



The CCHS *Newsletter*

Carroll County Historical Society

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Nellie Duke to Present Mayhayley Lancaster Film January 19th at Stallings Community Center at 6:30



The January 2017 Carroll County Historical Society speaker is one of our own members, Nellie Dunaway Duke. Nellie has been an active member of the society for many years and was awarded the University of West Georgia 2015 Living Legacy Award. She recently was featured in the film ***Mayhayley Lancaster, Legend of an Oracle*** produced by Rick Fowler. Nellie will be showing the film and telling about the research she did a couple of decades ago while planning to write a book on Mayhayley.

Nellie studied at the Carroll Lynn School of Business and Chicago University and worked in Sales and Marketing for the JC Penney Co. and later as Department Manager for Sears. She has also been a Semi-Pro Basketball Player (1947-1948), Basketball Coach, PTA President, Girl Scout Leader, Boy Scout Den Mother, Church Youth Counselor, Recreation Department Teen Director, Advocate for Women's Rights, and Volunteer for Homeless Veterans.

In 1949 Nellie married Henry Duke. Prior to his death, Henry presented a wonderful CCHS program on railroading and the Carrollton Depot. Nellie is also famous for her delicious Nellie's Jellies, which became a breakfast specialty of the Sunnyside Café..

Nellie has five children, ten grandchildren (some of which she shares with Eddie Trehwitt because her son married Eddie's daughter), and several great-grandchildren.

Those attending the program will be offered the opportunity to comment on their experiences and memories regarding Mayhayley Lancaster. If you have anything to share, please bring it with you to the meeting— photographs, stories, etc.

*Light Refreshments will be served.
The public is cordially invited.*

Mayhayley Lancaster, Legendary Oracle of the Ages

Mayhayley Lancaster's story is legendary, not only here in West Georgia where she lived, but throughout the nation! Her modest country home was in Heard County, only accessible by a small unpaved road. She is buried in the cemetery at Caney Head Methodist Church, the church she attended without fail every service.

Born in the late 19th century, Mayhayley started adulthood in a stunning way for a woman of that era. She attended law school in 1911, and became one of Georgia's first female attorneys. She also taught school for a while. In 1924 she ran for office in the Georgia Legislature, unheard of for women in Georgia at the time. Of course, she did not win, but continued to try again in 1926 and 1928! While she is mostly known for her "fortune-telling", as a medium, soothsayer or "oracle", she stands out in Georgia history as a pioneer in the women's movement!

Everyone knows about the assistance she gave to law enforcement and the judicial system, especially that chronicled in the movie, "Murder in Coweta County". Her charges to those asking for her advice were usually based on "A Dollar for Me, and a Dime for My Dog!" Her fame lives on, even though she died in 1955, and books have been published, articles written and movies produced featuring her fame and powers. Virtually every resident of adjacent areas know someone who experienced contact with Mayhayley Lancaster!

Rick Fowler, former Bowdon resident and well known musician, grew up hearing of her unusual powers, and decided to produce, along with his wife, a documentary film entitled **Mayhayley Lancaster, Legendary Oracle of the Ages**. It premiered last year at Bowdon's Copeland Hall.

Nellie Dunaway Duke, local resident and women's rights activist, will present the program. Since 1992, Nellie Duke has served the Georgia Commission on Women, twenty three of those years as Chair. She founded women's groups and institutions, including Georgia Women's Institute, West Georgia Women's Forum, Georgia Women's Museum, Inc., and Ratify ERA Georgia, along with others. A frequent speaker throughout Georgia, she serves on boards of sixteen organizations, receiving honors and awards from local, state, national and international institutions, most recently at Fort Benning in Columbus.

Membership Renewal and Dues

It's that time of the year when we make plans for 2017, and one of the first things on our agenda needs to be to pay our annual dues. The membership period is from January 1 until December 31, and obviously the Society would like to begin the year with a full membership.

One of the major projects of the new year will be the care and restoration of Moore's Bridge Historical Site. There is much to do and your assistance is greatly needed.

The house at Moore's Bridge has been vandalized and it is estimated that it will take approximately \$150,000 to restore. The County Commission has pledged to match each \$10,000 we raise up to \$50,000. Obviously, we as Society members will have to make monetary, in-kind, and labor contributions.

As you can see membership and contributions are key to success. Please take time to complete the attached **Membership Application 2017** and mail it with your Dues to:

**Carroll County Historical Society
119 Canterbury Drive
Carrollton, GA 30117**

If you still need to pay your 2016 dues, they can be sent to the above address.

Dues are \$30 per individual and \$50 per family. If you are in a position to make a contribution to the Moore's Bridge project, please make a separate check to the **CCHS--Moore's Bridge**.

Thank you!

John T. Lewis
Treasurer

Helen Fay Lewis
Membership Chairman

Easy Sausage Skillet:

Ingredients:

1 pkg Hillshire Farm smoked sausage cut thin on the diagonal
 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 large red bell pepper, sliced thin
 1 small yellow onion, sliced thin
 1 pkg frozen broccoli, thawed
 1/2 cup of chicken broth or water
 1/2 cup tomato sauce
 2 cups instant rice, cooked per package instructions
 1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

Heat olive oil in skillet, stir in smoked sausage slices and cook until browned. Add pepper, onion, broccoli, broth and tomato sauce and simmer for 10 minutes until the vegetables are tender and the liquid is absorbed. Stir the cooked rice into the skillet, sprinkle with cheese and serve.

Serves: 4 to 6

Donna Eldred

Worthy Park Tree Falls in Ice Storm

In last week's ice storm, the historic oak tree at the corner of Worthy Park fell. Fortunately, the tree fell in the only spot it could have fallen with out doing major damage. City of Carrollton crews showed up on Monday and quickly cut the tree off the utility lines without causing any additional damage. There was no damage to the gazebo, fountain, picnic tables, or benches.

The property was the site of Dr. Steve Worthy's home and later was donated to the city for a park by Dr. Peter Worthy who grew up in the house. The park is located at the corner of Dixie Street and West Avenue in the Carrollton Intown Historic District.

Left: Worthy Park in the Spring of 2016

Below: Worthy Park on January 8, 2017, after the tree fell.



Message from President Scott Eldred

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you all had a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

After serving as Vice President for several years, I have been asked to become the CCHS President. First, I would like to thank Dr. Jack Crews who has been a great President and has reinvigorated our society and involved us in several exciting projects. I would also like to thank the other officers of the society who have been very loyal and supportive of all the items that we have worked on.

In the past year we were able to accomplish a lot of things and meet some challenges that were difficult. For one, we received our 501-C3 status which will qualify all contributions to CCHS as tax-deductible gifts. We collectively have made decisions of how to approach the way we need to restore the James D. Moore home & surrounding area of Moore's Bridge Park.

We have power and water to the house. The heating system is in place but not yet in operation. The building is now lockable and we are installing a security system to protect it from further vandalism. Several people from West Georgia University have visited the site and will help us as we move forward with the restoration of the Moore house. *Scott*

Planning Your Future?

If you are thinking about the legacy you want to leave, please consider the Carroll County Historical Society or one of its ongoing projects as an option. Including the CCHS in your estate planning is an easy way to make a lasting impact for the preservation of local history and traditions you value.

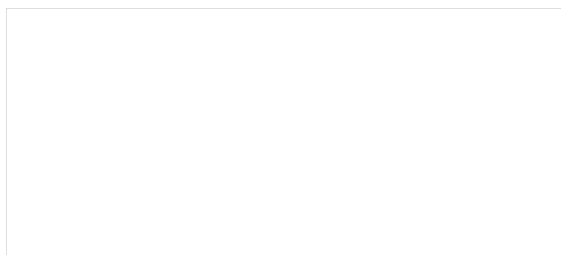
Visit Carroll County Historical Society's on-line gift planning to learn how to make CCHS a beneficiary of your will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will enable the Society to preserve our heritage for future generations.

Learn more details at www.carrollcountyhistory.org or call 678-664-0662.

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**CARROLL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017**

Individual Membership
Family Membership

\$30 per year
\$50 per year

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

*** E-mail Address:** _____

**** E-mail addresses are important for receiving bulletins and announcements sent out concerning the Society activities between newsletters.***

Membership \$ _____ **** Donation \$** _____

Reason for Donation _____

Total Paid \$ _____

***** Donations to the Society will be used to fund preservation projects in Carroll County. All donations are Tax Deductible.***

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