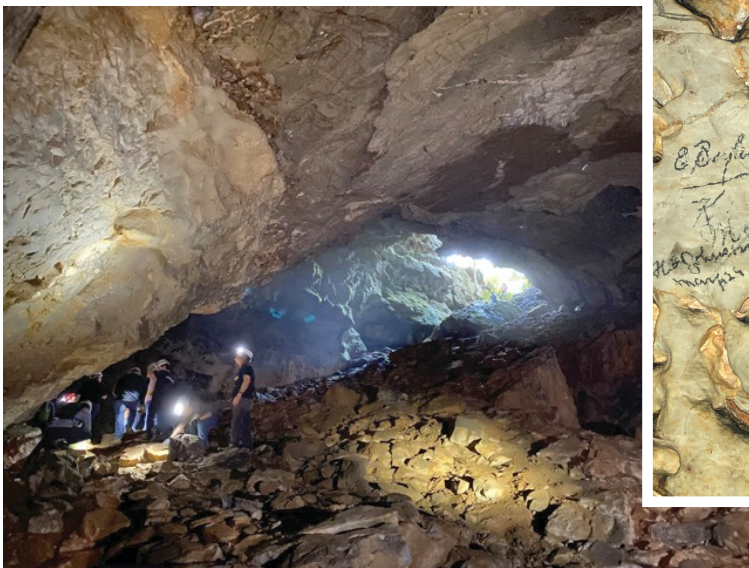
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## EVHS Goes Spelunking

It was a perfect sunny Saturday with temps in the mid 70's all day. EVHS hosted a "Cave Day" at one of Bartow's natural wonders, Saltpeter Cave. Some 70 EVHS members and 11 Cave guides from the "Rome Clock Tower Grotto" descended into the historic cave. A total of five tours visited the site between 9:00 and 5:00 on September 25th to see the legendary subterranean chambers with storied history of Native Americans, mining, Civil War activity, wall graffiti and what was once a social dancehall in the late 1930's. The day consisted of history lectures by Joel Sneed and Larry Blair, refreshments and hard hats provided courtesy of Komatsu. While EVHS volunteers checked-in and boarded attendees at the Gold Dome Court House other volunteers were at the cave site ready to receive excited Society cavers. As precautions EVHS had on site Bartow EMS for medical assistance, lunches and the all important porta potty for those last minute urges before entering the cave.







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# SAVE THE DATE

## Upcoming Events for EVHS

**October 30, 2021** – *Ladd's Mountain Hike*. Members only.  
(November 6, Rain date.) Arrive by 9:00, hike departs at 9:30 and will take about 90 minutes round trip.

**December 3, 2021** – *Annual Christmas Dinner*, Friday. Rose Lawn, Tentative

**Postponed** – *Train Wrecks of Bartow County*, Joe Head, Cartersville library. Open to public.

Note: Some dates are subject to change.

## Don't forget to renew your dues



EVHS reminds members that dues are renewable according to the anniversary month that you joined. Notices to renew are now sent out via email and hardcopy letter to your postal address. You may renew on line or mail a check to the office at PO Box 1886. EVHS remains a most affordable and outstanding value.

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$30.00
Club/Organization	\$50.00
Patron	\$100.00
Corporate	\$150.00

## Encourage Membership

Refer a friend and help EVHS reach 1000 members by mid 2022

## In Memorium

Chuck Nida  
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## EVHS COMMITTEES

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## More Spelunking Photos





# EVHS Metal Detectors Strike Pay Dirt

EVHS launched its first metal detecting hunt Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26 on the property of Dr. Joe and Audrey Rowland. The hunting area was the site of a former rural field school known as the Davis School off Old Alabama Road. Strikes were quickly detected every few minutes revealing pieces of iron crockery, nails, plate metal, wire, rebar, strap metal, buttons, horse shoes, shovel, spikes and buckles. Perhaps the two top finds were a Civil War bullet and a decorative leg base or foot of a school desk proving the location of the Davis School.



The Detector's group consisted of Gale Palmer, David Jones, Alan Bowen and his grandsons (Jack and Penn), Jason Hazelwood, Linda and Keith Pye, Rev. Steve Lyle, Patty Ward, Steve Ward, Alex Yaulsan, Mike Ward and Avera Ward among others.

*If you would like to join the Metal Detector Group or have your property to be detected by our EVHS Metal Detectors, please contact Gale Palmer at: [galep52@yahoo.com](mailto:galep52@yahoo.com)*



*Day two finds*



*Day one finds*





# Special Thanks to EVHS Board Members and Bartow County EMS

EVHS Board members checked in participants at the Gold Dome Court House to board the vans for the thirty minute ride to Saltpeter Cave. Fun was had on both sides of the trip with excitement and fellowship among members.





## Historic Newspapers of Bartow County

# THE CARTERSVILLE EXPRESS.

VOL. 5.

CARTERSVILLE GA. APRIL 19, 1867.

NO. 41.

Recently Tom Hanks starred in a 2021 movie entitled, News of the World. It was the story of a well-educated, former Civil War soldier who earned his living as an itinerant reader of the news. Hanks traveled from town to town and for the admission price of 10 cents he read sensational excerpts from various state, regional and national tabloids to news hungry audiences.

### News of Bartow County

While the practice of reading news to Bartow citizens by an itinerant reporter likely did not occur in our communities, a plethora of newspapers were available and a market for them as well. The golden age of tabloids thrived in Bartow County, and as a result our history has been well preserved. One only need to do a little research using modern research tools to find rich returns for his/her efforts.

Few people realize Bartow County has been home to over three dozen newspapers that have printed our history for almost 200 years. Even today these tabloid pages live in the form of brittle hardcopies, microfilm and digital files that serve as a window to our past. Here we can read creditable first and secondhand documentation in the pages of dozens of papers that validate our history. Surprisingly, Bartow has had at least 36 newspapers from its founding through 2021.

A quick survey of surrounding counties reveal that Bartow County has a vastly greater history of newspapers than any other neighboring north Georgia county with the exception of Clark County (Athens) having 47. According to the Digital Library of Georgia archive most counties averaged less than ten historic newspapers with Bartow having three dozen. Tabloids thrived in Bartow suggesting that Bartow may have been a hotspot for political, religious, industrial, and commercial activity.

*Sam P. Jones is the son of Rev. Sam Jones and publisher of The Georgian  
1907 04 06 Atlanta Georgian and News, Apr. 06, 1907*

### CARTERSVILLE CARRIERS ARE YOUNG HUSTLERS



THE GEORGIAN'S STAFF AT CARTERSVILLE.  
Sam P. Jones, manager; Ernest Adair, John Dyer, Clarence Shaw,  
Norman Shaw and Walker Alley.

### Sam P. Jones Manages Staff of Carriers and Newsboys at Thriving Little City.

The Georgian has no more hustling and enterprising set of boys on its circulation staff than those at Cartersville, under the direction of Sam P. Jones.

Mr. Jones is a son of the late evangelist, Rev. Sam P. Jones, and is devoted to the interests of The Georgian and the principles for which it stands. His staff of carriers and newsboys are live and hustling, and The Georgian reaches its readers on time.



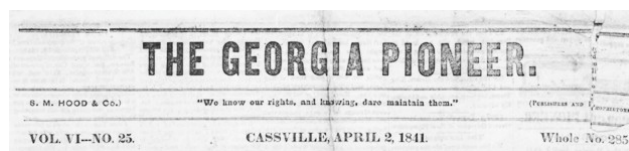
Below is a compilation of Bartow newspapers assembled from a variety of sources and listed in chronological order.

## Newspaper

1. The Way of Life
2. Cassville Gazette
3. The Georgia Pioneer and Retrenchment Banner
4. The Cassville Pioneer
5. The Cassville Standard
6. The Standard
7. The Cassville Pioneer
8. The Standard
9. Etowah Valley Star
10. The Cartersville Express
11. The Cartersville Weekly Express
12. The Cartersville Standard
13. The Cartersville Semi Weekly
14. The Standard and Express
15. The Semi Weekly Standard and Express
16. The Weekly Standard & Express
17. The (Cartersville) Sentinel
18. The Planters Advocate
19. The Free Express
20. The Cartersville- American
21. The Cartersville Courant
22. The Courant American
23. The Adairsville Ledger
24. The North Georgia News
25. The Voice of the People
26. The Signal
27. The Cartersville News (and Courant)
28. The Emerson News
29. The Adairsville Banner
30. The News and Courant
31. The News
32. The Georgian
33. The Kingston Times
34. The Bartow Tribune
35. The Cartersville News (AKA Tribune)
36. The Tribune News
37. The Bartow Herald
38. The Daily Tribune News
39. The Herald Tribune

## Established

- 1832
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- 1908
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- 1917
- 1918
- 1929
- 1946
- 1969



To read the entire article with source citations visit the Etowah Valley Historical Society website and click on the Bartow Author's Corner. To learn more about newspaper owners, publishers and mergers listed in this article visit the Georgia Digital Library web site printed below.

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/regions/north/>

A special acknowledgement to EVHS member Sam Graham for his research assistance in digging out the historic newspapers of Bartow County.



# UNDERGROUND ROMANCE IN BARTOW COUNTY

*Interview by Joel Sneed*

It was early afternoon on the Eastern coast of the United States when the Japanese made their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Life was going on as normal in Bartow County as elsewhere in the country. It was a beautiful, cool day; attendance had been made at church for many, lunch completed, and afternoon activities underway with no report of the attack having yet been received. For a couple of young teenagers it would be a day to remember for other reasons.

For these two youngsters, Daniel Gentry and Doris Miller, it all began the day prior. They had met at an informal party of sorts, David being there alone due to his not having found his girlfriend at home earlier. Doris, at 14 years of age, was unescorted. Partygoers engaged in a few rounds of “spin the bottle”, wherein the winner would be allowed to “walk” down the road a ways with someone of interest to them. In this manner Daniel and Doris became acquainted, as they made some seven walks together.



The following day, Sunday, Doris attended a reunion at the home of her Aunt Flora, her Aunt Mary having driven her there. Daniel was in attendance, and, as Flora lived close to the Saltpeter Cave, he, Doris and a couple of unnamed others decided to go exploring. Doris remembers entering the large entrance of the cave, and descending by way of wooden stairs (constructed in 1935 for the dances that were held there for a couple of years) down into the abyss. She cannot recollect a lot about what the cave looked like on the inside, but relates that they proceeded through the cave and exited by a much smaller aperture. Arriving back home that day, her father met them at the car and related to them the news about the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Eighty years later, on September 25, 2021, Doris and some of her family members would attend the field trip to the cave sponsored by the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Her daughter, Donna, and son-in-law, David, would explore the cave on one of the tours that day. Doris and another daughter, June, would be interviewed by caver Joel Sneed, wherein she would relate this story of her first date with Daniel and what was to later transpire in their lives. At age 16, Doris and Daniel, age 20, had married. Daniel had completed school, Doris having dropped out in the fifth grade to help on the family cotton farm. They farmed together and raised their children until Daniel's passing in 1993 at the age of 70, during the year of their 50th wedding anniversary.



*Joel Sneed interviews Mrs. Doris Miller Gentry about her December 7, 1941 visit to Saltpeter Cave*



## Bartow County Transfers “In the Valley” to EVHS



The center portion of the dwelling is the original cabin with front porch that was purchased by Corra Harris. She expanded the house adding a wing on each side and built additional buildings on the property including a barn, library, garage and wagon shed among other structures.

As of July 2021, In the Valley, the former Bartow home of celebrated author Corra Harris, is now the property of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Following more than a decade of ownership by Kennesaw State (KSU) the University and Board of Regents reached out to EVHS and Bartow County to determine if there was interest to return the property in a fashion to honor its legacy, educational value and terms of preservation. KSU found that due to distance from its campus, logistics and lack of utilization it would be best to find a more appropriate owner for the property who could benefit from its location and act as a non-profit preservation advocate.

The Rydal property has often been referred to as the home of a Cherokee Chief named Chief Pine Log. While there is no concrete proof of this legend at present, there is strong evidence that the primary cabin is of Cherokee period construction.

EVHS is proud to serve as owner and custodian of the 54 acre property. The facility has approximately nine structures and a caretaker living on site. Future plans will be to prepare it for special events, open house dates, retreats, workshops, educational experiences with schools and colleges and cooperatives with other entities that will help sustain its life.



*V - notching above is considered to be exclusive Cherokee period construction method.*



*This wing, added later, off of the primary cabin is the master bedroom.*



## Pine Log Mountain Exhibit Visited EVHS

Partnering with Reinhardt University and Dr. Donna Little, EVHS hosted the Spirits on Pine Log Mountain Exhibit at the Gold Dome Court House. The exhibit opened on July 22nd and ran through the end of August. The opening reception was attended by over 100 people and the exhibit has attracted an additional 100 people during its 6 week schedule. Dr. Little, exhibit curator and Reinhardt President Dr. Mark Roberts were welcomed by Dianne Tate and both shared remarks about the project including the University's place in the story. Dr. Little offered remarks about the history of the mountain and how the exhibit came about. Some of the highlights included: Women authors, Moonshine, Mining, Chain

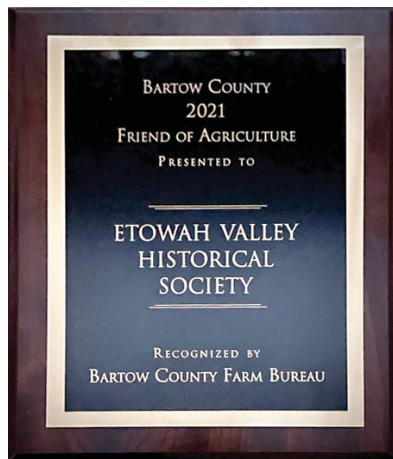


Gangs, the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) and other points of history that belong to the myths and legends of the mountain. Following the opening the *Daily Tribune News* did a very nice article about the exhibit in the weekend edition. The exhibit was open to the public Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Saturday mornings and by appointment.

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## Bartow County Farm Bureau Recognizes History Scholar Program

Dean Bagwell, president of the Bartow County Farm Bureau presents Joe Head, EVHS VP and director of the Bartow History Scholar Program, a plaque at the annual Bureau meeting. The plaque was recently awarded in honor of being a "Friend of Agriculture." This award was in appreciation for the Bartow History Scholar Program including agriculture in the curriculum used in the annual Middle School Quiz Bowl and the on line web instructional tutorials.





## J. B. Tate Honored by Trail of Tears

Dianne Tate receives a Georgia Trail of Tears rosewood plaque honoring former EVHS president J. B. Tate. J. B. was recognized by the Trail of Tears (TOT) for his tireless research and work with the National and Georgia Trail of Tears. He has long been an advocate of the Cherokee Nation and their roots in north Georgia.

Reinhardt University hosted the September 2021, TOT meeting and event. Reinhardt also honored J. B. by dedicating a room in his name. Pictured with Dianne are TOT co-presidents Carra and Tony Harris.



*Dianne Tate and Carra and Tony Harris*



*J. B. Tate installing a recovered sign about the old Community of Etowah*

## Tuank You to EVHS Donors in Memory of J. B. Tate

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## EVHS Remembers Battle of Allatoona Pass

Thank you to Diane Mooney and her company of EVHS and family volunteers for pulling off another successful Allatoona Pass tribute. Also a special appreciation to John Nash and the Georgia Division of Re-enactors Association.

One hundred and fifty seven years ago Union and Confederate troops fought a desperate battle in Old Allatoona for control of the Western and Atlantic Railroad known as the Battle of Allatoona Pass. The battle would become recognized as the bloodiest Civil War battle fought in Bartow County at a cost of 1500 casualties on both sides of the conflict. After intense cannon bombardment and multiple assaults on Union positions Confederate forces withdrew upon learning that Union reinforcements were in route.

The Etowah Valley Historical Society along with the Friends of Red Top Mountain State Park hosted the event which is held on Corps of Engineers property. Over 100 people attended the demonstrations which consisted of lectures, rifle firing, troop drills and cannon firing. Attendees hiked the trails, heard drum and fife played, viewed Civil War camp life, talked with re-enactors and learned of the struggle on October 5, 1864.





## Annual Meeting Goes Facebook Live, sorta!

In the best interest of COVID precautions, The EVHS Board chose to cancel our in-person annual dinner and reception in favor of a brief officer gathering.

The EVHS Board met at Grand Oaks to symbolically honor our annual meeting and conduct some necessary business. Unfortunately, the internet connection kept timing out which disrupted presentations, composure and timing.

Dianne Tate welcomed viewers and introduced officers followed by announcing new and returning Board officers. Joe Head reviewed the past year's activities and made the point that even with a pandemic EVHS found ways to have a presence using social media and hosted several outdoor events. Joanne Pugh announced that the Board updated the By-laws, modernized language and that the mission statement will be included in the By-laws in order to be more compliant with non-profit regulations. Larry Posey, on



behalf of Treasurer Mark Matthews, commented on the state of our treasury regarding income, expenses and assurance that the Board is being very frugal with Society funds. Dianne Tate concluded the meeting announcing that we are planning a 50th year celebration for 2022 and a campaign to reach 1000 members before the end of 2022.



*Grand Oaks site of EVHS Board Facebook Live Annual Meeting*



## Bartow Author's Corner



Three articles have been contributed to the Bartow Author's Corner since our last newsletter. Visit the EVHS website and click on the Bartow Author's Corner to read each article.

### **Tenant Farming in Bartow County, Josh Reed**

A student excavation project of a former tenant home site under the supervision of Dr. Terry Powis, Kennesaw State University conducted at the Walnut Grove property.

### **Break it Till You Make it, Darrell Ross**

A student research project on the skills of learning flintknapping using local materials and instructions from the Etowah Valley region.

### **Historic Newspapers of Bartow County, Joe Head**

An annotated bibliography and research index of historic newspapers of Bartow County.

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## EVHS Speaker's Bureau



Joe Head addressed the 2021 Leadership Bartow Cohort on the history of the 1903 Court House

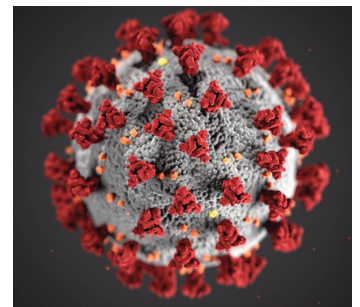


## Covid Gets a Second Wind

In March of 2020 EVHS published an article entitled, “Covid 19 Not Bartow’s First Social Distancing Epidemic.” (It has been read over 1800 times on the EVHS website) The article compared the social precautions of the 1918 Spanish Flu vs COVID 19. As COVID surges for a second round in 2021 with a Delta variant, we take another look back at how our ancestors expressed tips about social distancing to defend against the flu of 1918. These tips were found in a number of 1918 national newspapers including Georgia, Ohio, Nebraska, Oklahoma, California, Illinois and many others.

### Christmas 1918: How Americans celebrated holidays during the last pandemic

1. Stop Kissing and keep five feet of distance between persons
2. Avoid using public pay phones
3. Funeral gatherings banned
4. Schools, Salons, Theaters, Saloons and Churches closed
5. City Wide Mask Ordinances to be implemented
6. Quarantine Regulations printed in local papers and posted in public spaces
7. All Influenza cases must be reported
8. Stop spitting on public sidewalks
9. Gatherings only permitted in open air spaces
10. Breathing remedies and rubs advised (Liniments, Gargles, Vapor Rubs, Nostriola, Atomizers)
11. Keep warm, dry, out of drafty areas and eat a healthy diet with plenty of water
12. Avoid stress, worry and anxious situations
13. Walk or bike to work, avoid trains and buses
14. Avoid common drinking cups and hand towels
15. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
16. Wash hands frequently
17. Clean door knobs and typewriter keys often
18. Post notices on your front door if influenza has infected a family member
19. Keep clothes clean, declutter your home, remove trash often and wash food well
20. Get Inoculated, it causes no harm







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