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Held on **March 16 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 for a petting zoo, games and other activities. 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 military, \$4 for children and free for children 2 and under. Park members are also admitted free. For more information on becoming a food vendor, arts and crafts vendor or demonstrating plowing with draft animals, visit landmarkparkdothan.com or call 334-794-3452. Sponsored by WDHN, WOOF Radio, Houston County Farmers Federation, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, ServisFirst Bank and Wiregrass Electric Cooperative. Spring Farm Day is an official event of the Alabama Bicentennial.

TOUCH A TRUCK



On **May 4 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**, Kids of all ages will have a chance to see approximately 50 trucks and other pieces of equipment 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.

If you have a piece of equipment you would like to display at Touch A Truck, please contact Laura Stakelum at 334-794-3452 or laurav@landmarkparkdothan.com or visit our website at www.landmarkparkdothan.com for an entry form.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SPRING FARM DAY March 16

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES March 25-29

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS April 1 & 8

SACRED HARP SING April 20

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE April 21

TREE ID WORKSHOP April 27

TOUCH A TRUCK May 4

MOTHER'S DAY ADMISSION SPECIAL May 12

A NIGHT AT THE PARK May 24-25

LEAFCUTTER BEE WORKSHOP May 25

REPTILE FEEDINGS First Sundays

WOODTURNER MEETINGS First Saturdays

LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB JAM First Saturdays

ONGOING Register online for field trips!

Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register for programs and for more details.

A NIGHT AT THE PARK



Landmark Park invites you and your family to experience the Park in a unique way with our 7th annual Night at the Park event. This camping adventure for families features a night walk through the Park, hay rides, s'mores, and of course, camping in tents. Your adventure begins at **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24 and concludes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 25**. The fee for the campout is \$20 per person for Park members and \$25 per person for nonmembers. A hamburger and hotdog dinner, s'mores, and breakfast are all included. Families are responsible for their own tents and sleeping bags. Space for the campout is limited and taken on a first come, first serve basis. Registration with payment is required to secure your spot and can be made by visiting our website www.landmarkparkdothan.com or calling the Park office 334-794-3452.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Mothers who are accompanied by a child on May 12 will receive free admission to Landmark Park in honor of Mother's Day.



Easter Sunrise Service

The Dothan Ministerial Union will host the 33rd annual Easter Sunrise Service on **April 21** at Landmark Park. The service will begin at 6 a.m. at the gazebo. This is an interdenominational service and is open to everyone. 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 and admission.

Sacred Harp Sing

The powerful sounds of Sacred Harp music will fill the air on **Saturday, April 20** 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. Admission is free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for members) and free for singers with a Sacred Harp book.



Tree ID Workshop



Join veteran forester and park volunteer Ed Lewis on Saturday, **April 27** 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 10 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium and registration is required. This will be a walking workshop so make sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. To reserve your spot, please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com or call the park office at 334-794-3452. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members).

Leafcutter Bee Workshop



On **May 25**, Alabama Cooperative Extension Agent Philip Carter will present a workshop on the native leafcutter bee in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at 10 a.m. This workshop is free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for members). Registration is required and can be made at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. While most people think of honeybees as pollinators, native bees are actually responsible for even more pollination than the European honeybee. Leafcutters are solitary, rather than existing in a hive like the honeybee. While their homes may often be near others, they do not interact with each other. All females are queens and will only sting if threatened. The queen collects pollen and nectar, lays and protects eggs. She seals each egg chamber with cut leaf bits and other leafcutter bees honor her space. She will only lay eggs in her own home. Males fertilize the females and then die within two weeks.

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!

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at 3:30 p.m.; also Saturdays at 11 a.m.
Plus 2:30 p.m. March 25-29

MOVIE SCHEDULE

March: 11 a.m. The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket; 3:30 p.m. Two Small Pieces of Glass
March 25: 2:30 p.m. Astronomy, 3000 Years of Stargazing
March 26: 2:30 p.m. Dynamic Earth
March 27: 2:30 p.m. Earth Moon and Sun
March 28: 2:30 p.m. To Space and Back
March 29: 2:30 p.m. The Little Star that Could

April: 11 a.m. The Little Star that Could; 3:30 p.m. Dynamic Earth

May: 11 a.m. Chronicle of a Journey to Earth; 3:30 p.m. Astronomy: 3000 Years of Stargazing
(The second weekend of each month the Planetarium will show full dome movies only.)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Melanie Register



This month's volunteer spotlight shines on Melanie Register, a wonderful volunteer and friend who is always ready to for any challenge presented to her. Melanie graduated from Poquoson High School in Poquoson, VA. She received two degrees from Troy University, a Bachelor's of Science in Biology a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry. She moved to Dothan in August of 2001 to plan her wedding and get married to Yancey Register. Melanie and Yancey's son, Colton, enjoys coming out to the Park and Melanie has made friends with some of the staff, so she's happy to volunteer as needed with various things. She has stuffed envelopes for various mail outs, presented a program and led arts and crafts for Spring Break activities, and helped unpack and set up the Bicentennial exhibit. "I have enjoyed all of the activities I have helped with because it is neat to see each different type of experience you can get at the park." Melanie believes places like Landmark Park are important because people need to see things from the past and have some time to be out in nature. "Life is about the experiences you get." In her spare time, Melanie enjoys photography and spending time with friends and family. "I have an 8 year old son, a 4 year old dog, and a wonderful husband. I enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community."

If you are interested in joining Landmark Park's volunteer family, please contact Laura at 334-794-3452 or laurav@landmarkparkdothan.com.

Spring Break Family Activities

Spend your Spring Break at Landmark Park! Each day, from March 25-29, join us for a family friendly workshop at 10 a.m. (see schedule below). Stick around for a horse drawn wagon ride (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) visit the Martin Drugstore for an ice cream (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and view a Planetarium full-dome movie (2:30 p.m., \$3 per person and free for park members). Registration is required for the 10 a.m. programs and can be made online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Regular gate admission applies (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for members). Bring your picnic lunch and spend the day with us!



MARCH 25 • GUIDED NATURE HIKE

Join Master Naturalist Lisa Lopez for a guided nature hike around the boardwalk. Listen for bird songs, look for fish and turtles and check out what's blooming this spring. The boardwalk is handicap accessible. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Meet at the Interpretive Center Lobby.

MARCH 26 • LIFE OF A HONEYBEE

Join beekeeper Rosalyn Horton and learn all about bees! Discover how a hive works together, try out the "waggle dance" and create fun arts and crafts. Meet at the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

MARCH 27 • NATURE ART

Create a beautiful work of art using leaves, sticks and other items found in nature. Meet at Interpretive Center Auditorium.



MARCH 28 • OLD FASHIONED FUN

Learn about toys and games that kids played in the 1890s with Landmark Park Agricultural Museum Curator Kari Barley. Step back in time with a game of tug-o'-war, marbles, jacks and more! Meet at the Waddell House.

MARCH 29 • SODA SHOP MEMORIES

Join Soda Jerk Celeste Conner for a trip down memory lane with a tour of the Martin Drugstore. Hear the story of the Drugstore, learn how the soda fountain works, explore the artifacts and enjoy a sweet treat.



SPECIAL PLANETARIUM SHOWS

2:30 p.m. each day during Spring Break. Planetarium programs are \$3 per person and free for members. Visit our website for a full description of each program.

March 25: Astronomy, 3000 Years of Stargazing

March 26: Dynamic Earth

March 27: Earth Moon and Sun

March 28: To Space and Back

March 29: The Little Star that Could

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES

Each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MARTIN DRUGSTORE

Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day

Maintenance Report



As spring approaches, Landmark Park continues to complete various maintenance projects around the park. Over the past few months, we have been working to remove trees and limbs that came down during Hurricane Michael. Repairs have been made to the Boardwalk, Watson Cabin and Martin Drugstore porches, and other various tasks to help make the park look its best and be a safe and pleasant place for visitors to enjoy. We will continue working to make improvements to our buildings and property.

Special thanks to all the workers and volunteers who have shared their time and talents with Landmark Park!



Summer camp is right around the corner! Members may register for Summer Camps on **April 1** at 9 a.m. and nonmembers on **April 8** at 9 a.m. The schedule should be posted online in March. Members receive a discount and early registration on Summer Camps. This year, T-shirts will be included in your price. Weeklong summer day camps run Monday-Friday in June and July for ages 4 to 11. For details on available camps, to register and to pay, please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.



Remembering Yesteryear

The “Boat House” or Balkom Home

This house was constructed in 1895 by Dr. Balkom on corner of Main and Pettus Streets. Before completion, it was sold to J.M. Cureton. Around 1930, the house was turned to face Pettus Street and moved one lot down from the corner of Main Street. The balconies were later removed and the building was used for apartments. This photo of the house was taken in 1900.



Hunter and Abi Long Wedding Party.
Photo by Heather Meadows

Let Us Host Your Special Occasion!

Landmark Park is the perfect place for your own special occasion. Weddings, proms, parties, family reunions and more have been held at our Stokes Activity Barn, Gazebo, Headland Presbyterian Church, Playground Pavilion and Auditorium. Call 334-794-3452, email laurav@landmarkparkdothan.com or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for more info.



Artifact Exploration

This crocheted dress was donated to our collection by BB Johnson. His great aunt, Jenny Hokens Deal, who was born around 1850 made this dress when she was a young woman. Jenny grew up in Rome, Georgia, and her family later moved to Miami where she lived until she died.

NEW MEMBERS



A special welcome to our new members who joined from November 15 to February 15. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Adams, Ms. Maria Aguirre, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ardy, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Asselin, Ms. Marlene Atkinson-Scott, Ms. Jennifer Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Betteiger, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bell, Mr. Greg Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bramlett, Mr. and Mrs. Korey Bramlett, Mr. and Mrs. Mackroyce Corbitt, Ms. Bette Dacy, Ms. Takirra Davis, Ms. Krystin Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Faulk, Mr. Joseph Fielding, Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Gannon, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Grace, Mr. Marty Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil High, Mr. and Mrs. William Hinesly, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Holzhauser, Ms. Denise Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lafleur, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Lewis, Mr. Steve Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Luhn, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Alan McClelland, Ms. Anna Beth Meadows, Mr. Leonard Momeny, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Parrish, Ms. Alina Penjiyeva, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Raian Santos, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sims, Ms. Karla Sirhan, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Story, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Taylor, Mr. Blake Volf, Ms. Susie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joby Weldon

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FOLK ARTS WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Roy Cooley, Billy Lawson, Bennie Kennedy, Steve Lowery, Paul Cox and the Wiregrass Woodturners, Floyd Cook and the Landmark Dulcimer Club, Larry Murdock, Dia Crawford, Sherry Burkhalter, Caroline Holley

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Sponsored by The Blue Plate, Hardwick and Sons Printing, DSI Security Services

DECORATING WORKSHOP

Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association, Barbara Jowers, Wayne and Dianne Cobb

BIRD WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Dr. Gary Manfready, Fred Bassett

SEED SWAP

Barbara Jowers, Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association

QUILT RETREAT

Sherry Burkhalter

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Kathie Moore, Dana Peters, Janis Lepley, Robert Eckenroth, Sid Brannon, Morgan Golden

SCOTT 1817 SEMINOLE WAR BATTLE

Dale Cox, Rachel Conrad, Two Egg TV

CHRISTMAS PAST

Louise Mills

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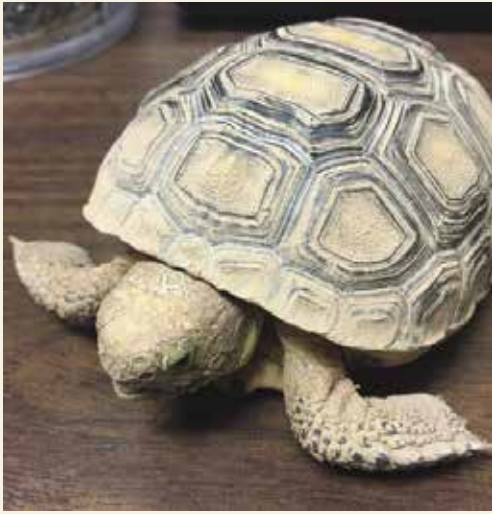
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Wish List

65 8-Foot LED light bulbs
L-Shaped Corner Computer Desk
Battery Powered Blower
Portable Sound System
Red Rope Light

Reptile Takeover in the Interpretive Center Lobby!



Next time you visit Landmark Park, make sure to check out the Interpretive Center lobby and meet our reptile friends! We currently have an Eastern Indigo snake, Gopher Tortoise, Red Eared Pond Slider, Box Turtle, Corn Snake and Grey Rat Snake. With a special permit for educational purposes, Landmark Park is fortunate to have the opportunity to care for these animals. Gopher Tortoises are known for their extraordinary digging skills. Their

burrows can be more than 50 feet long and over 350 species of wildlife can be found living in these burrows, making the Gopher Tortoise a "keystone species." Due to loss of habitat, the Gopher Tortoise is currently listed as a Federally Threatened Species in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. The Eastern Indigo snake is the largest snake in North America, often exceeding 8 feet. They are generally calm snakes but will flatten their necks, hiss and vibrate their tails

if threatened. They are nonvenomous and play an important role in our ecosystem. You can meet our snakes and turtles anytime in the Interpretive Center Lobby, or join us on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. for a reptile feeding program. These programs are free with your paid gate admission. Make sure to stop by our Selfie Station while you're here!



At the end of 2018, Landmark Park had several staffing changes. Executive Director William Holman, Education Director Anna Holman, Assistant Director Wendy Blair moved on to take different jobs. We appreciate their years of service and wish them the best in their new positions. Former Gift Shop attendant George Johnson also retired. Currently, Laura Stakelum is serving as Interim Director of Landmark Park and Tabitha Shumaker is Interim Education Director. Penny Smith, former Head Soda Jerk in the Martin Drugstore, is serving as an office assistant. Celeste Conner has taken over as Head Soda Jerk in the Martin Drugstore. Micah Holley and Chrissy Hale have joined the staff as part time help for the Gift Shop and Gate. Janis Lepley has also returned to the staff to help part time with Data Entry and Memberships. We appreciate the opportunity to serve YOU, our members and visitors and we are looking forward to a great 2019!

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