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The Smoke Signal staff wishes you all a **SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN!**

## TASTE OF TUCKER

October 22

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

What began as a combined church/community outreach event in 2010 has greatly grown in size and importance to the greater Tucker community.

Taste of Tucker had a very humble beginning. Art Wood grew up in Tucker, and always maintained an involved relationship with strong ties to the community. It was a dream of his for many years to introduce a "Taste Of" event in Tucker. So, in 2010, Art and his wife, Karen, along with Tucker Methodist Church, added Taste of Tucker to an existing project called "Music Under the Stars."

The first Taste of Tucker event took place on a cold November day and welcomed twelve (12) food vendors, entertainment from local church bands, and managed to gather nearly 400 attendees. Taste of Tucker was originally held on a side street alongside Tucker Methodist Church, but continued to grow year by year until it outgrew its location. The event was moved to Main Street proper in 2013.

We look forward to celebrating this year's Taste of Tucker event on Saturday, October 22, from 1 to 6 p.m., once again on Main Street. Attendees can look forward to sampling great food from twenty-five (25) participating restaurant vendors, many of which have been involved in the event for many years, some from inception.

Taste of Tucker is a wonderful event for the entire family. In addition to the delicious food offerings, live music will be provided by both Convoy, a classic country/Southern Rock cover band, and 80's cover band, Members Only. Tucker Methodist's Table 153 Casual Worship service will host the always popular Family Fun Zone, where children of all ages can enjoy inflatables, face painting and more.

Vendors involved in the event will participate in the "Best Of" contest. Awards are provided for the Best Decorated Tent, Best Appetizer, Best Entrée and Best Dessert. Chef T, runner up on Hell's Kitchen a few seasons ago, will serve as one of our judges along with a few individuals selected from the community. The judges will take a close look at the vendor booth decor and then participate in

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION IS OCTOBER 11

Register or update your information:

- On-line submission if you have a Georgia driver's license or ID
- In person at Voter Registration office or other locations
- By mail – get form online at [www.dekalbvotes.com](http://www.dekalbvotes.com) or <http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

## BOO Y'ALL!!!

ART Station's Family-friendly Storytelling Festival A Tour of Southern Ghosts Haunts Stone Mountain Park for 31st Year

Get in the spirit for Halloween throughout October

For the 31st consecutive year, ART Station will produce *A Tour of Southern Ghosts*, the "spooktacular" story-telling festival hosted by Stone Mountain Park. Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening between October 11-30, Stone Mountain Park's Historic Square is the setting for this unique event that celebrates the delightful southern tradition of telling incredible stories about ghosts, spirits, phantoms, specters, ghouls and other apparitions.

"*A Tour of Southern Ghosts* is the perfect family outing for a lovely fall evening - right in time to get in the mood for Halloween," says David Thomas, President and Artistic Director of ART Station. "Join us at this bewitching time of the year for a ghost tour that features fun and spooky ghost stories from the Antebellum South that are suitable for all ages. Along the lantern-lit paths of one of the South's most authentic – and spookiest! – plantations, you'll meet six professional storytellers (alternating nightly) who will share their 'real southern' ghost stories. It makes for a great Atlanta family tradition – and it is only here that you will experience the real Southern Boo Y'all!"

This year's *A Tour of Southern Ghosts* features stories that run the gamut of the "ghost story" tradition. The stories range from the "so scary" to the "that's really funny" type of ghost story. Come out to *A Tour of Southern Ghosts* and hear the antics of our favorite friends (ghosts) during this bewitching season of the year. This year's cast includes: Fracena Byrd, David Hirt,

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## OKTOBERFEST - Merry-Making at its Best

by Barbara Bruschi

Fall is the time to rejoice in the harvest of the earth. It is a time to be thankful for nature's plentiful bounty that sustains us. A time to make memories, to take part in the joviality of all the autumn festivals, including the Oktoberfest. The first Oktoberfest was held in Munich, Germany on the 12th of October 1810. It was held in honor of Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The festivities took place on the fields ("Theresa's Fields"), which are now simply the "Wiesn". Horse races marked the closing of the Oktoberfest. All the citizens of Bavaria were invited to take part and as the years progressed, the Fest became the largest of its kind in the world. Every three years there is an agricultural show included in the southern part of the festival grounds.

Visitors from Atlanta are lucky to be able to celebrate Oktoberfest with many of its traditions two hours from here in Helen GA. While your drive takes you through a galaxy of splendid fall colors, highlighted by the shimmering rays of sun, Oktoberfest in all its glory welcomes you to Helen, GA. The design and layout of Helen is reminiscent of an Alpine village, located in Germany or Switzerland. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, with the Chattahoochee River flowing through

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### October Calendar of Events

- 3 Smoke Rise Garden Club at the home of Marilyn Oatway, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 *Smoke Signal* Staff meeting at Cheri Schneider's home, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 N. DeKalb Republican Women's Meeting, greet at 10:00 a.m., meeting at 10:30. Republican Headquarters at North DeKalb Mall
- 10 Mountain Shadow Garden Club, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Columbus Day
- 11 Deadline to register for November election
- 11 "Tour of Southern Ghosts" starts at Stone Mountain Park
- 15 Sweetest Day
- 20 Tucker Arts Guild, the Custom Frame Shop, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Taste of Tucker, Main Street, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 24 Friends of Sue Kellogg Library program on Doc Holliday Sue Kellogg Library, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Parks Mann Classic Golf Tournament, Summit Chase Golf Club
- 29 Fall Festival at Smoke Rise Country Club, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 31 HALLOWEEN!

#### SAVE THESE NOVEMBER DATES:

November 3 – Veteran's Job Fair, Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker  
 November 11 – Garden Clubs' Luncheon and Fashion Show, Mt. Carmel Church – See Garden Club page for more information

## Smoke Signal Deadlines

### OCTOBER 13

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## Letter to the Editor:

My name is Charlie Smith and I am a Life Scout in Troop 876. I am working on the communications merit badge. The requirement that I have chosen to do is to send an email to an editor of a local newspaper and express my opinion on any subject.

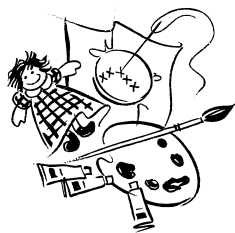
There is a house at the entrance of Stoneleigh Drive and Hugh Howell Road. I would like to share my opinion because I have two grandparents that live in this neighborhood and they complain about how you can barely see down the road because of bushes planted along Hugh Howell in these people's front yard. Also, my mom always says when we are pulling out of the neighborhood that you can't see down the road and that if you can't see a car that was coming you could get hit.

I understand that they probably planted these bushes to make it more private from the busy road, but they really are a hazard.

I don't know what the law is on something like this, but it really would be helpful if they could perhaps move them back or get rid of them all together.

Thank you for letting me share my opinion.

Charlie Smith



### Arts and Craft Festival to Benefit the Stone Mountain Co-op

There will be an Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, October 1, at the Pavilion Property located at Stone Mountain First Baptist Church. The fair will start at 9:00 a.m., and run to 3:00 p.m. ALL proceeds will go to the Stone Mountain Co-op. The monies will be administered by the co-op following their usual processes/procedures.

## Smoke Rise Baptist Church

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 Telephone: (770) 469-5856  
[SmokeRiseBaptist.org](http://SmokeRiseBaptist.org)

Sundays:  
 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday school  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Communion: Second Sunday of each month  
 1st Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m. Prime Time

Wednesdays:  
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner  
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults  
 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir  
 Nursery provided

## Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Pastor: Rev. J. Caleb Clarke III  
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Respite Care Center Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tues.-Thurs.

Sundays:  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - nursery provided

Wednesdays:  
 5:45 p.m. Join us for dinner! - \$5 per adult  
 6:30 p.m. Program

## Mount Carmel Christian Church

Senior Minister: Art Stansberry  
 Worship Leader: Leslie Riley  
 Director Kids Ministries: Vicki Tyler  
 Director of Student Ministries: Will Tyler  
 Telephone (770) 279-8437  
[www.mountcarmelcc.org](http://www.mountcarmelcc.org)

Sundays:  
 8:30 a.m. Coffee/ Doughnuts/ Fellowship  
 9:30 a.m. Bible School Classes – Adults & Children  
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesdays beginning August 10:  
 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Studies/Electives for All Ages

## First Moravian Church

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 Congregational Acolyte: Bill Hitz  
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 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

## Incarnate Word Lutheran Church

Please join us for worship on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.  
 at the First Monrovia Church  
 4950 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30087

## Mountain West Church

Pastor: Michael Shreve  
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[www.mountainwestchurch.com](http://www.mountainwestchurch.com)  
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 Service Times 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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**There's a New Sherriff in Town**  
by Pat Soltys

We have always had codes and compliance officers in DeKalb County. It was just a little hard to tell as their staff was so spread out that complaints and queries often went unanswered, in some cases for years. Our new city of Tucker has adopted most of the codes from DeKalb with some fairly minor changes.

The difference is that we now a Code Compliance Officer, William Wharton, specifically working to make sure that the citizens and properties in Tucker have their needs and concerns answered.

To date, there have been approximately 300 complaints or concerns addressed, as well as many inquiries. Some of these are anonymous accounts and many are filed by a named individual. The objective is not to be onerous, but rather responsive. The approach is measured and should work well for the community.

First of all, when there is a complaint, Mr. Wharton personally investigates the concern. Should there be a violation, the first step is a letter giving the property owner notice of the violation with an opportunity to take care of the issue, ask for assistance or more information. If the property owner addresses the violation, there is no citation or other action. If the property still has the violation after the cure period (for example 10 days) and there has not been any action on the part of the owner, a citation will be issued.

There is also the requirement for certain kinds of work to be provided by licensed contractors, and in many cases, a building permit will be necessary in which the contractor must meet requirements. An example would be work on roofs - whether replacement, reroof or repairs. Property owners may also pull permits. Permits are issued at City Hall, 4119 Adrian St. Tucker, GA 30084.

Things that fall under code compliance:

- Grass and weeds over 12" tall.
- Fences or walls in disrepair
- Accumulation of rubbish
- Inoperable vehicles
- Outdoor storage
- Prohibited signage
- Parking on unpaved surfaces
- Nuisance, vacant or dilapidated properties
- Building and trade permits\*
- Land development

Mr. Wharton comes to Tucker with Code Compliance experience in Sandy Springs and John's Creek. He is originally from Hampton, VA and has a degree in Public Administration. He has also served as a Deputy Sherriff and worked in the private sector.

*\*Building permits are issued from the Tucker Building Official, Karen Bottoms. Applications may be made at City Hall. If you have questions, you can call 678.597.9040 or email [codecompliance@tuckerga.gov](mailto:codecompliance@tuckerga.gov)*



**SMOKE RISE ELEMENTARY NEWS**  
by Caroline Croom, Instructional Support Specialist

Smoke Rise Elementary School, one of DeKalb School District's finest, started the school year with the end already in mind, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. As students, teachers, and parents continue partnering, we embrace this year's 2016 – 2017 theme of *Shining Bright Like a Diamond*. We come in various shapes and sizes that are chiseled into perfection. Like the brilliant stone, our students are bright and multi-faceted.

Teachers have already mapped state College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) goals and have set the bar high as they aligned classroom activities with Georgia Standards of Excellence. Additionally, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), the district's new achievement test, tracks student progress throughout the year. Principal Pamela McCloud challenged the school body by encouraging students to make the most gains on the MAP. Incentives are iPads and bicycles for students. Ms. Krista Drescher's second grade class is strategically skip counting towards their new bicycles. The first graders are driving their way into iPad land by reading *Song Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman. They are also completing activities such as interviewing grandparents, inviting them to share memories of their past.

Speaking of the past, have you ever heard Lailah Akita's quote, "Your past success is a foundation into future success?" Well, Smoke Rise Elementary's 2016 National Junior Beta Club inductees are first hand testaments of this. Having been exceptionally successful academically in previous years, these students have been inducted into the National Junior Beta Club Honor Society. They have been honored and charged to continue to promote the ideals of achievement, character, service, and leadership. The foundation for their future success has been laid.

Furthermore, Smoke Rise Elementary's Executive School Council, led by Chairman Alan Armstrong, had its first session. As the meeting was called to order, the Principal and Financial Reports were given, pressing must dos were discussed, and upcoming events recorded. For executive council minutes, please visit Smoke Rise Elementary's school website at [www.smokerisees.dekalb.k12.ga.us/](http://www.smokerisees.dekalb.k12.ga.us/).

As you can see, Smoke Rise Elementary is excited about the 2016-2017 school year. With new and exciting learning incentives to motivate our students, planning across grade levels, setting academic goals, and working with an active executive board, we are expecting a GREAT school year.

**Play Golf for the Lilburn Cooperative**  
**October 24 – Parks Mann Classic at Summit Chase Golf Club**

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*Becoming Dr. Ruth - An unexpected journey*  
 By Mark St. Germain  
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The triumphant story of Karola Siegel, the girl who became Dr. Ruth. Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer - from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few, however, know the incredible journey that preceded it. Mark St. Germain deftly illuminates this remarkable woman's story.

*Plaid Tidings, A Special Holiday Edition of Forever Plaid*  
 By Stuart Ross. Vocal and Musical arrangements by James Raitt, Brad Ellis, Raymond Berg & David Snyder  
 December 8-23, 2016

The legendary Plaids come back to earth to spread yuletide joy with the greatest holiday hits of the ages. A holiday sequel to the original Forever Plaid.

*Lewis Grizzard: In His Own Words - Performed by Bill Oberst Jr.*  
 January 13-15, 2017  
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*Somewhere Over The Rose*  
 Written and performed by Kathy Halenda  
 February 16-22, 2017

Remember ART Station's raucous production of *Sophie Tucker: Last of the Red Hot Mamma's* starring Kathy Halenda? Well, she's back. Welcome to Somewhere Over The Rose, a celebration of the songs, styles and stories of two incredible yet completely different American icons...Judy Garland and Bette Midler.

*Pie In The Sky - An ART Station World Premiere Production by Lawrence Thelen*  
 April 13-30, 2017

A comedy about what happens when the "nesting instinct" is applied to the end of one's life.

*Life Could Be A Dream - The 1960's Doo Wop Musical*  
 Created by Roger Bean  
 July 13-30, 2017

SH-BOOM! Take another trip to Springfield and meet Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time!

Performance schedules vary show by show. For a complete listing of dates, visit the ART Station web site, [www.artstation.org](http://www.artstation.org). Full season packages are available. Single Ticket prices are as follows: Regular performances: \$24.00 Senior (60+), \$19.00 Military/Student, \$28.00 Adult, Wednesday morning matinee performances (when applicable): \$15.00

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**Special Events at the Tucker Library**

Saturday, October 8  
**Poe's Parlour and Dance with the Dead.**

Edgar Allen Poe will join us, in the flesh, to share stories and toast to the macabre. Adults and teens are welcome. Teens are invited to stay after the stories to "dance with the dead." Paul McClain from GPB's Edgar Allen Poe's Mystery Theater will be our Poe. Please come in costume if you wish. There will be a DJ and light refreshments as well. Funding provided by the Friends of the Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library. 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Informational Programs

Thursday, October 27  
**Alzheimer's: An Overview.** Kayley Fleming from the Georgia Alzheimer's Association will provide an overview of the stages of Alzheimer's. A question and answer session will follow with Fleming, community health care and personal service providers. 10:00 a.m.—Noon

Book Discussions

Monday, October 3  
*Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Copies of the discussion title are available at the front desk on a first-come, first-served basis. 10:00 a.m.—Noon

Tuesday, October 18  
*H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. Copies of the discussion title are available at the front desk on a first-come, first-served basis. 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

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**SUNDAY, 10-16-16, 6 P.M. ~ ANNUAL MOUNTAIN CREEK MEMBERSHIP MEETING ELECTIONS & GENERAL DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PLANS**

*Mountain Creek is making plans to continue special events throughout the year. Stay informed on what's happening by visiting our Facebook page or our website at MountainCreekSwimClub.com, or by calling Marsha Ashby at (770) 596-4989.*

**Boo Ya'll... continued from page 1**

Linda Hoffman, Will Johnston, Nancy Knight, Holly McClure, Nancy Riggs, Lester Thomas, Anthony Vinson, Tracy Walker and Jeanne Wesson.

**About A Tour of Southern Ghosts:**

*A Tour of Southern Ghosts* takes place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday evenings, and from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tours start every ten minutes and last approximately 45 minutes.

Tickets are \$8 for kids under 12 and \$17 for adults. Discounted pre-sale tickets are available online at artstation.org. Sundays are children's group nights (minimum group size: 10). Tickets are \$4 per child. Please note: the entry to Stone Mountain Park requires a parking permit of \$10 per car. "One Day All Attraction Passes" and "Mountain Memberships" are not valid for BOO YALL.

For more information, call (770) 469-1105 or visit [www.artstation.org](http://www.artstation.org).

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a blind taste test to choose the winners in each category. Winners will receive a plaque to hang proudly at their establishment in honor of their accomplishment!

Taste of Tucker donates 100% of the proceeds from the event. This year donations will be made to NETWorks Cooperative Ministry, a coalition of local churches fighting hunger and poverty; EIRO, a non-profit that connects churches to one another and to the community; and the Old Town Tucker Merchants Association. Last year, the event raised over \$20,000 for our local charities. We hope that this year's event will be bigger than ever, allowing for more funds to be raised to meet the needs of our fantastic community.

Putting on this event each year is absolutely a labor of love, as well as incredibly important to all of the organizers and volunteers who help make this event a success year after year. We love our Tucker community and look forward sharing another taste of what our great city has to offer to those who love it as much as we do!

If you would like to get involved in the planning of Taste of Tucker or volunteer at this year's event, please contact us at [info@tasteoftucker.com](mailto:info@tasteoftucker.com). For more information about this year's event please visit our website at [www.tasteoftucker.com](http://www.tasteoftucker.com).

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**It's Not Just a Swim and Tennis Community...  
It's the Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club**

The 2016 Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club's pool season has come to a close, with the big annual Pig Roast over the Labor Day weekend and the pool shutting its gates on September 25th.

With a host of events, live music, and culinary happenings, SRBRC has turned the Smoke Rise neighborhood into a true resort experience this summer for its members and guests.

The club served an out-of-this-world chili at the Tucker Chili Cook-Off in March and won 1st Prize at the judge's competition. Beginning of June, guests enjoyed the BBQ and Music Festival at the SRBRC pool. Later that month, avid BBQ aficionados converged at the club and battled over the public's vote for the title of the "Smoke Rise BBQ King." For the 4th of July the club dazzled the neighborhood with a big party and truly spectacular fireworks display. Two weeks later, a large crowd gathered for an authentic Low Country Shrimp Boil with live music. In August and September, SRBRC showed a number of movies on the big screen, enjoyed by kids and grownups alike. The younger crowd enjoyed organized kids' games, campouts, night swim, campfires, s'mores and a big Root Beer Float Fest. Just a few weeks ago, the club hosted a "Big Ole Pig Roast" where members and guests polished off a 100 lb. smoked hog and more than 60 lbs. of BBQ'd pork butts.



Throughout the summer first class musicians like Sam Lewis, Eric Denton, Jess Wells, Rick Austin, SR5, the Smoke Rise Bluegrass band, and others entertained guests with live music and concerts.



Besides all of these organized events, there were plenty of fun afternoons, pool parties, cookouts, tennis round robins and other activities going on throughout the year.

For the third season in a row, new families have flocked to the club and the Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet club has been able to increase membership again. The Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club has become the place to meet people and make new friends in the neighborhood.

The increase in membership has also made funds available to continue with improvement projects around the club. All four tennis courts have been completely resurfaced, the court lights have received a state of the art upgrade, and the septic system has been brought up to par. The main drainage system has been fixed and upgraded, the baby-pool has been painted, re-tiled and brought back to life, new retaining walls have been built, and some of the club's facilities have received a fresh coat of paint. New fans have also been installed at the party gazebo.

One of the big additions to the club this year, is the "SRBRC Snack Shack". The concession stand opened and operated throughout the summer season.

Big improvement projects are planned around the pool during fall and winter. SRBRC is looking to resurface the pool basin and upgrade the playground.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit the Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club as a member, or visited as a guest during the 2016 season, keep your eyes open for the 2017 membership drive to start soon. There really is no other neighborhood swim and tennis community that offers an experience like the SRBRC

If you would like to know more about SRBRC, like the club's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/srbrccommunity](http://www.facebook.com/srbrccommunity), or call (770) 493-9073.


**It's Back-to-(Pre)School Time!**

Smoke Rise Baptist Weekday School has opened its doors again - 43 years and counting! Since 1973 the Weekday School has been helping children learn, worship, care, serve and give. These are the stated priorities of Smoke Rise Baptist Church, and the Weekday School teaches that they are important for people of all ages. In playful and age-appropriate ways, children at the Weekday School do all of these things: letters and numbers, singing and praying, helping others and becoming generous, compassionate friends.



This year the Weekday School has a new Director, the Rev. Valerie Coe Lowder. Her family has lived in Smoke Rise since 1981, but most of that time Valerie and her husband have been going to school, working and raising their two sons in other places. Valerie was pastor of churches in North Carolina and Virginia that included preschools, so she has approached her new role as a ministry to young children and their families. "Our ministry is to welcome little children, as Jesus did; to care for them and their families personally, nurturing them in a safe, loving and creative environment; and through play to teach them about their own capabilities, about Christian faith, and the skills necessary for success in elementary school and beyond."

The Weekday School is currently accepting applications for Parents' Morning Out (weekly, for ages 6 months through 14 months), for Toddlers and Twos (two to four day options), for Threes (three or four day options), for Fours/Pre-K (four days), and for Kindergarten (Monday-Friday). All classes are half-day, 9:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. For more information please call 678-533-0558.



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**ENGAGEMENT**

Richard and Angela Check of Hessian Court are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie, to Paul Sherman. The engagement took place on Amelia Island, Florida, on June 22, 2016.



Cassie graduated from Georgia State University with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Paul is a native of Cleveland, Georgia. He graduated from The University of North Georgia, receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. Cassie is the Human Resources Manager for a commercial construction company and Paul is a Wholesale Business Development Manager for an oil company. The couple plans to get married next year in the French Polynesian Islands.

**"Journeys" Fall 2016 - Session 3**

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Smoke Rise Baptist Church

**Mr. Tuck and the 13 Heroes: A true story**

John Harris (author) and his daughter Sophie (illustrator) will talk about their children's book, *Mr. Tuck and the 13 Heroes*, which tells the story of 13 black children who began school at Fairview Elementary in Henry County in 1966, where Brooks Tuck was principal. Book signing to follow. **October 12 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

**Ruth, The Heart of a Care Giver**

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**October 5 at 6 p.m. in Room 223**

This one-hour seminar will benefit anyone in a caregiver role, and those who visit and minister to the home bound. You will leave renewed, refreshed and ready! Walk the journey with Ruth as she finds redemption and grace and speaks to you about endurance. Led by Amy Hentschel, founder of Senior Provisions, a senior care consulting company.

**Raising Teens in an Almost Christian World**

Based on the book by Dietrich Kirk, Executive Director of the Center for Youth Ministry Training and a National Study on Youth and Religion. Led by Rev. Jeremy Colliver, Minister to Families with Youth.

**Oct. 5, 12, 19 at 6 p.m. in Room 220.**

**AROUND THE MOUNTAIN**

Check out the daily news for Tucker/Stone Mountain at [www.patch.com](http://www.patch.com)

**Friends of Sue Kellogg/Stone Mountain Library Quarterly Meeting**

The Friends of Sue Kellogg/Stone Mountain Library will hold their quarterly meeting in conjunction with the Historic Society of Stone Mountain on Monday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sue Kellogg library in Stone Mountain Village, 952 Leon St. Please join us for a night featuring a look at a legendary native son of Georgia.

The program will be presented by author Victoria Wilcox on her trilogy of historical novels: *SOUTHERN SON; THE SAGA OF DOC HOLLIDAY*. As an expert on Holliday, Ms. Wilcox has been featured in print, radio and television including the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, NPR, Fox News Network and *True West Magazine*, which proclaimed her the 2016 Best Historical Western Novelist. She has twice been named Georgia Author of the Year. With the release of each of her three books in the saga, Wilcox went on a national speaking tour, including a talk in Tombstone, Arizona, site of Doc Holliday's famous "Gunfight at the OK Corral."

For more information on Victoria Wilcox and her Southern Son Trilogy, please visit [www.victoriawilcoxbooks.com](http://www.victoriawilcoxbooks.com).

**North DeKalb Republican Women Meeting Invitation**

Are you tired of talking about the presidential election? Good. Because we are, too. But there is an election in November, and there are a lot of other important issues on the ballot this year.

When you vote, do you even bother getting to the end of the ballot, or do you just vote for President, Vice President, maybe Senator and just leave it at that? Well, if you do get to the end of the ballot, you see these questions asking you to decide yes or no on issues you may not be familiar with. How do you decide? Do you read it for the first time when you're in the voting booth and just go with your gut reaction? Do you read over them first and base your decision on the recommendations that the *AJC* makes? Or, do you just leave them blank?

What if you could hear from someone with firsthand knowledge of the initiative and ask questions? The North DeKalb Republican Women will hold our final pre-election meeting on October 8th. DeKalb County Commissioner Nancy Jester will lead discussion on the Safe Harbor Act. State Board of Education member Lisa Kinnemore will talk about the pros and cons of the Opportunity School Districts. And we will also discuss the proposed changes to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Please join us. All meetings are open to the public. There is no charge for admission. Meet and greet starts at 10:00 a.m., meeting begins at 10:30. Located at DeKalb County Republican Headquarters at North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur. We're on the back side of the mall, next to the post office. (Just look for the elephants in the window. You can't miss us.)

**Tucker Civic Association and DeKalb Association of REALTORS® to Host Veterans Job Fair**

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately half of all service members recently transitioning into civilian life have faced a period of unemployment. Veterans also name "finding a job" as the greatest challenge in transitioning back into civilian life.

To help address this issue for the more than 200,000 veterans that live in Metro Atlanta, the Tucker Civic Association (TCA) and the DeKalb Association of REALTORS® are hosting a Veterans Job Fair at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Tucker on Thursday, November 3, 2016, during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Employers from a wide assortment of industries will be on hand to speak with and interview job seekers. The Fair will also feature information on Veterans' services, as well as complimentary resume critiques and on-site printing for resumes.

VETERANS, ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY, & WOUNDED WARRIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Attendees should bring, if available, their resume and professional licenses, certificates or college transcripts, DD-214, and VA Service Connected Disability Award Letter.

For more information, contact Dee Sims at 770-493-6100 or email [Dee@dekalbrealtors.com](mailto:Dee@dekalbrealtors.com).



**Take a Veteran to School Day**

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club will be sponsoring the "Take a Vet to School" day at Smoke Rise Elementary School on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The hours are from 8:30 to 11:30. If you are an area veteran and are interested in being a part of this important educational opportunity, please contact Barbara Luton at [barluton@aol.com](mailto:barluton@aol.com) or call at 770-491-6711.

You would be scheduled into several classes to tell about your experiences. Show and tell is always helpful - pictures, hats, uniforms if they still fit, or just put it on a hanger.



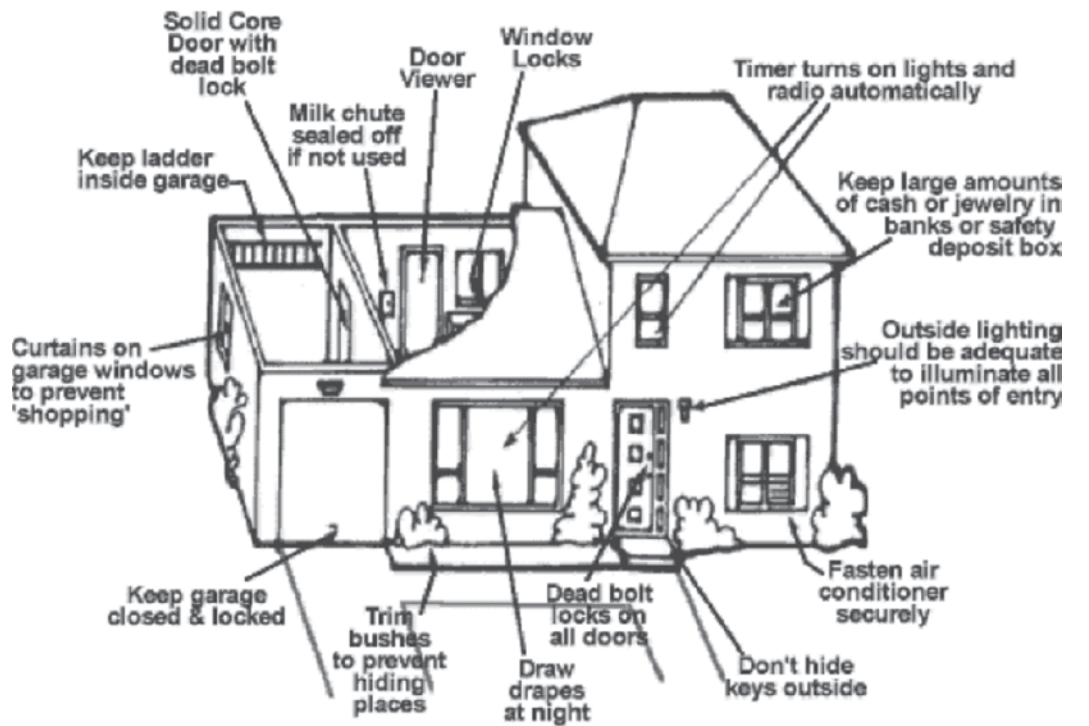
Combat duty is not a requirement - medical personnel, supply types, clerks, any type service is of interest to the children.

We can adjust to your schedule and time. Just consider coming out to be a part of this fun day.

**Of Note to the Community: Safety Alerts & Watches**

by Cedric Ross

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**Crime Reports**

- 8/5/2016 Larceny 5400 Block Smoke Rise Dr. @12:00AM
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- 8/15/2016 Larceny 2100 Block Stone Leigh Dr. @12:00AM
- 8/27/2016 Automobile Theft 2200 Block Mountain Creek Dr. @12:00AM
- 8/27/2016 Burglary/Auto Theft 2200 Block Mountain Creek Dr. @12:00PM
- 9/3/2016 Damage to Property, 1900 Block Musket @1:00 PM
- 9/17/2016 Damage to Property, 4900 Block Kanawha Bluff @ 5:20 AM

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Left to right: Elaine Taylor, Greg and Nancy Wilson, Marsha and Jeffrey Kelley

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**techtalk**  
by Susan Gilbert

**What's It Doing Now?**

On a recent flight to Denver, I asked the pilot seated next to me what it's like flying today's computerized, technological, flying wonders. I remembered thinking it funny when pilots used to say it was "hours of boredom interrupted by moments of sheer terror." His reply was a bit chilling. He said that today, the cockpit is pretty interesting with conversation often including the questions, "What's it doing now?" and "Why did it do that."



Technology is getting so far ahead of us, it is a struggle to keep up. I'm reminded of when my husband and I bought our first VCR at Circuit City on Jimmy Carter. Yes, it was a long time ago. Kids today don't even know what a VCR is nor what Circuit City was.

We were looking for a VCR to record shows we missed while traveling and were frozen facing a daunting display wall stacked floor-to-ceiling with VCRs. A salesperson approached us, said he could help, and politely asked what seemed an irrelevant question, "Do you read instruction manuals?" No, we both replied simultaneously. "Ok, good, that narrows it down to just these two, and they are pretty much the same, so just pick the one you find most attractive." That made it easy, but we couldn't leave without knowing why he asked that question about reading the manuals.

"Oh, I know that only these two VCRs have onscreen programming, and if you don't read manuals, you will get so frustrated trying to program them, they will lock up. Then you will bring it back with nothing wrong with it, we'll have to stamp it E.S.O. and exchange it for one with onscreen programming.

Ok, that made sense. But now we needed to know what's with the E.S.O. stamp? He went on to explain that E.S.O. is so common, the service department had a stamp made. Right, but we still didn't know, what is E.S.O.? What does it stand for? So he shared what he thought everyone understood: Equipment Superior to Operator.

A day doesn't pass that I don't think of a good use for just such a stamp.

**HEALTH NOTES:**

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

**Is the Threat of Zika Freakin' You Out?**



This summer some of you may have traveled to other countries outside of the United States. A friend of mine went to the Dominican Republic and developed fever, muscle aches, headache and stomach ache while there. She felt fine in day or two. Later, the family she stayed with got sick and developed the same symptoms, but also had a rash and red eyes. The family later tested positive for Zika virus. By the time my friend found out about the positive Zika test, she had been back in the United States for two weeks. The question is - did she also have Zika virus? If so, could she have brought it back to the U.S.? If so, is it a danger to others?

The Zika virus is a mosquito born illness that has been around for many years. Only recently has it become a serious issue worldwide. Zika is not usually a deadly illness, but is now known to be the cause of microcephaly and other brain disorders in children born to mothers who had the virus during pregnancy. Guillain-Barre disease may also be linked to Zika.

Two types of mosquitos- the Aedes aegypti, (an aggressive daytime biter) and Ae aldop-ticu carry the virus. Both mosquitos are present in the United States but live mainly in the South. Incubation time from mosquito bite to illness is a few days. Only 20% of infected people develop symptoms!!

Humans can transmit Zika to each other through sexual contact, blood transfusion, or can be passed from the pregnant mother to her unborn child. It is also seen in saliva, tears and other body fluids. Zika infected humans can retransmit the virus if a healthy mosquito bites them. The healthy mosquito becomes infected with the Zika virus and then bites another human. This is thought to be how the virus entered the United States.

Symptoms of Zika include fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, red eyes and rash. These mostly mild symptoms last days to a week and very rarely result in death.

Zika virus is much more destructive to the developing fetus. Almost one third of pregnant women with Zika deliver babies born with microcephaly, calcium deposits on the brain, and/or mental retardation. To compare: in the U.S., 1-6 out of 5,000 live births are babies born with microcephaly.

How do you protect yourself?

1. Check with the health department or CDC before you travel to see if you are entering a Zika infested area. If you are and are pregnant, you might want to consider changing your plans.
2. Use mosquito precautions:
  - DEET (30-50%) insect repellent to exposed skin, night and day, outdoors and indoors when there open windows without screens.
  - Use Permethrin to saturate your clothing (lasts six washings). This only works on clothes, not skin.
  - Use Mosquito netting or screens on the windows.
3. Delay conception while practicing careful contraception.
  - Women should wait eight weeks to become pregnant. Because research is ongoing, some health departments are suggesting women delay pregnancy for 6-12 months.
  - Men should wait six months to attempt to help their partner conceive.
4. Use only Tylenol for fever and body aches. Advil or aspirin products can cause internal bleeding if you have Dengue virus and not Zika (they have similar symptoms).
5. Travelers to endemic areas should probably not donate blood for 6-12 months in case they acquired the Zika virus and were asymptomatic. Donated blood has tested positive for Zika from asymptomatic donors.

If you get sick during travel with any of the above symptoms or within a week after you return, consider that you may have Zika virus, or it's 'cousin' viruses, Dengue and Chikungunya. Call your primary health provider. They can assist you in having a blood or urine test done. Use mosquito precautions at home until you know you are clear.

Because the Zika outbreak is new, and recommendations are changing frequently as new information is gathered, your primary health care provider may not know how to go about testing for the Zika virus. The physician can call your local or state health department, who will work with your physician to ensure that you have the appropriate test done or advice on the appropriate lab to send you to.

There is no treatment for Zika virus and there is no vaccine to prevent the virus.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

Water, Water Everywhere! But, is it Safe to Drink?

The answer to that is a resounding “yes” in DeKalb County. The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) provides its customers with high quality, safe drinking water that surpasses the United States Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requirements. In fact, DeKalb County has consistently produced superior quality drinking water year after year.

The recent water quality crisis in the country underscores DWM’s commitment to protect families served in DeKalb County. That’s also why the county is supporting the DeKalb County School District efforts to proactively engage in water testing for all its schools and facilities.

Superintendent Dr. R. Stephen Green, in collaboration with the DeKalb County Board of Health and DeKalb County Government, announced last month that sources of the drinking water in each of the district’s 150 schools, centers, and facilities will be tested for lead. The testing began with the district’s oldest elementary schools on September 20. Testing for all of the schools and facilities is expected to conclude in the summer of 2017.

“We have absolutely no evidence of water quality issues in any school or building, but out of an abundance of caution we want our students, staff, and the community to know our water is safe for consumption,” said Dr. Green.

The drinking water testing will sample:

- All main water meters supplying building
- All kitchens
- All water fountains
- Bathroom sinks
- Ice machines
- Water sources in teacher lounges
- Athletic fields

Each location will be sampled twice to ensure compliance with the U.S. EPA guidelines for testing of water at schools. If any sample indicates a presence of lead at EPA action levels (greater than 15 parts per billion), water will be shut off immediately at the source, then repaired or the problem removed. Bottled water, if needed will be provided until any problem is fixed.

Parents will receive testing results in letters from their schools and on the district website at <http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/lead-testing>. The district website will post frequent updates as well as additional information regarding water quality and lead testing results.

Atlanta Environmental Management, Inc. (AEM), an Atlanta-based environmental consulting and engineering firm, has been contracted to conduct the testing.

Elevated levels of lead in drinking water can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with water service lines and building plumbing. The Department of Watershed Management is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in building plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for at least 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

To see the results of the annual DeKalb County Drinking Water Quality Report, go online to: <http://www.dekalbwatershed.com>.

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Prior to 1800 this was the center of Cherokee Indian culture. The Indians approved a wagon route through their nation and later left on “the Trail of Tears.” Gold was discovered in 1828 and thousands of miners flocked to the area and worked the “Historic English Gold Mine”. By the end of the century miners moved on. In 1913 timber officials discovered great virgin timber and built “a great sawmill, Mathews Lumber Company. Simultaneously, the Gainesville and Northwestern Railroad came up the Chattahoochee River and operations continued till the 1960’s. The village was named Helen after the daughter of the railroad surveyor. Helen was devastated and left without any industry to further development and the economy.

In 1968 businessmen began to put the plan into revitalizing Helen. They approached an artist, who was familiar with Bavaria and began to sketch the image of a Bavarian village. You can find themed buildings, cobblestoned streets, brightly colored paint, rough-hewn stone and exposed timber. For the past 40 years, Helen has hosted the Oktoberfest from September 8 to October 30.

The Oktoberfest is replete with lederhosen-clad bands, dancing girls in beautiful dirndls and beer is king. Quaint shops, around 200, offer authentic German merchandise and your mouth will water at the smell of the delicious food. Food, drink and music have always been at the core of the German Gemuetlichkeit (cheer).

Helen’s Festhalle is the supreme location for refreshments, offering visitors a menu of wurst, schinken, (ham), brat, schnitzel, sauerkraut and, of course, bier (beer). Delicious local wine is available. To share your dinner, long tables promote togetherness and the spirit of comradery. Of course, music is always a highlight of the Oktoberfest. Performances by German and Austrian bands, wearing traditional alpine attire, make the evening memorable. Some of the native instruments, like the alphorn and musical saws recreate the true feeling of the majesty of the mountains. Polka and Schuhplattler dance (shoe slapping dance), yodeling and songs of the Heimat (homeland) fill your heart with joy and longing for the serene majesty and mystique of the Alps. Where rivers and mountains join, a feeling of serenity gives us pause to find a renewed appreciation of the true wonders of the world.

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**Smoke Rise Garden Club**

*Save The Date 11/11/16*

You are cordially invited to attend the 14th annual DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show on Veterans' Day, November 11, at Mount Carmel Christian Church. The event will feature fashions from Chico's, and there will be raffles and items from local vendors. We will also salute our Veterans. Go to [www.dekalbfederation.com](http://www.dekalbfederation.com) for details and reservations.

Deb and Buster Haralson hosted a potluck dinner at their home on August 27. We welcomed our new member, Marilyn Oatley. She and her husband, Roger, recently moved to Smoke Rise from Albuquerque. Much of the evening was spent catching up on neighborhood news.

Edith Morton was Properties Chairman for the Yellow Daisy Festival Flower Show. She arranged with the movers to transport all properties from the storage area to Memorial Hall where the show is held – and back again after the show closes. Several Smoke Rise Garden Club members entered specimens in the show and won many blue ribbons.

Spearheaded by member Ann Weisz, the club sponsors many youth activities from artistic flower designs in the Yellow Daisy Festival to Woodsy Owl – Smokey Bear Poster contests. Ann helps the children with their flower show entries. This is a very worthwhile project she does every year along with other teachers at Montgomery Elementary school.



*Ann Weisz with proud winners.*

September 12 was the first SRGC meeting of the year. Jane Culbertson was hostess, Ann Weisz and Edith Morton were co-hostesses. The program was presented by Dawn Hines, certified DeKalb Master Gardener and Master Naturalist. Her topic was "What Color is Your Thumb? or "Fifty Shades of Green"! She presented photos of plants and gardens to encourage us to branch out into areas of gardening that we may not have considered.

Those interested in gardening are welcome to join us at our October meeting at the home of Marilyn Oatley on October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Smoke Rise Garden club donates toiletries, clothing, etc. to GA Regional and VA Hospitals each year. The Club also participated in purchasing "Magic Wands" (which are enjoyed by children and adults as well). The club is encouraged by G.C.G. to plant plants that attract butterflies, bees and birds to our backyard gardens.

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The Smoke Rise Morning Glories opened the fall garden club season with a lecture on orchids by Dr. David Morgan of Park Springs. Hostess Tally Sweat, and Park Springs resident, arranged for the talk and tour of the Park Springs greenhouse and gardens. Dr. Morgan is an avid orchid fan and he shared some fascinating stories of orchid legend and lore. The orchid is defined as a plant with three sepals and three petals with the third petal as the most vivid in color to act as a landing pad to attract pollinators. There are more than 30,000 species of orchid and they are found on every continent except Antarctica. In Georgia, there are 50-60 members of the orchid family. It has medicinal properties and some think the plant is magical.

Orchids need morning light or filtered bright light, special soil that drains well and very limited water. The two ice cube method does work if used once a week. Dr. Morgan stated that the Phalaenopsis or Moth orchid is the most common and easiest to grow in the home environment.



*Dr. David Morgan and Tally Sweat*

**Mountain Shadow Garden Club**

Pruning is one of those topics that always seems to generate interest and lively discussion among gardeners and homeowners. At the Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) meeting on October 10, Barbara Dorfman will present a program titled "Pruning to Retain the Natural Form of Shrubs".

A Stone Mountain resident, Barbara studied horticulture at Gwinnett Technical College and has worked at retail and wholesale nurseries. She is now a landscape consultant assisting homeowners with pruning, low maintenance strategies, and replacing exotic invasive plants with natives.

Barbara will discuss tools needed for pruning, timing and when to ignore the rules, renewing overgrown shrubs, and how plants respond to various pruning cuts.

MSGC meets in Founders Hall at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. The programs are free and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. Refreshments and socializing follow. The club is open to men and women of all ages. Programs cover interests related to home landscapes, gardens, and plants. For more information or for directions, call club president Jeff Raines at 404-641-8633. [www.facebook.com/MtShadowGardenClub](http://www.facebook.com/MtShadowGardenClub)



*Barbara Dorfman*

**Mountain Mums Learn About Cooking with Herbs**

The Mountain Mums met for their September 14 meeting at Lucy White's home. This year will be busy for the club, as the Redbud District meeting will be held at Smoke Rise Country Club on October 22. The Mums will be providing Hypertufa centerpieces for the gathering. They will also be donating manpower and raffle baskets for the Garden Club of Georgia Convention at Callaway gardens and the Leading Lights Fashion Show – a fundraiser for the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs which will take place in November.

In October, we will tour the Chihuly exhibit at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. In November, we will tour Tucker gardens and green spaces as part of our meeting. In December, we will have our Christmas luncheon at Smoke Rise Country Club.

Our September program, *Cooking with Herbs and Fresh Ingredients*, was presented by Chef Mike McCurdy, pastry chef at the Ritz Carlton and teacher of culinary arts in the Atlanta area. Chef Mike demonstrated preparation of several excellent recipes using fresh herbs, including a beautiful chicken pasta salad that he served for lunch.

Chef McCurdy also has a 1,200 square foot vegetable and herb container garden on his back deck. Those of you who have an abundance of herbs and end of summer vegetables might enjoy some of the following tips he left with the garden club about cooking with and storing herbs.

Fresh herbs add interest to many dishes and can help you cut down on the use of salt. Use twice as many fresh herbs in your recipe as you would dried. To intensify the flavor of dried herbs, always crush them before using. This increases their intensity by about twenty times. The stems of many fresh herbs, like cilantro and parcel (it tastes like a cross between parsley and celery), also have flavor, so do not throw them away... they are great in soups and sauces.

To store fresh herbs in the refrigerator, store them in an air-tight container unwashed. Store herbs in the freezer by washing, chopping and freezing in a single layer. Once frozen, they can be transferred to a freezer bag. Or, wash, chop and put tablespoonfuls in an ice cube tray. Fill with water, making sure it completely covers the herb. Once frozen, transfer to a labeled freezer bag. Alternatively, you can cover herbs in olive oil and freeze.



*Chef Mike McCurdy demonstrating the use of fresh herbs in a recipe.*

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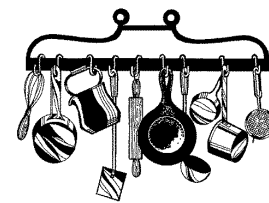
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# HODGE PODGE



By Jenny Hall

*It's October already and I really need inspiration because nothing beats putting your cooking ability in the pits of dullness and ennui like getting a dog. I do nothing except dog. My life is dog. I walk the dog. I feed the dog. Sometimes I attempt to teach the dog, but so far she has taught me to rise way too early, stay up way too late, and stumble all over the yard and watch my step very carefully because she leaves me "prizes" (but only if I'm not looking or within 20 feet of her). I'm also learning to untangle myself from the leash and avoid falling on my face when she tries to climb a tree after an imaginary possum, skunk or Yeti.*

*If I had a recipe for a dog biscuit, I'd put that in, but Molly, being a red-bone/coon hound, is currently trying to teach me to cook squirrel and unidentified squashed things. And speaking of squashed things, I hope you'll just accept how pathetic I am and assume that I have an actual point here, which is figs. They are sometimes rather squashed but make incredible preserves/conserves and don't take any real canning skill (thank heaven).*

*Figs also freeze perfectly for later use and thaw out pretty decently. When thawed, they are great with cheese or cooked with pork or chicken. You can gather or steal figs for quite a while and just freeze them, stems removed along with any stray ants, wasps or bird feathers. Once you have a bag or two, it's time to make these fig preserves - which are actually a conserve because there's a lot of other stuff in them. This conserve has been called FROG jam, but before you get all grossed out, I assure you that it contains no actual frogs. The name comes from the ingredients. F for figs, R for raisins, and O...G. for orange. The apple just gets ignored I guess. Here goes:*

## Fig Conserve

About 12-14 cups halved or quartered stemmed figs, put in a Dutch oven so that they nearly reach the top, 3-4 cups sugar, zest and juice of one orange, one medium apple, peeled and diced, 1 cup raisins or dried cranberries, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup water and about 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Basically just mush this around and slowly bring to a boil, stirring all the time. You might want to add a bit more orange juice or water to keep it from sticking. Once you reach a boil (the figs, not you), lower heat to low and cook until reduced by about 1/3. This takes hours. I often take them off the heat, cover and finish cooking some more the next day. Stirring wears me out. When they are done, the apple bits will change from white to deep beige. Just cook until it's thick enough for you. Put in clean canning jars or plastic containers and freeze until you need them. If I knew how to make figgy pudding, I would certainly let you know, but I don't. Thus you get recipe for fabulous figgy cake, perfect for fall or winter. And if you didn't make your own fig conserve, use store bought and add a bit of orange zest and maybe a few raisins to it to help zing up the taste a bit.

## Figgy Cake with Buttermilk Glaze

Preheat oven to 325° and grease and flour a 13x9 pan.

Sift into a large bowl:

2 1/4 cups plain flour, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg and dash of cloves.

Mix wet ingredients together in another bowl:

1 cup vegetable oil, 3 eggs, 1 cup buttermilk, 1 cup fig preserves, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

OK, pour wet into dry and mix well by hand. When combined, add in, by hand, 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts. Pour into greased and floured pan and bake about 1 hour or until it tests done.

While it cools a bit, make the glaze in 2 quart saucepan:

1 cup sugar, 1 stick butter, 1 Tablespoon corn syrup or honey, 1/2 cup buttermilk, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Bring to a boil, stirring like crazy 'cause it will foam up. Stir and cook for 3 minutes at a low boil. Poke holes over still warm cake with skewer and slowly pour sauce over, letting it soak in. Cool completely and serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

This is a very traditional spice/jam cake that has been around for generations. You can basically use a jam you like that tastes good with cinnamon, so seedless blackberry or a good quality blueberry or peach jam would work well. Don't use any sort of jelly because it has too high a sugar content; marmalade would just be awful. I like the fig taste the best and store-bought is fine.

This cake stays moist for a long time. If you feel creative, try layering cubes of cake with vanilla pudding, cool whip and crushed toffee candy bars. It freezes perfectly as well, and is wonderful on a cool morning with hot coffee or tea and dog drool.

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## Stone Mountain Rotary Club

By L. A. Dison

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain welcomed District 6900 Governor Raymond Ray to the city with a reception on Monday night, August 22. The event was hosted at ART Station in Stone Mountain Village, upstairs in the art gallery.

On August 23, DG Ray spoke to the club about his plans and goals for the district during his service year 2016-2017. Ray's theme for this year is "Dare to Be Better," and one of his first district service projects is support for the Louisiana flood survivors. Ray explained that while donations are plentiful in the weeks following a disaster, the media attention (and donations) soon quickly fade, even though it can take years for victims to recover. The Rotary District 6900 Flood Program will collect funds throughout the entire service year (now through June 30, 2017) and, coordinating with Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), will continue to distribute funds to local agencies in southern Louisiana.

In September, attorney DeNorris Heard was voted President Elect of the Stone Mountain club for 2018-2019. Heard is the named principal in the D.A. Heard Law Group, and has been a Stone Mountain Rotarian since 2014. Heard has led several club initiatives, including partnering with Hero Box to provide customized care packages to a military serviceman.

The Stone Mountain club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch at Smoke Rise Country Club; visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend as a guest of the club. To learn more about the club and its upcoming programs, go to www.stonemountainrotary.org, or follow on Facebook and Twitter.



Stone Mountain Club President Margie Kersey (left) and her husband Ron (right) welcome District Governor Raymond Ray to the city and the ART Station.