

the LARK newsletter



LANDMARK
PARK

Vol. XXXVIII, Number 3

Fall 2018

On Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Landmark Park will host the annual Fall Farm Day. Enjoy the sights and sounds of an 1890s farmstead while volunteers demonstrate sugar cane grinding and syrup making, peanut picking, stacking and digging, an antique tractor pull and parade, household chores and more. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and active military, \$4 for kids, and free for children two and under and members. Concessions will be available and the Martin Drugstore and Shelley General Store will be open. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for entry forms for the Tractor Pull and Parade. Fall Farm Day is an AL 200 Bicentennial event.

Cane Grinding Day, a special presentation of Fall Farm Day for preregistered classroom and homeschool groups, will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on October 19. To register your class, visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com. For more info, contact the Education Department at 334-794-3452 or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com.



Landmark Park Quilt Show Celebrates 10 Years



Over 100 antique and contemporary quilts will be on display in the Stokes Activity Barn for the tenth annual Landmark Park Quilt Show on October 19-21. Friday and Sunday will be from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. and Saturday will be in conjunction with Fall Farm Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission on Friday and Sunday is \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for members. Admission on Saturday is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and active military and \$4 for kids. The Landmark Park Quilt Collection will also be on display. The theme for this year's show is Log Cabin Fever and will feature author, quilter and speaker Flavin Glover. The Quilt Show is an official AL 200 Bicentennial event.

The goal of the quilt show is to preserve our quilt heritage and promote the next generation of quilters. You are invited to share your quilts with the Wiregrass by entering them in the quilt show. Please call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for entry forms. Deadline to return your paperwork to enter a quilt in the show is September 19.

DOTHAN LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

"The Lark" is published quarterly by Landmark Park for the members of Dothan Landmarks Foundation, P.O. Box 6362, Dothan, AL 36302.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clay Williams, President; Steve Stokes, Vice President; Bence Carter, Secretary; Ben Wallace, Treasurer; Ronnie Davis; Kay Nailen; Paula Autrey; Mark Culver; Jodie Durden; Karen Jackson; Barbara Jowers; Gary Manfready; Kenny Moss; Marty Olliff; Robert Saunders Jr.; Virgil Wilkerson; Brandon Ziegenfelder

LANDMARK PARK STAFF

William Holman, Executive Director; Wendy Blair, Assistant Director; Laura Stakelum, Public Relations Director; Kari Barley, Curator; Jay Sayre, Bookkeeper; Doug Wolfe, Maintenance Supervisor; David Jay, Maintenance; Anna Holman, Education Director; Penny Smith, Soda Jerk; Celeste Conner, Soda Jerk; Jack Reynolds, Weekend Staff; Valerie Wise, Weekend Staff; George Johnson, Office Aide; Sharon Sailors, Office Aide; Gabe Hamm, Gift Shop; Blaine Green, Gate Attendant; Julie Powell, Gate Attendant

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, OCT 6 Johnny Mack Brown Movies

SEPT 20 Low Country Boil

SEPT 22 Museum Day

OCT 6 Benefit Car Show

OCT 19-21 Landmark Park Quilt Show

OCT 20 Fall Farm Day

NOVEMBER Retired Military Appreciation Month

DEC 2 Holiday Decorating Workshop

SEPT 1, OCT 6, NOV 3 Landmark Dulcimer Club

SEPT 1, OCT 6, NOV 3 Wiregrass Woodturners

SEPT, 2 OCT 7, NOV 4 Reptile Feeding Program

OCT 13, NOV 10 Blacksmithing Demo

ONGOING Register online for field trips for 2018-19 school year. The following dates are for preregistered classroom/homeschool only:

SEPT 13 (Homeschools) Stars, Stories & Earth

SEPT 28 (Homeschools) Birds

OCT 4 (Homeschools) Plants and Seeds

OCT 11 (Homeschools) Oxygen Factories

OCT 19 Cane Grinding Day

OCT 24-26, 30, 31 Harvest Hey Days

NOV 6-8, 13-15, 27-29 Living History

Landmark Park will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

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



Join Landmark Park for the annual benefit car show on October 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Over 100 collector cars, trucks and vehicles will be on display throughout the day. Trucks will be the featured vehicles. The price is \$10 to enter a car in the show, which also covers your admission to view the cars. Admission to the event to view the cars is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for park members and children 2 and under. The first 100 cars to enter the show for display will receive a dash plaque and a goodie bag. The Car Show is sponsored by WDHN TV 18, Durden Outdoor, Barberitos, Billy's Paint and Body, Jim Whaley Tires, Troy Bank and Trust, Davis Oil Co., Blankenship Construction and Milky Moos.

Begun in 1983, the car show has generated over \$100,000 for the operation and maintenance of the park during the past 34 years. This would not have been possible without the numerous volunteers, auto enthusiasts and local car clubs who have participated or helped host this event. For details on judging, food vendors, sponsorships and more, please call the park office at 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Someone will win \$500

Is it you?

The annual drawing for \$500 will be held at the Car Show. Tickets for the drawing are \$2 each and are available at Landmark Park before and during the Car Show. Call 334-794-3452 to purchase tickets. Proceeds benefit Landmark Park.

You do not have to be present to win.



Landmark Park's annual Low Country Boil will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park. Shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and a blend of spices will simmer in a 60-gallon kettle for a mouth-watering dish. When the cooking is done, Low Country Boil is served out of wheelbarrows for a laid back feast. Brian Hart will provide musical entertainment, plus a silent auction will feature items including trips, gift baskets, jewelry and more. Wagon rides and hot dogs will be available for the kids, and the Barnyard Playground will be open. Proceeds help maintain Landmark Park.

Advance tickets are required and must be purchased by September 13. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$5 for kids ages 3-12, and \$500 for a reserved table of eight. For more info or to purchase tickets, call 334-794-3452. Ticket price includes all you can eat, plus beer, wine and soft drinks.

This year's event is Presented by William and Carroll Flowers. Sponsored by Adams Beverages, Alabama Power Energizers, Bob Woodall Air Care, Buffalo Rock Co., Imperial Dade, Dothan Printing and Litho, Hardwick and Son Printing, Nantze Springs, NUW Graphics, Pans and Petals, Sysco, U.S. Business Products, WDFX. Special Thanks to David Baker, Jackson Thornton, Jared Ward, Martin Environmental, Smith Inc.



Emma Arnold

This summer, we were lucky to earn the interest of Emma Arnold, an incoming 8th grader at Rehobeth. Over the last few months, Emma provided a helpful hand and positive attitude in multiple ways. From spreading pine straw, to making phone calls, Emma has been an invaluable addition to Landmark Park's volunteer program!

Emma is a Dothan native and has dreams to become a librarian when she grows up. In the meantime, Emma has stayed busy this summer with band camp and volleyball practice--and with volunteering at Landmark Park. Nearly every weekend this summer, Emma has volunteered her time helping with various projects around the park.

Emma was interested in volunteering at Landmark Park because she loves being outside, and felt that the volunteer opportunity would be a good way for her to get involved and spend time in nature. Some of the projects she's helped out with include the watermelon tasting, preparing for the Low Country Boil and Car Show, office tasks and grounds maintenance. Out of all the tasks she's helped with, her favorite is caring for the park's reptiles.

For those interested in volunteering, Emma suggests calling the park to set up a time to come visit. In her opinion, it's a great way to experience the park!

Thank you, Emma, for your hard work and cheerful attitude!

Holiday Decorating Workshop

Spread some holiday cheer at Landmark Park at the Holiday Decorating Workshop on December 2 at 1 p.m. in the Ag Building. Create wreaths, garlands and swags out of natural materials and decorate Landmark Park for Victorian Christmas (taking place on December 9) and make some decorations to take home! Refreshments will be provided. Guests are encouraged to bring gloves and wire pliers. Registration is required. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to reserve your space. This event is supported by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association.

Make sure to visit the park during Victorian Christmas, our annual open house, on December 9 to view the hard work of the holiday decorators.



Retired Military Appreciation Month

In appreciation for our military's service to our country and our community, Landmark Park is holding several special offers for retired military during the month of November.

Retired military who join Landmark Park during the month of November will receive \$10 off any membership level. In addition to the November membership discount, retired military and their families are invited to visit Landmark Park November 10-12 and receive free admission.

November 17 will feature a free ice cream cone from the Martin Drugstore for retired military and their families, and free Digitalium Planetarium Programs on November 24 (show times are at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Must show military ID to receive discount.

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.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Sept.: Astronomy 3,000 Years of Stargazing
Oct.: To Space and Back
Nov.: Earth, Moon & Sun

(Please note, on the second weekend of each month the Planetarium will show full dome movies only. No Seasonal Stars and Stories.)



Johnny Mack Brown Birthday Celebration

Landmark Park will celebrate Dothan native and Western film star Johnny Mack Brown's 114th birthday during the month of September with a double feature from the serial "Fighting With Kit Carson." Great for all ages! Each movie lasts about 30 minutes. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission, plus free popcorn! Movie and football memorabilia from Johnny Mack Brown's life in Dothan and in Hollywood will be on display in the Interpretive Center Lobby.

SEPTEMBER 1: 10 a.m. "The Mystery Riders"; 10:30 a.m. "The White Chief"

SEPTEMBER 8: 10 a.m. "Hidden Gold"; 10:30 a.m. "The Silent Doom"

SEPTEMBER 15: 10 a.m. "Murder Will Out"; 10:30 a.m. "The Secret of Iron Mountain"

SEPTEMBER 22: 10 a.m. "The Law of the Lawless"; 10:30 a.m. "Red Phantoms"

SEPTEMBER 29: 10 a.m. "The Invisible Enemy"; 10:30 a.m. "Midnight Magic"

OCTOBER 6: 10 a.m. "Unmasked!"; 10:30 a.m. "The Trail to Glory" *(Please note, the Car Show will be taking place during this showtime so admission will be slightly higher.)*

~ Remembering Yesteryear ~



In our last issue of the Lark, we mentioned that we recently replaced the Waddell House fence. Perhaps you have been to the Park recently, seen this new fence, and wondered “Why does that fence look like that?” The design of the new fence is actually taken from a photograph of the Waddell House in its original location. When we decided to replace the fence, we started going through old photographs of the Waddell House taken prior to its move to the Park. It was in these photographs that we found the design that can be seen around the Waddell House now. This fence design has one common feature in southern fences: a “snake board” across the bottom to keep snakes out of the yard.

Left: Waddell House in its previous location (on the corner of Ross Clark Circle and Main Street in Dothan. Current location of Taj Restaurant) circa 1976. Right: Today, the Waddell House at Landmark Park with the new fence.

Let Landmark Park Help Make this School Year the Best Ever!

Are you looking for a way to reinforce your lessons through engaging, hands-on activities? Then our Education Department can help! Our Field Classes, Planetarium Programs, and Seasonal Sessions have been specifically designed to provide your students with valuable hands-on activities to complement your lessons in our 135 acre outdoor classroom. Whether it is our turn-of-the-century farmstead, outdoor wildlife exhibits, planetarium, or boardwalk, the Park offers an exciting array of learning opportunities. All programs meet state and national standards and can be customized to meet your needs. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Please visit our website to view our program guide and register for programs. Contact the Education Department (education@landmarkparkdothan.com, 334-794-3452) with any questions.

Landmark Park is excited to add a variety of Homeschool Days to the calendar for 2018-19, exclusive to the homeschool community. Our field trip opportunities are a great way to reinforce your lessons and have a little fun! Programs meet state standards for education. Regular price for a Homeschool Day is \$15 per child and \$7.50 per adult. Or, join our EdVenture Club and receive a discount based on which level you select. Homeschool students are of course welcome to any other field trip opportunity available at Landmark Park. For details on field trip opportunities, and to register for a program or purchase an EdVenture Club Pass, visit our website at www.landmarkparkdothan.com or give us a call at 334-794-3452.

Birthday Party Packages Now Available



Landmark Park is excited to announce the addition of staff led birthday parties! Designed for elementary age children, these themed birthday parties give you a fun, exciting way to celebrate your child's special day! Birthday Parties are \$225 for nonmembers and \$175 for members and include the rental space and themed program for 15 children. Additional children can be added for \$10 per child, up to 25 children total.

Themes include: Outdoor Nature Hunt, Insectigations, Woodland Fairies, Critter Scene Investigations, Radical Reptiles, and Space Explorations. All parties are two hours with the first 30-45 minutes being led by a Landmark Park staff member and includes an educational program and activity related to the program. Parties are available on Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m.-3 p.m. For more information about birthday parties, you can visit our website, call the Park office, or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com.

NEW MEMBERS



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

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berry, Ms. Margie Bivins, Mr. and Mrs. David Bodiford, Ms. Gina Butler, Ms. Mary-Morgan Byrd, Chrystalis Home for Girls, Ms. Jackie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Davis, Mr. Darron Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dykins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kevin Eddins, Mr. and Mrs. Corey Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibbons, Dr. and Mrs. Greg Gibson, Ms. Shelley Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Howington, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes, Ms. Kimberly Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jaye, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson, Ms. Sara Kirsch, Mr. Eugene and Ms. Candice Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McLeod, Mr. Robert Medeiros, Ms. Gracie Nichols, Ms. Kasey Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Palmer, Mr. Darren Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pileggi, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Ray, Mr. Joshua Rodriguez and Ms. Brandi Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Rua, Mr. James Scales and Ms. Shea Collins, Mr. Emmanuel Segui and Ms. Judy Ayala, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Shiver, Mr. and Mrs. William Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Siemens, Mr. Frank Sims and Ms. Carolyn Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snellgrove, Mr. and Mrs. David Stinson, Ms. Jamie Trail, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warren, Ms. Kristie Whatley, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wong

CORPORATE MEMBERS



Special thanks to the following businesses who have either joined or renewed from May 15 to August 15.

Flowers Insurance Agency
Midsouth Bank
The Local
Trinity Bank
WTVY

Giftworthy

Call Laura at
334-794-3452
to purchase a gift
membership



Thank You

Special thanks to the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau for awarding Landmark Park a "Dream Grant" to be used for directional and informational signage.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Mr. Rob Andress, Ms. Renee Jones, Mr. Stacy Lush, Mr. Jatin Patel, Mr. Jimmy Stiles, Mr. Tim Ward, Mr. Page Whatley

DONATIONS

Ms. Cathy Corbitt, Cub Scout Pack 38, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Everett, Mr. and Mrs. William Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lisec, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Richards, Dr. and Mrs. Steve Stokes

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Liz Olliff

HERITAGE FORUMS

Dr. Alan Belches, Mr. Dana Chandler, Ms. Ruth Elder, Mr. Ken Gaddy, Mrs. Liz Olliff, Dr. Marty Olliff, Dr. Bob Saunders

HONEY EXTRACTION

Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Mr. Phillip Carter, Mr. and Mrs. David Eldridge, Honeybees Galore, Mr. Steve Loveland, Wiregrass Beekeepers

LEAFCUTTER BEE WORKSHOP

Phillip Carter

MUSIC BY MOONLIGHT

Sponsored by Center Stage and WOOF Radio
Derrick Jonzun, Lynda Salisbury, Pure and Simple, Tri State Community Orchestra, Troy Dothan Community Band

NATURE HIKES AND FIELD GUIDE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gautney, Ms. Jean Inscho, Ms. Brittany LaPointe, Ms. Lisa Lopez, Mr. Ken Polk, Ms. Nancy Stembbridge, Mr. Maurice Tinkler, Ms. Lisa Truitt

Landmark Park Board Member and Troy University Dothan Campus Biology professor Dr. Gary Manfredy recently held a limnology lab for biology majors at Landmark Park. Senior level students collected data from several sites along Cedar Creek to study general stream morphometry, hydrology, chemical, physical and biotic data. This will be an ongoing study each time the course is offered. New students will collect new data in an attempt to develop a long-term analysis of the creek's physical, geological and biotic characteristics.

NATURE TALES

Susan Brolund

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Ms. Emma Arnold, Ms. Carol Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gautney, Ms. Morgan Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker

OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS

Ms. Emma Arnold, Mr. Tom Boyle, Mr. Earl Suggs, Mr. Jace Suggs

SUMMER CAMPS

Mr. Tom Boyle, Ms. Morgan Golden, Mr. Jack Jones, Ms. Cooper Lee, Ms. Brooklyn Nall, Mr. Bryan Potter, Ms. Leanne Potter, Ms. Jan Shirley, Ms. Lena Tran, Ms. Winnie Ward

WATERMELON TASTING

Hosted by Birdsong Farms and Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association

Ms. Emma Arnold, Mr. William Birdsong, Mr. Tom Boyle, Ms. Devonnie Ellis

TRIBUTE FUND

In Memory of Gladys Mae Dunn
By: Wiregrass Master Gardeners

In Memory of Rosemary Hardy
By: Mr. and Mrs. William D. McFatter

In Memory of Chester Kaminski
By: Dr. and Mrs. R. Allen Latimer

In Memory of Donna Sconyers
By: Mr. Jan Ivey

In Memory of Bernard Smith
By: Mr. and Mrs. Al Saliba

In Honor of Tammi Holman
By: Mr. and Mrs. William D. McFatter

Limnology Lab



Interpretive Center Restroom Renovations

Thanks to an Alabama Historical Commission grant for capital improvements, Landmark Park was able to completely renovate the women's restroom in the Interpretive Center (the men's restroom was renovated last year). This included new fixtures, paint, and flooring. Additional improvements will be made to the Interpretive Center and other parts of the park throughout the year.



Welcome Kari and Jay



Landmark Park and the Alabama Agricultural Museum Board are excited to welcome Kari Barley and Jay Sayre to the staff. Serving as Curator, Kari comes to us from Pike County. Growing up on a farm in Troy, agriculture was a part of her life from an early age. She started her career at the Pioneer Museum of Alabama as a gift shop attendant. Working her way up from there, she served as assistant director and then executive director. Kari especially enjoys working with artifacts and putting on festivals and she's looking forward to Landmark Park's special events. She can weave, spin, blacksmith, make cordage, quilt and plans to continue learning as much as she can. Some of Kari's goals for her work at Landmark Park include showcasing the special qualities that the park has to offer through exhibits and programs. As a curator, she will care for the artifacts and preserve our collection. She will try to add to the collection to tell the story of the history of the Wiregrass. Kari lives with her husband, Brent, and their two year old son, Benjamin, in Troy.

Jay Sayre joined the Landmark Park staff as Bookkeeper in March. Originally from Baton Rouge, Jay has lived in Dothan since 2012. He was owner and office manager at a veterinarian clinic and also has worked with a CPA firm for many years. In that capacity, Jay worked with many variations of tax preparation, including sales, audits, nonprofits and financials. He also worked in IT maintenance, helping several businesses and individuals. He and his wife, Loral, married in 2010. She works at SRVES as an emergency veterinarian. Jay is currently enrolled at AUM, working toward a CPA degree.

Both employees will assist Landmark Park and the Alabama Agricultural Museum Board through their new positions. The staff appreciates their hard work and dedication. In addition to their duties as curator and bookkeeper, you will also see them working at special events and helping with other park activities.



Wish List

Post-it Super Sticky Easel Pad
Washable Markers
Color Sharpies
Color Pencils
Glue Sticks (new)
Construction Paper (new)
Pipe Cleaners (new)
2" Foam Balls (new)
Red Indoor/Outdoor LED Rope Light
Crayons

Call for Nominations

Dothan Landmarks Foundation is seeking nominations for the board of directors and for the 2018 Heritage Award. The board of directors is composed of local citizens who have the responsibility of establishing policies that govern the operation and future direction of the Foundation. Any park member may submit a name to the nomination committee for consideration. Nominees must be current members of Dothan Landmarks Foundation and be willing to contribute time and talents to the Foundation for a three year term.

The Heritage Award is presented each year to a person, organization or business that has made a significant contribution towards preserving the heritage of our community.

Both the slate of nominees for board members and the Heritage Award will be presented at the Foundation's Annual Membership Dinner in January. Deadline for nominations is December 1. For a nomination form, call 334-794-3452.

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Dothan, AL 36302
Permit No. 447



**LANDMARK
PARK**

Post Office Box 6362
Dothan, Alabama 36302-6362
(334) 794-3452
www.landmarkparkdothan.com
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LANDMARK PARK TRIBUTE FUND

To Honor or Remember Family, Friends and Loved Ones

As a special tribute to family and friends for important occasions throughout the year—a birthday, an anniversary, graduation, a “get-well” wish, or expression of sympathy—a gift to Landmark Park’s TRIBUTE FUND is a very meaningful and personal gift. Contributions are fully tax-deductible and are placed in the park’s trust fund, thereby providing an unending gift to Landmark Park that will also serve as a lasting tribute to the person you wish to honor. Personal acknowledgment is sent to the individual honored, without reference to the size of the gift, and your tribute is listed in the park’s newsletter, “The Lark.”

I wish to contribute \$_____ to Landmark Park.

I wish my gift to be in memory/honor of _____

Occasion: Birthday Anniversary Memorial Other

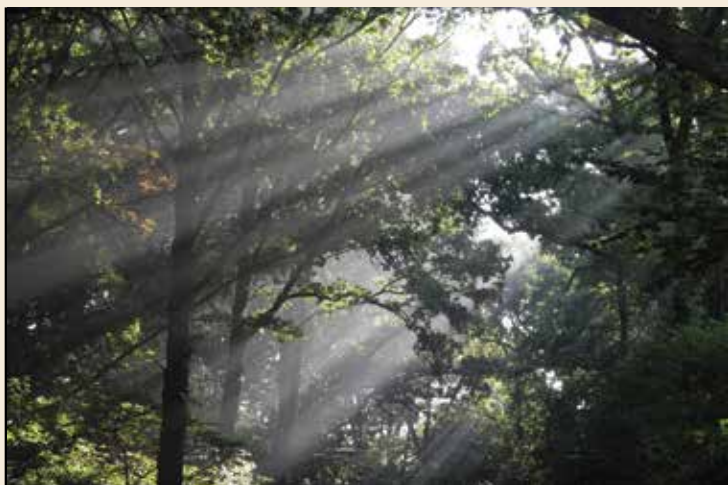
Donor’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Please Notify: _____

Address: _____

Make check payable to: **Landmark Park** and mail to:
Landmark Park • P.O. Box 6362 • Dothan, AL 36302



Leave Your Legacy

By including Landmark Park in your estate plans, you are securing the future of our educational programs.

To learn more about the benefits of planned giving,
please contact

Executive Director William Holman
334-794-3452

wmholman@landmarkparkdothan.com

**DOTHAN PRINTING
& LITHO**

334-792-8408
955 Tate Dr.
Dothan, AL 36301