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Plowing with horses and mules. Old fashioned music. Sheep shearing. Held on **March 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Spring Farm Day at Landmark Park offers a glimpse back in time to life on the farm in the 1890s in spring. A variety of demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Watch quilting, chair caning, bee keeping and border collies. Smell the wood stove cooking and try your hand at plowing. Master Gardeners will work in the Kitchen Garden, and visitors should make sure to visit the Kid's Area. Live music will take place throughout the day. The Gazebo stage will feature bluegrass music, while the Landmark Dulcimer Club will perform folk tunes in the Waddell House. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and active military, \$4 for children and free for children 2 and under. Park members are admitted free. For more information on becoming a food vendor or demonstrating plowing with draft animals, visit landmarkparkdothan.com or call 334-794-3452. Sponsored by WDHN, Durden Outdoor, The Dothan Eagle, Houston County Farmers Federation, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Hardees, ServisFirst Bank and Wiregrass Electric Cooperative.

TOUCH A TRUCK

On **May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, Kids of all ages will have a chance to see approximately 50 big trucks up close and learn about their uses at the annual Touch A Truck event at Landmark Park. Along with the vehicles on display from local companies, representatives will be on site to teach kids about safety. Refreshments will be available. Admission to Touch A Truck is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids and free for children 2 and under and for park members.

Touch A Truck is sponsored by WDHN and The Joy 94.3 FM.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DULCIMER CLUB March 4, April 1, May 6
WOODTURNERS March 4, April 1, May 6
INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP March 4
REPTILE FEEDING March 12, April 9, May 14
SPRING FARM DAY March 18
PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY OPENING March 18
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION March 20 (members) and 27 (general public)
SPRING FAMILY DAYS March 27-31
GOPHER TORTOISE DAY April 8
TREE ID WORKSHOP April 8
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE April 16
SACRED HARP SING April 15
HOUSTON COUNTY GIVES DAY April 28
SPIRIT OF SERVICE DAY April 29
TOUCH A TRUCK May 6
NIGHT AT THE PARK May 12
MOTHERS' DAY ADMISSION SPECIAL May 14
TEACHER OPEN HOUSE May 20
FARM ANIMAL FEEDING Tues.-Fri.
PLANETARIUM SHOWS Mon., Fri., Sat., Sun.

Spring Family Days

This year we are excited to offer family programming the week of March 27. These programs, designed for learners of all ages, will allow you to experience the Park in a fun, unique way. Programs include planetarium programs, nature hikes, farm feedings, and specialized workshops throughout the week. Please note, the 9 a.m. workshops and planetarium shows have limited availability and have a program fee. All other programs are free with Park admission. For more information, see the detailed list below.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: The Art of the Sundae*

Learn about what it takes to be a Soda Jerk in Landmark Park's Martin Drugstore. During this family program, participants will learn about the history of the Martin Drugstore and soda fountains. Learn how our 1950's Liquid Carbonic Soda Fountain works, as well as have the opportunity to make a fountain treat such as a milkshake, float, or sundae. Max: 10; \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

10:30-11:30: Discovery Room Meet the Mammals

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

2:00-2:30: Guided Nature Hike

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Earth, Moon & Sun

4:15-4:30: Farm Feeding Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Intro to Wood Stove Cooking*

Have you ever wondered how cooking and baking was different over 100 years ago? In this one hour class, you will have the opportunity to learn how to cook on a wood stove in Landmark Park's Waddell House. Participants will learn how to maintain the fire, monitor and adjust the heat while cooking, and cook cornbread on the woodstove. Max: 10; \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Discovery Room Radical Reptiles

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Planetarium Movie The Little Star that Could

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Guided Nature Hike

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.: Planetarium Movie To Space and Back

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Farm Feeding Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Maintaining a Kitchen Garden*

Keeping your kitchen garden maintained during the turn of the century was very important, as it was a major source for food. In this program, learn about the importance of the kitchen garden and the types of vegetables that would have been grown in the garden. Participants will have a chance to harvest and plant vegetables during this program. Max: 10; \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Discovery Room Incredible Insects

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Planetarium Movie One World, One Sky

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Guided Nature Hike

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Habitat Earth

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Farm Feeding Program

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Churning Butter* Today, we often take for granted the hard work that went into making everyday items over 100 years ago. Today, when we need butter, we go to the store and choose from various types of butter with little to no effort other than driving to the store and back. At the turn of the century, butter was made by hand. In this program you will learn to appreciate butter bought at the store as you learn the many steps that go into making butter. Participants will get to take home any butter made in this class. Max: 10; \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Discovery Room Native Americans and the Earth

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus & Andromeda

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Guided Nature Hike

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Into the Deep

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Farm Feeding Program

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Composting 101* Do you want to minimize your carbon footprint? Composting is one way you can do that! In this class you can learn the basics of composting and how you can help mother earth my composting in your own home. Participants will learn about composting through hands on activities at Landmark Park's Kitchen Garden. Max: 10; \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Discovery Room Terrific Trees

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Lars the Little Polar Bear

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Guided Nature Hike

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.: Planetarium Movie Dream to Discovery: Inside NASA

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Farm Feeding Program

***PREREGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED**

Sacred Harp Sing

The sweet and powerful sounds of Sacred Harp music will fill the air on Saturday, **April 15** when the park will host a Sacred Harp sing in the church. The sing will get underway at 10 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The singers will gather under the spreading branches of a nearby live oak tree to enjoy a traditional dinner on the grounds from noon - 1 p.m. Prior to the sing, there will be a short introduction for visitors unfamiliar with the tradition (also known as Shape Note or Fasola) beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sacred Harp singing is a nondenominational American tradition that was born out of Colonial "singing schools" whose purpose was to teach beginners how to sing. A Sacred Harp sing is not a performance, but rather a shared experience that emphasizes participation by everyone. For many singers, a Sacred Harp sing not only serves as a community event, but also functions as a religious observance. Singers attending this event may simply show your songbook for free admission to the park. For more information, please contact the park office, 334-794-3452.

Easter Sunrise Service

Dothan Ministerial Union will host the 31st annual Easter Sunrise Service on **April 16** at Landmark Park. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. at the gazebo. This is an interdenominational service and is open to everyone. Rev. Tom Anderson will lead the service with Brother Walter Wilson leading the music. Benches are available but please bring lawn chairs to ensure adequate seating. In the event of rain the service will be held in the Headland Presbyterian Church located adjacent to the gazebo. Admission to the service is free. The park will close immediately after the service and re-open at noon for our regular Sunday hours.

Summer Camp Registration



Summer camp is right around the corner! Members may register for Summer Camps on **March 20 at 9 a.m.** and nonmembers on **March 27 at 9 a.m.**

Weeklong summer day camps run Monday-Friday in June and July for ages 4 to 14. For details on available camps, please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Spirit of Service Day and Houston County Gives Day

The 27th Annual "Spirit of Service Day" will be held on Saturday, **April 29**. Coordinated by the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, "Spirit of Service Day" is an annual day for individuals, businesses, youth groups and others to volunteer their time and talents to help make Houston County a better place to live, work and play! Landmark Park will be one of the work sites and if you are interested, please contact the park office. We will have lots of projects you can help with, including working on the nature trail, clearing brush, planting flowers, and more! Work will get underway at 8 a.m. and end at noon with a hamburger and hotdog cookout. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the park office at 334-794-3452. Houston County Gives Day will kick off Spirit of Service Day at Eagle Eye Outfitters on **April 28 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to support several local nonprofits including Landmark Park. Donations can be made at Eagle Eye Outfitters or online at <http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com/make-a-donation/>.

Tree ID Workshop

Join veteran forester and park volunteer Ed Lewis on Saturday, **April 8** for an informative program and tour of the park to learn the fascinating history and uses of common trees. You will learn why the USS Constitution was nicknamed "Old Ironsides", why certain caterpillars love black cherry leaves, which two species of trees helped make a Tennessee distiller famous, and lots more! Ed is well known throughout the state for his interesting programs and enthusiasm when sharing his love of trees with others.

This fun and fact-filled program begins at 9:30 a.m. and pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, please call the park office at 334-794-3452.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association

This quarter we want to recognize not one, but a whole group of volunteers that are very important to our park, the Master Gardeners! These volunteers are sometimes an unseen force here at the park, yet fill a vital role many could not. They volunteer many hours to our kitchen garden and also help with our maintenance all around the park. Many of their members can be seen helping with Spring Farm Day, the Seed Swap, Living History, Harvest Heydays and Fall Farm Day. They work hard to share the knowledge they acquire through the Master Gardeners program with all of the staff and spectators.

The Master Gardener program requires each of its members to attend many seminars and educational workshops and accrue several hours of volunteer service. We are lucky to have such dedicated folks use us as a resource for these hours and enrich the park with their service. The volunteers from the Master Gardener program are some of the most dedicated individuals we have here at the park and are an integral part of what makes the park so great for our guests. So, we would like to say a special thank you to all the members of this great program and we are grateful for all that you do for us!

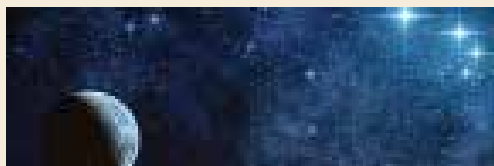
If you are looking for ways you can volunteer at the park, please contact Cori Shiver at 794-3452 or at cori@landmarkparkdothan.com, and for more information on the Wiregrass Master Gardener program, check out their website at wiregrassmga.org.

Farm Animal Feeding Program Returns



The popular Farm Animal Feeding program will return, to take place on **Tuesdays-Fridays at 4:15 p.m.** on the Wiregrass Farmstead. Meet the heritage breeds of cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and mules that call the Wiregrass Farmstead home. This program is free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members).

In the Planetarium



Planetarium programs are \$3 per person and free for members. Visit our website for a full description of each program.

SEASONAL STARS AND STORIES:

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.
(not recommended for children under 5)

FULL-DOME MOVIES: GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

Friday and Monday at 3:30 pm
Saturdays at 11:00 am and 3:30 p.m.

March: 11 a.m. Saturday: Little Star that Could
3:30 p.m. Habitat Earth

April: 11 a.m. Saturday: Secret of the
Cardboard Rocket

3:30 p.m. To Space and Back

May: 11 a.m. Saturday: Earth, Moon, and Sun
3:30 p.m. Two Small Pieces of Glass

The Digitarium Planetarium will also begin offering after-school programming in March. Full-dome movies will be shown at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. These shows are \$3 per person for the general public and free for park members.

Teacher Open House

Landmark Park will be hosting a Teacher Open House on Saturday, **May 20 at 10 a.m.** We will present a short program about the upcoming events and programs to be aware of and then the Education Department Staff will be on hand to answer any questions until 12:00pm. Samples of items available from our Teacher Resource Library will be available as will detailed information about educational programs. Teachers who attend the open house will receive a ticket for a free planetarium show at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. that weekend. Teachers will also be registered into our door prize drawing, including a free field trip to Landmark Park! Refreshments and classroom materials will be available, while supplies last.

Additional Open Houses: (more details to come)

Teacher Open House: Saturday, **September 16, 2017**

Homeschool Open House: Friday, **August 4, 2017**

Photography Exhibit



Landmark Park members and volunteers Larry and Patti Puckett will present a special photography exhibit in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Photos by the Pucketts were taken at Landmark Park and across the state of Alabama. The exhibit will open in conjunction with Spring Farm Day on **March 18**. Make sure to visit the exhibit and enjoy the photography skills of Larry and Patti Puckett.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Mothers who are accompanied by a child on May 14 will receive free admission to Landmark Park in honor of Mother's Day.

A Night at the Park

Landmark Park invites you and your family to experience the Park in a unique way with our 6th annual Night at the Park event. This camping adventure for families features a night walk through the Park, s'mores, and of course camping in tents. Your adventure begins at **4:30 p.m. on May 12 and concludes at 8 a.m. on May 13**. The fee for the campout is \$15 per person for members and \$20 per person for nonmembers. A hamburger and hotdog dinner, s'mores and breakfast are included. Families are responsible for drinks, tents, and sleeping bags. Space for the campout is limited and is taken on a first come, first serve basis. Registration with payment is required to secure your spot and can be made by calling 334-794-3452.

Photography Workshop

Landmark Park is excited to welcome back the Southeast Alabama Photography and Adventure Club for an intermediate photography workshop on Saturday, **March 4 from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.** This workshop will focus on INTERMEDIATE camera and photographic techniques. Participants will have an opportunity to utilize the techniques in the field with help from SEAPAC members. The fee to attend is \$15 from members and \$20 for nonmembers. Registration is limited to participants ages 12 and older, preferably who have already taken the Beginner Photography Workshop, with a maximum of 20 participants. Participants should bring: DSLR Camera (no "Point & Shoot" cameras), extra batteries, the camera's manual (read your manual before you come), a clean media card, tripod if you have one, umbrella, and a sacked lunch and drink for the day. To register for this course call 334-794-3452.



~ Remembering Yesteryear ~

ABOVE Interior view of Spooner Grocery located on East Powell St. Like most neighborhood groceries, it was well stocked with a variety of items such as canned goods, household items, cold drinks, candy, and more. Tanie Spooner (left) managed and later purchased the store. Also pictured are two of her children Jeanette (standing on the drink cooler) and Mamie, and Tanie's husband, Beachum Spooner.

Annual Dinner Report



CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNERS! Jackson Thornton won a special recognition award for their work with Landmark Park and is represented by Ben Wallace; Elaine Brackin also won a special recognition award for her coverage of Landmark Park in the Dothan Progress; Ashley Savoy represented her father Jimmy Rane, winner of the Heritage Award; Dr. Marty Olliff and Dr. Bob Saunders won Tommy Ricketts Volunteer Service Award for their work on the Smart Phone Tour.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS Jodie Durden, Aubrie Hanchett, Mark Culver and Gary Manfreedy were nominated to serve on the Dothan Landmarks Foundation. Durden, Hanchett and Manfreedy will serve three year terms and Culver will serve a one year term.

NEW MEMBERS



A special welcome to our new members who joined from November 1-January 31. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.

Mr. Bernard Albritton and Ms. Lisa Lopez
Ms. Krisan Anderson and Ms. Mary Anderson

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Special thanks to the following businesses who have either joined or renewed from November 1-January 31.

Dothan Glass Company

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Thank You

• Mr. Jimmy Jones for an in kind donation

• Mr. Joe Todd for a donation of Cane Juice

• Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett, Bence Carter, Ms. Cathy Corbitt, Mr. Ronnie Davis, Ms. Suzanne Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Everett, Ms. Vicki Harris, Mrs. Julie Feagans-Heller, Mr. Lester Killebrew, Marty Olliff, and Jamie Woodham, for donations

• Mrs. Penny Smith for a donation of an upright refrigerator and chest freezer

• Mr. Ralph Byram for a donation of a Troy-Built Rear-Tine Tiller

• Coast to Coast Coatings, Inc. for sandblasting and painting 16 metal benches

• Roy Cooley for a donation of an American flag

• John Hardin, Ryan Blocker, Erik Haeuser, Angela Orndorff for curatorial help.

ANNUAL APPEAL

(Donations made through January 31, 2017. Bold type indicates a donation of \$1,000 or more)

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ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Robert Eckenroth, Liz Olliff, Milton Partin

CHRISTMAS PAST

Louise Mills

NATURALIST NOTES



By Cori Shiver



Gopher Tortoise Day

Gopher Tortoises (*Gopherus polyphemus*) are known for their extraordinary digging skills and are one of only three tortoise species that are made for digging. The front limbs are flattened, almost shovel-like, and they have stumpy, elephant-like hind legs. The burrows they dig can be more than 50 ft long and are only wide enough for them to turn around.

Did you know that over 350 other species of wildlife depend on the Gopher Tortoise burrow for survival? Species such as the Burrowing Owl, Florida Mouse, Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, Indigo Snake and Gopher Frog can all be found living in a Gopher Tortoise burrow. The unique relationship between these species makes the Gopher Tortoise an important "keystone species". Unfortunately, loss of habitat is the main threat to the survival of this special tortoise, therefore, in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, they are listed as a Federally Threatened Species and it is against the law to destroy their burrow or harm the tortoise in any way. The gopher tortoise lives 40 - 60 years, but doesn't reach reproduction age until age 18 to 20 years old making for slow population growth, and, as their numbers decrease, so do those of the supported species.

Come and join Landmark Park as we celebrate Gopher Tortoise Day on **April 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You will get to meet our very own resident Gopher Tortoise, participate in tortoise crafts and activities, learn ways to help conserve their habitat, and even what to do if you see a Gopher Tortoise crossing the road. With this newly launched effort, we hope to highlight the importance of this keystone species.

Food Bank Award

On Sunday, during Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas celebration, Food Bank Executive Director David Hanks presented Landmark Park Executive Director William Holman with the Food Bank's Appleheart Award in honor of Landmark's long-running partnership with the Food Bank. Victorian Christmas patrons donated 1,304 pounds of food to the Food Bank this year. That's enough food to provide 1,019 meals.



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To Honor or Remember Family, Friends and Loved Ones

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