

Founders Reception Celebrated at Annual Meeting 50 Years and Still Growing



Hosted at Valley View, home of Bob and Mary Norton, where the Society was first founded in 1972, EVHS members gathered to reflect on a half century of preserving Bartow County History. President, Dianne Tate welcomed the fellowship followed with remarks by Guy Parmenter and Harry Pugliese regarding how EVHS was first established. Guy reflected on selected milestones leading up to 2022. See page 3 for the final installment of the EVHS 50th Anniversary history series.

Dianne Tate called on VP Joe Head to review activities of the past year. Joe expressed that EVHS came out of the gate hot following COVID commenting on a bevy of activities including Historic Train Wrecks, Women's History Month/Jessica Daves lectures, Spanish Expedition Seminar by Jim Langford, Middle School Quiz Bowl, Social Media and Allatoona Dam tours. (Other highlights also include: Gala dinner/fundraiser, membership growth exceeding 1000 and acquisition of the Cherokee period "In the Valley" property.) Following remarks, Dianne Tate presented a slate of Board Officer nominees and called for a vote. All nominees were approved for new terms.







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SAVE THE DATE Upcoming Events for EVHS

 TBD – Ladd's Mountain Hike. Members only.
December 2, 2022 – Annual Christmas Banquet. Grand Oaks. Friday, December 2, 6:00PM Member's Only. Limited space.

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.

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EVHS remains a most affordable and outstanding value.

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In Memoriam

Rolland Stokes (Served as Santa at our annual Christmas Dinners) Jim Doran David Brown Jerry Simmons John James

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ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1972-2022, Part 3 of 3 By Guy Parmenter

On October 5, 2002, EVHS celebrated its 30th anniversary where it all began at Valley View, built in 1835 by Col. J. C. Sproull. The years ahead would require enhancements to existing programs, upgraded technology, and new ideas to

meet the challenges and demands necessary to satisfy a growing and diverse membership. Each month our Society hosts a board of directors meeting, one or more committee meetings, visitors and researchers, both in person or by phone. Add in facilities maintenance, accounting, newsletters, website maintenance, and anything else that often does come our way and you will understand how much time and dedication it takes for volunteers to run the day-to-day operation of our Society. We are extremely thankful to all our volunteers that keep EVHS

> going. Each year we involve ourselves at Allatoona Pass in October, an annual meeting in either October or November, and a Christmas dinner, normally held at Roselawn



in December. We continue to upgrade technology year after year. Items such as membership texts, graphical email communications and on-line registrations have all been added over the past decade. Our web site has evolved to become a 24/7 educational resource for the community and features an "interactive" digital map gallery tool that directly benefits our local middle schools and anyone who wishes to

see where our history happened by select topics. EVHS also acquired "In The Valley", the former Cherokee period cabin and home of Corra Harris in 2021. The transfer of the property established a standing educational relationship with Kennesaw State University regarding housing a portion of Corra Harris documents. Through the years our Vice President Joe Head has taken charge of our internet presence and expanded the platform to include a

variety of features. In addition, Joe has supervised 37 college interns over time who have greatly added to our website, articles and projects. Over the past six years especially, the newsletter is more member centered and featuring lots of photos of our membership at events. It is now full color and processed by mail shop fulfilment services. No longer do we stick, peel, fold, staple and bundle. As technology develops, EVHS strives to keep up. Our website is first class and is well worth your time to get familiar with it. Check out our oral history videos where there are currently 77 for your enjoyment. The site also hosts another 22 video history lectures. The most popular two videos, Rebecca Felton and The Great Locomotive Chase can be found here. Also in





this section is the video titled History

of Bartow County, episodes 1-4. The 4th episode has interviews of both Dr. Robert and Helen Norton as they discuss the complete history of Valley View and other neighboring antebellum homes. See also the Bartow Authors Corner with currently 80 plus local history articles. Want more, go to the EVHS newsletter archives to see over 125 past newsletters. While there, check on the newsletter guide highlighted in blue to find a list of over 125 history articles found in these newsletters. Follow along as we highlight those very special events not previously mentioned in our countdown to 50. The year 2003 was off to a quick start in January with the centennial celebration of the 1903 Gold Domed Courthouse highlighted by Commissioner Clarence Brown's speech and

the opening of the court house large crowd was on hand. dinner meetings were to dinners was sponsored by the History Club in order to Another was at the Weinman and the third held at the of the One lectures Cassville moved to and and later served in the November 1st and 2nd, we highlighting four homes year 2004 presented EVHS dinner meeting. In April, a together to begin



A tremendously cornerstone. Five lectures and three follow. One of those Kingston Women's highlight their museum. Mineral Museum, now Tellus, Stilesboro Academy in October. highlighted Warren Akin, who establish a law practice in 1836 Confederate Congress. On hosted our biannual tour of homes on West Avenue. The with several lectures and one group of EVHS members came inventorying historic sites in

Bartow County. Since Bartow County was scheduled to update their comprehensive plan in 2006, EVHS offered to take the lead in identifying our county's rich archaeological, agricultural and landscape resources using the GA DNR 1991 survey as a baseline. The year 2005 led with a couple of lectures, one by Superior Court Judge Jere White about the history of the Gold Domed Courthouse and his trial experience in that building. The other was by Jeanne Buck, a Bartow County educator and writer of children's history books. May 30th was the rededication of the Corner Stone at the Gold Domed Courthouse. During May we also enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Etowah Indian Mounds. We returned to the Mounds in July, 2005 to hear Dean Wood, Chief Archaeologist. In October we visited Noble Hill for our annual business meeting and dinner. November 5th and 6th 2005 showcased homes on Euharlee Road for our bi-annual Tour of Homes. Another big year in 2006 led off with a lecture by Joe Head about the history of Chain Gang Hill. We followed in May with a dinner meeting at the home of James and Jane McElreath on Old Alabama Road where we enjoyed his personally built recreated western town. In August we welcomed our members to the Conyers home on Etowah Drive built by the Jackson Brothers in 1872. Our annual October meeting and dinner was held on the front lawn



of the Gold Domed Courthouse. A lecture on October 20 at the Cartersville Library ended the year with Billy Kennedy, author and expert on the Scots- Irish. As we entered the year 2007, two workshops were held by EVHS member, Linda Cochran, during February. The first was Genealogy for Beginners and the second dealt with Preservation. A March lecture welcomed author, Louise Stamen, who spoke on Rebecca Felton. Also in March was our annual Hills of Iron celebration at Red Top Mountains State Park. A special treat for the October 6 Allatoona Pass Celebration included tours of the circa 1838 Clayton-Mooney home. This was also the day EVHS voluntarily transferred operational control of the Pass to Red Top Mountain State Park following 12 years of EVHS

management. Red Top did require continuous Society involvement in order to solidify the transfer agreement. Moving

into January 2008, Joe Dabney was our guest at the Cartersville Library where he discussed his book, "Mountain

Spirits", a history of the southern moonshine culture.

We were back at the library in April to hear Jeff Stancil, site manager of the Chief Vann House Historic Site in Chatsworth. In September at the Library, we welcomed Maryellen Higginbotham, curator of the William Root House Museum. She spoke on the history of that oldest surviving house in Marietta. The highlight of 2009 was the biannual Tour of Homes on November 7th and 8th showcasing houses on Cherokee Avenue. On June 12, 2010, EVHS hosted a tour of Valley View as a fundraiser open to all. In July, Joe Dabney was back at the library discussing his book, "The Food, Folklore and Art of Low Country Cooking". On August 12, 2011, we ventured to Kingston for a dinner and tour of downtown Kingston. We concluded the year with the annual meeting at Grand Oaks and a Christmas party at Roselawn. On March 6, 2012, Dr. Phillip Scott talked about the plantation system in Cass



County before the Civil War. In August, we hosted a City of Cartersville tour and summer picnic. In August 2013, EVHS hosted a summer picnic at the home and gardens of Lewis and Susan Tumlin. The evening included a tour of neighboring Glencove built in 1842 by Colonel Lewis Tumlin. Richard Wright spoke on the connection between General Wm. T. Sherman, Lewis Tumlin and Farish Carter. The year 2013 also added Digital Mapping to the EVHS website. This

was a multi-year project involving Kennesaw State University interns under the guidance of EVHS Vice President, Joe Head. In 2014, Joe Head and Guy Parmenter represented EVHS at the family discovery night at Cartersville Elementary School. A month later, David Archer presented a lecture on Bartow's significance in the Civil War. On May 16th thru 18th, we welcomed the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for their spring Ramble through Bartow County. This is the third time we have hosted this distinguished group. On October 4th from 7 to 10 p.m., Red Top Mt. State Park, EVHS and the GA Division of Reenactors hosted the first ever night tour of Allatoona Pass. The tour itself was primarily designed and scripted by Diane Mooney and Guy Parmenter. The success of this night tour earned Red Top Mountain State Park an award for the "Most Innovative Special Program" of 2014. On November 1st and 2nd, EVHS hosted a Tour of Homes in historic Cassville. The year 2015 welcomed the inaugural Quiz Bowl competition at the Clarence Brown Center involving eighth grade teams from each middle school throughout Bartow County. This will be



an annual event for this Bartow History Scholars program which was recognized by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for Excellence in Preservation. The Society also had its first trip to Saltpeter Cave and its first hike on Ladd's Mountain. Both events saw a huge response from our membership and prospective members who joined in order to attend. September 2015 brought a summer picnic at Walnut Grove, built in 1840 by Dr. Robert Maxwell. The program included a tour of the Dabbs Archaeological dig site conducted by Dr. Terry Powis of Kennesaw State University on the property. The year 2016 brought additional enhancements to the EVHS website. One of those is the ability to offer local authors a venue to share their works on local history. The year brought back the annual Quiz Bowl now at the Sam Jones Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Also back was the Family Friendly Field Trip Series to Ladd's Mountain and Saltpeter

Cave led by Joel Sneed assisted by the Rome Grotto. Mr. Jim Langford gave a steller performance with his lecture titled "When the World Came Crashing Down" describing the arrival of Europeans to the new world and northwest Georgia at the Cartersville Library in March. July featured a lecture and book signing by Texas author, Donna Lee Dicksson at the Stiles auditorium. Her book is titled "Mattie Lee Price - The Forgotten Georgia Wonder" from Stilesboro. November played host to our bi-annual tour of homes featuring houses on both West Avenue and Attaway Drive. March 2017 welcomed members to Emerson's Lake Point Station for a lecture on the history of the Etowah Iron Works and surrounding area. June would host our members at the Corra Harris home "In the Valley" for a tour, lecture and dinner. October displayed perfect weather for a hike and lecture at Sugar Hill in the Pine Log Mountains. It was once home to a large mining operation and a convict work camp. The year ended with a November lecture upstairs in the 1903 courthouse by Jim Langford titled part 2 of his DeSoto series. The year 2018 highlighted EVHS's participation in the African American quilt documentation project and in addition announced the Society's first ever EVHS cookbook. Sales from the book titled "Come Back to the Table-Tastes of Etowah" went toward the general budget and a one-time scholarship to the Etowah Foundation. Once again, the Society's October participation at Allatoona Pass is an annual event we stay involved with. In 2018, EVHS joined Giving Tuesday for the first time in order to raise money in support of our projects. The year ended with our bi-annual tour of homes featuring Adairsville's Society Hill neighborhood. A "Taste of Africa" dinner and lecture at the Stiles Auditorium was a great event to start off the year 2019. Excitement continued with "Bartow's Tunnel Mining Era", an evening lecture at Komatsu presented by Stan Bearden and Joe Head. In April we were at the Cartersville Library for an evening lecture about the A. O. Granger home by Ed Carlton, great-great grandson. In September the Society enjoyed a dinner and lecture at Tilley Mill in Euharlee, owned by Joe and Betty Jane Tilley. February 6, 2020 would showcase the "Sounds of Africa" sponsored by the African-American History Initiative Committee of EVHS. The evening at First Presbyterian Church was a musical performance to celebrate the historical musical contributions of our African-American ancestors. The Church was packed and the audience loved it. By August 2020, Covid ended in person meetings and social events for the next 18 months. During this time EVHS moved to video spots, newsletter articles such as the Spanish Flu and Bartow County's Mound Legacy and many more. There were also interviews with members such as Stan Bearden discussing mining in Bartow County, local videos of recent home restorations, and numerous informative emails. By April 30th, 2021, EVHS returned to normalcy with a Garden Party at Glen Cove Farm, hosted by owners Lewis and Susan Tumlin. On July 22, we hosted the "Spirits on Pine Log Mountain" exhibit at the courthouse which attracted over 200 members and guests. This exhibit was assembled by Dr. Donna Little, Reinhardt University and was open to the public through August. On September 25,













EVHS sponsored five tours of Saltpeter Cave and in October followed up with a Ladd's Mountain hike. Outings such as

these are very popular and prove to be a magnet for potential members. Also, about this time, a new EVHS group was formed called the "History Hunters" metal detecting group and led by Gale Palmer. These members have already identified the location of the old Davis School west of Cartersville and found numerous relics dating back to the Civil War. The Year 2022 highlights the 50th anniversary of our historical society. A great year was planned beginning in February with a unique topic presented by Joe Head on Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County. Debbie Head followed in March with a stellar Woman's History Month program at the Cartersville Library featuring the life of Cartersville native, Jessica Hopkins Daves, who later became editor-in-chief of Vogue Magazine. In April, Jim Langford returned with an all-day lecture on DeSoto at the Cartersville Library. This was our first all-day seminar and served as a fundraiser. The middle school quiz bowl returned after a two-year absence due to covid. Congratulations to Cass Middle School for winning the bowl for five consecutive years led by Coach Blake Fallin. June 4th was our 50th Anniversary Gala at the home of Jody and DeLean Brandon. Over two hundred members were in attendance for this grand and exciting event. Thanks to all the Gala sponsors and committee members led by Ellen Browning for making the evening a memorable occasion. In an abundance of caution, this year's Allatoona Pass event scheduled for October 1st and 2nd was cancelled due to the possible approach of Hurricane Ian. Thankfully the storm ultimately missed us. Over a couple of months prior, EVHS coordinated with the Corps of Engineers to offer five Allatoona Dam tours. Over 100 members took advantage of this rare opportunity. During the September 17th annual Roselawn Craft Fair, the Convention and Visitors Bureau honored our Society with a well-earned Volunteer of the Year award for our efforts in promoting the vast history of Bartow County. October 9th found over one hundred Society members at Valley View where it all began "Fifty Years" ago. We were honored to recognize the 27 Charter Members, especially Robert "Bob" Fouche Norton Jr and Harry Joseph Pugliese, who both were in attendance. Thanks also to Bob and Mary Norton for being our hosts for the evening and sharing Valley View with us. From an initial 27 charter members, this organization has grown to well 1200 members. This special night presided over by co-president Dianne Tate served to remember the Society's past, charter members and all those who have and will be preserving the heritage and traditions of Bartow County and

the Etowah Valley. The Etowah Valley Historical Society pledges to continue being a vital force in the preservation of our vast history for years to come.







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House Resolution 608

Presented by Representative Matthew Gambill

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Etowah Valley Historical Society; and for other 2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Etowah Valley Historical Society will be celebrating the 50th anniversary 4 of its founding; and

5 WHEREAS, the Etowah Valley Historical Society was founded in 1972 by a group of 12 6 local property owners who were concerned with preserving the rich history of Bartow 7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has established a glowing reputation of renown 9 throughout Bartow County for its many wonderful contributions to the preservation of 10 historical landmarks and the education of the history of Bartow County; and



11 WHEREAS, among its many projects, the society has assisted in establishing the Etowah 12 Valley Historical District, established an online Oral History Video Gallery of significant 13 personalities, and earned recognition from the Georgia Trust for Educational Preservation; 14 and

15 WHEREAS, its volunteers are staunch supporters of the Bartow County community who 16 unselfishly devote innumerable hours of their time and energy to support and improve the 17 area; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this 19 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that 21 the members of this body congratulate the Etowah Valley Historical Society on its 50th 22 anniversary, commend it for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of 23 Bartow County, and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized 25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the 26 Etowah Valley Historical Society.

EVHS Visits Allatoona Dam

Following a power plant fire and pandemic shutdown, Allatoona Dam has re-opened to limited tours. Five EVHS tour groups visited the US Army Corp of Engineers Allatoona Dam from July to September. Members enjoyed a top to bottom walking lecture through the bowels of the 1950's structure. The tour included viewing generators, tool rooms, control room, catwalks over pin stock water pipes that drive turbines, spill ways and a myriad of electrical equipment that produces hydroelectric energy. Our tour guides were impressive, informative, courteous and highly competent. The entire dam and power plant is managed by less than a dozen personnel.























TOTA Launches J. B. Tate Lecture Series

Reinhardt University joined with the Trail of Tears Association to debut the annual "TOTA J. B. Tate Lecture Series" on Saturday July 9 at the Funk Heritage Center.

Dr. Andrew Denson, Western Carolina University, was the guest speaker. He lectured on, Sequoyah, the legendary creator of the Cherokee alphabet and his influence that distinguished the Cherokee Nation among the five federally recognized tribes. Many today, when thinking of the Trail of Tears do not realize there were five tribes that were relocated to Indian Territory in Oklahoma. (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Seminole and Creek) Sixty people attended the lecture including twenty EVHS



members. The audience was reminded of J. B. Tate's contributions of documenting the removal sites (Stockades) used during the Trail of Tears and JB as one of the founders of the Georgia TOTA.





Pictured L/R: Shefali and Stillman Tate, Dianne Tate and Linda Baker, Trail of Tears Association secretary.

Kingston's Rap Dixon Contender for Baseball's Hall of Fame

Ted Knoor (founder of the Negro League Research Conference, PA) spoke to a capacity crowd at the Kingston's Women's History Club (KWHC) on June 24 about the little-known, muti-talented, baseball player in the Negro Leagues. Born in 1902 in Kingston, Dixon is known to be among the best outfielders to ever play the game in the 1920's and 30's. In fact, Dixon was the first African American player to ever hit a home run in Yankee Stadium. According to Knoor, Dixon is a deserving nominee and will be considered at the next 2024 Hall of Fame induction in Cooperstown. EVHS will join with KWHC and others to promote Dixon's induction.



Mina Harper Receives Coveted EVHS Lifetime Achievement Award

Mina Todd Harper is the 2022 EVHS Life Time Achievement award recipient. Mina is well known in the community as an artist, teacher, gracious hostess and history lover. As EVHS's corresponding secretary and board member, Mina gave hours a week staying in touch with new members. She was also the first person to respond when a friend had a transitional time in their life. Whether it was a sad or happy time, Mina arrived with something good to eat accompanied by a memorable note. Mina gave of herself on behalf of the society.

Additionally Mina worked tirelessly to promote Black History Month through EVHS. Her collaborations and leadership led to outstanding programs and permanent art work for the county. She appreciated the art and worked to raise the money to provide for a different art experience in Bartow county.

Who can forget our pretty Mina arriving in her vintage truck, piled high with supplies, to complete tables for an EVHS program. Her complimentary table arrangements will be remembered as much as the food. What an experience Mina helped to provide for our guests. Her enthusiasm will be missed.

The historical society honors Mina with our top recognition and we wish her well as she joins her son, daughter-in-law and triplet grandchildren in South Georgia. We'll always remember her gracious,



Southern approach to welcoming guests to our programs and special events. Here's a toast to Mina with love!

Distinguished Volunteer Award

EVHS Board receives Cartersville Bartow County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Award at the annual Rose Lawn Arts and Crafts festival. The award, presented by CVB Board Member Adena Harper, was in recognition of EVHS's Golden Anniversary and the many history projects that EVHS sponsors such as Battle of Allatoona Pass Tribute, Bartow Scholar Program, Allatoona Dam Tours, Ladd's Mountain Hike, various lectures and signage program.





Pictured L/R: Larry Posey, Debbie Head, Becky Champion, Mina Harper, Mark Matthews, Judy Kilgore, Diane Mooney, Steve Ward, Dianne Tate, Jane Drew, Joe Head, Steven Schumacher, CVB President.

Speaker's Bureau

Joe Head pictured with Ann Bridges addressed approximately 30 attendees at the October 2 Kingston's Women's History Club. He was invited to encore his Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County presentation.



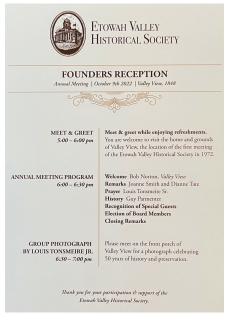




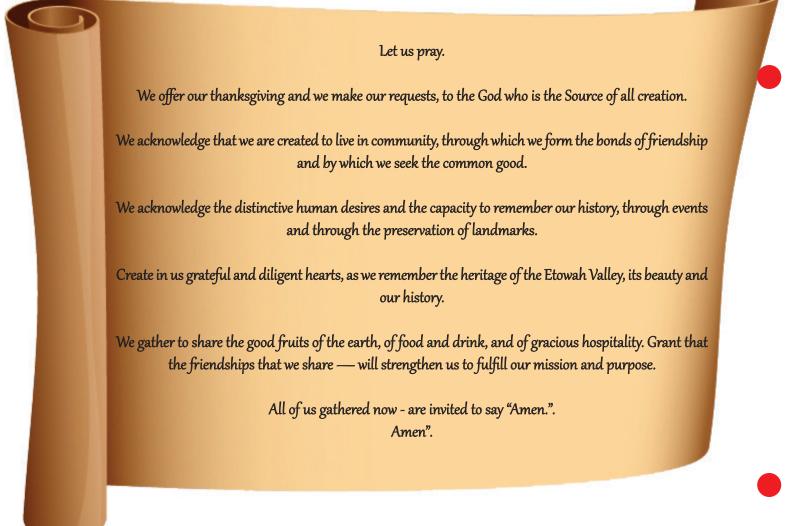


In October Joe Head addressed Tabernacle Classic Seniors about EVHS.

EVHS Founder's Program



EVHS Founder's Reception Prayer By Rev. Louis Tonsmeire



Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022!

You were so generous last year allowing EVHS to provide new programming, lectures, field trips, oral histories and the Quiz Bowl.

The 2022 EVHS Giving Tuesday objective will focus on the immediate stabilization/restoration needs of the 1820's Cherokee-built cabin in Rydal, GA. that was recently acquired by EVHS. In 1913 the property was purchased by author Corra Harris and she added buildings and developed the property. In the interest of stabilizing the buildings and restoring the landscaping, your generous donations this year will go directly to aid the "In the Valley" project. It is our hope that with the support you provide, the property will once again be a venue for tours, lectures, and events benefiting future generations. We need your support to make critical repairs to the roof, split rail fence, painting, doors, windows, planters, shrubs, clearing brush, trees, driveway maintenance and other property concerns. You are also invited to make "in-kind" contributions of labor and materials.

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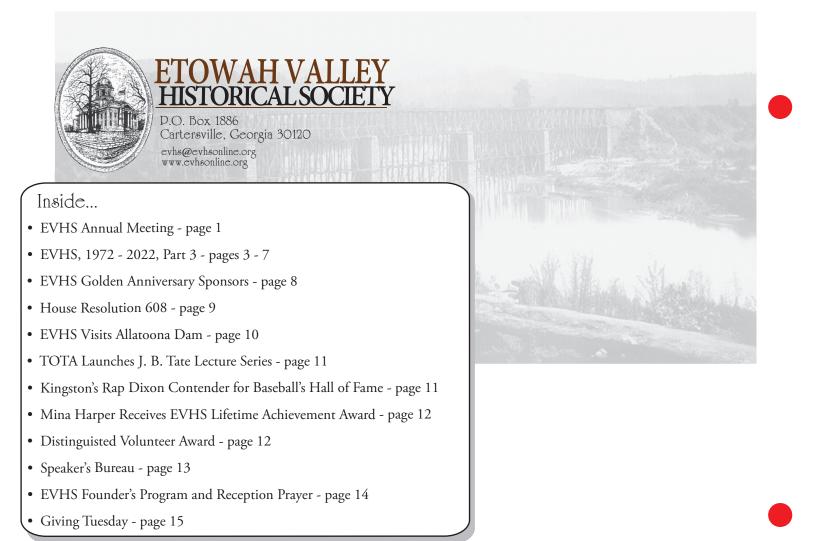




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