

One sweet ride

Former 'rust bucket' is man's pride and joy

By Sherri Brown
Staff writer

His father sold cars so Millard Adcock drove a Model A Ford down the bumpy dirt roads leading into downtown LaGrange during his high school days.

When he needed to make a little money, he bought a lawnmower and put it in the back of the car to take to town, where he would cut grass.

It was also in that car that he first courted a young girl who eventually became his wife. They were married for 45 years and when she died, he found himself lonely with a lot of time on his hands.

"I needed something to do and I mentioned to my brother I might want to restore a car," Adcock said.

His brother showed him an ad about a Wadley, Ala., dealer with more than 250 cars ready to be restored.

"I called the guy and told him I'd like a '52 Hudson Hornet. He didn't have one, so I asked him about a '50 Buick. Nope, didn't have that either. I asked about a

'29 Model A and he just had one come in," Adcock recalled.

He thought about it, but didn't think he had the knowledge or the money for such a big project.

"I just thought I'd forget about it," Adcock said.

A few days later, he decided to ride to Alabama and take a look at it. That was all it took. He

paid \$2,500 for a rusty car with no tires and nothing that worked. He dubbed it "the rust bucket."

Adcock was always mechanically inclined, but this was his first foray into the world of car restoration.

He took it apart piece by piece, then put the rusty pieces in an acid dip and started putting it all back together in a garage behind his house. He didn't work on it every day, but when he did get started he often found himself lost in the work.

"I'd look up and it would be 3 or 4 in the morning. I would have no idea I'd been working on it that long," he



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Above, Millard Adcock, with the help of his wife, Myrtice, restored a 1929 Model A Ford. The two have taken several trips in the car, including an 861-mile trip to North Carolina. Adcock also has entered the car in auto shows and won multiple awards for the restoration, including a Best of Show award.

said. Well into the restoration, Adcock met Myrtice Carpenter. They started dating and it wasn't long before he ordered her a set of coveralls. He was working on the fenders when she started joined him helping him rebuild his car.

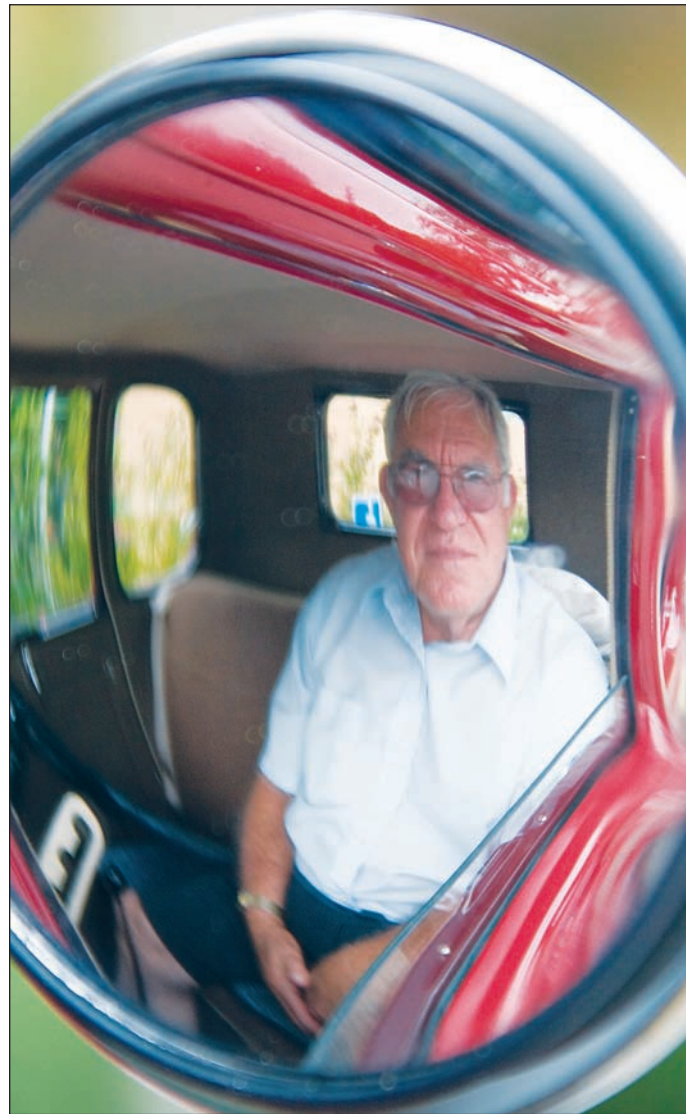
Once he got the motor running – with the help of a machine shop – the two rigged up a 5-gallon bucket to sit on and drove the car through the yard to check things out. When it came time for the interior, they designed and installed it with the help of a restoration kit.

It took four years to complete the project and once it was running and painted a bright shiny red with yellow wheels, Adcock found himself courting his future second wife in a '29 Model A. When they married a year ago, they left the church in the new/old car, dragging tin cans behind them.

Later on, the newlyweds decided to take the Model A to the road. With the windows down – there is no air conditioning in the car – they headed to Florida and sailed down the road at about 40 miles an hour.

This past summer they decided to take an 861-mile trip through the back roads to Boone, N.C.

"I wasn't sure how it would handle the hills, so we went prepared," Adcock said.



He left a trailer hitched and ready to go for someone to come pick them up if the car didn't make it. He packed the trunk with sleeping bags if the two had to spend the night on the side of the road with a bro-

ken car. "I wasn't leaving that car on the side of the road," he said.

The sleeping bags stayed in the trunk and no one had to rescue the couple. The trip took two days up and

two days back with the Model A making its "pukity-puk" sounds climbing the mountains at 35 to 45 miles an hour.

"It gets good gas mileage and takes the ruts surprisingly well. It's not bad for an 80-year-old car," Adcock said.

One of the best part about their road trips might be the people they meet.

"Everybody wants to stop and talk about the car. On the way to Boone, a man pulled up behind me and told me how he rode in a Model A to Oklahoma with his brother on his lap. He just wanted to tell me his story. We hear a lot of memories and see a lot of smiles," he said.

"That's part of our pleasure."

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When Millard and Myrtice Adcock married last year, they left the church in the restored Model A. On their first anniversary in September, they put a "First Anniversary" sign in the window, attached a few ribbons to the back and drove through town on their way to Alabama to visit relatives.

Former community members reconnect, reminisce at Dunson reunion

From staff reports

More than 200 people who grew up in the Dunson Mill village got "Lost in the Fifties" at the third annual Dunson Village Reunion this month at Hoofers Restaurant and Gospel Barn.

"There were people at this reunion who had not made any of the previous ones," said Jerry Key, one of the event organizers. "For them, this was a new and enjoyable experience. The continued success of the Dunson Village reunion events is indicative of the sentiment and closeness of this one-time mill village community where everyone knew everyone."

A new feature this year was a Friday night event which was added to give attendees the opportunity to bring their children and grandchildren with them at no additional cost. Food for the event was prepared by volunteers who had grown up in the community or donated by local businesses.

"The Friday night crowd was remarkable based on a first-time event, and it will be

carried over for future reunions," Key said. "While this year's Friday night event was designed primarily for socializing, next year's event will have special activities for young children."

Saturday's main event included a video show of vintage photos along with previous years' events. An auction was held to raise money for future reunions. After the auction, attendees were asked to talk about one of their fondest memories growing up at Dunson in the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s.

"There was talk of the old Dunson baseball team, which was the best in the state, if not the South. There was talk of neighbors looking after neighbors, children playing under the street lamps at night, homemade toys, the first color TV sets, walking to church and school, first girl lifeguards at Dunson pool, riding the city bus and many more," Key said.

Memorabilia was available for viewing and reminiscing with old friends and new ones. A large photo cube con-



Bobbie Frailey, left, shares with reunion attendees one of her memories of going to Dunson School while living at Dixie Mill Village. Her sister, Lynn Rooks, looks on.

tained 42 enlarged photos of people, houses, churches and various recreation activities and scenes of life in general as it was in the village from as far back as 1927. Small photo cubes with vintage photos were placed on each table showing people and places at Dunson in the early years.

For more information or to read some of the memories of growing up at Dunson,

view vintage photos and photos of this year's activities, or just to get "lost in the fifties" yourself, visit the village Web site at www.dunsonmillvillage.com.

Here's a roster of those who attended the 2009 reunion: Connie Adams, David L. Allen, Emma Allen, W.T. Allen, Clara Andrews, George Andrews, Archie Arrington, Vivian



The photo cube generated a lot of interest with 42 enlarged photos of people and places from long ago.

Mobley Arrington, Ann Bonner Bartlett, Joyce Mobley Beebe, Cecil Bice, Judy Mann Boggs, Larry Boggs, Dorothy Bonner, Evelyn Cole Bowron, Jim Bowron, Glennis Allen Boyd, Ann Bowen Brawner, Donald (Harvey) Breed, Vivien Breed, Claudia Breed, Jerry Breed, Mary Furgerson Bridges, James Brooks, Cyn-

thia Brown, Diane Yarbrough Brown, Lynnel Brown, Sybil Yarbrough Brown, Mary Jane Breed Burchette, Mary Rogers Burnett, Melvin Butler, Minnie Ruth (Allen) (Harvey) Butler, Donald Buttrum, Lucy Buttrum, Peggy Buttrum, Gene Carlisle, Nellie

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Carlisle, Helen Beam Cash, Sue Cash, Martha Trammell Cash, Lynn Piper Chadwick, Mildred Cindrick, Thomas Cindrick, Benny "B.J." Clark, Linda Mims Clark, Marsha Clark, Harold Cleveland, Cloe Cole, Glenn Cole, Hugh Cornwell, Sandra Cornwell, Wanda Koone Costley, Bobby L. Cox, Gene Cox, Barbie Johnson Crockett, Mike Crockett,

Lee Daniel, Tom Daniel, Eunice White Dawson, Lamar Dawson, Donna Bowles Dudley, Rick Dudley,

Judy Knopp Dunn, Charlie Farrar, Bobbie Ford Frailey, Earl Davis Gamel, Ann Herrington Garrard, Ann Turner Garrett, Carolyn Irvin Glover, "Robert ""Bob"" Glover," Betty Gross, Jack Gross, Edith Bennett Hale, Franklin Hale, Marie Lynch Herrington, Charles Harvell, Rose Harvell, Diana Hatchett,

Grady "Sonny" Hatchett, Bill Herrington, Martha Turner Hester, Chuck Hicks, Darlene Sivell Hicks, Bobbie Warren Howard, Jeff Howard, Billie Bennett Hubbard, Jimmy Hubbard, Lois Hunt, Jesse Irvin, Nancy Irvin, Larry Johnson, Peggy Key Johnson,

Harold Johnson, Roger Keeble, June Bonner Keeble, Gurald Kemp, Wanda Reason Kemp, Angelene Kenney, James C. Kenney, Myra Kenney, Robert L. Kenney, Dorothy Key, John Key, Judy Key, Linda Key, Richard "Dick" Key, Jerry Key, Gina Key, Kaylee Key, Rhea Mims King, Sonya Yates Kitchens, Robert Knighton, Tony Knopp, Dale Knopp, Dorothy Koone,

Harold Lane, Sue Cole Lane, Dot Lankford, Lynn Lindskoog, Richard Loftin, David Loftin, Juanita Lunsford, Lacey Lunsford, Lucy Lunsford, Ada Mae Lynch, Johnny Matthews, Kathy Matthews, "Shack" McDaniel, Jimmy Mcmillian, Merle Rainey Mcmillian,

Jackie Mcmillian, Ellen Mcmillian, Dottie Pattillo Meacham, Ronnie Meacham, Ann Cleveland Money, Darlene Mann Morgan, Marvin L. Morgan, "Miriam""Sukie"" Thrower Morgan," Cynthia Knopp Nelson, John Nelson,

Ann Allen Norton, Sandra Parmer, H. Mike Pattillo, Teenie Johnson Perryman, Annette Phillips, Gene Phillips, Susan Koone Phillips, Charlotte Pierce, Curtis Pierce, John Railey Jr., Annette Reason, Oliver Reason, Brenda Bowen Rice, Ernestine Lucas Rice, Marie Fincher Richardson, Hollis Rogers, Lil Rogers, Lynn Bunn Rooks,

Carole Payne Sandefur, Ed Sanders, Ray Sheppard, Gail Sheppard, John T. Simpson, Sandra Sledge Simpson, Bill Sivell, Steve Sivell, Lanny Sledge, Sandra Sledge, Marie Bice Smallwood, Richard Smallwood, Alvin Smith, Sandra Walburn Smith, Becky Yarbrough Snipes, Emily Caldwell Stevens, Dianne Evans Stogner, Mose Stogner, Martha Ann Poole Thomas, Vestal Thomas, Joe Thrower, Frank "Jake" Thrower, Rennie Thrower, Bobby Traylor, Mathalene Phillips Traylor, Jimmy Waddell, Joann Walker, Lee West, Brenda White, Larry "Pete" White, Lucy Barron Wolpin, Lawrence Woodard, Margaret Woodard, Dorothy Kinney Woodel, Jerry Worley, Mary Worley, Layton Wright, Mavis Wright, Barbara Irvin Yarbrough, Betty Yarbrough, Ricky Yarbrough and Bob Yates.

Fall event calendar**Festivals****Lone Oak Country Festival**

The Lone Oak Country Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7. The event includes baked goods, handmade crafts, jewelry, flea markets and food. Lone Oak is off the Interstate 85 Hogansville exit, three miles east on the corner of Ga. 54 and Forrest Road. For information, call (706) 637-4797.

Outdoors**Steeplechase**

Callaway Gardens will host its 23rd Steeplechase on Nov. 3. Steeplechasing is a competitive sporting event of thoroughbred race horses jumping over 52-inch hurdles at top speed. Gates open at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. For details about tickets and other activities during the day, see www.steeplechaseatcallaway.org.

Georgia State Fishing Championship

Highland Marina on West Point Lake hosts one of the largest bass fishing championship tournaments Nov. 7 and 8. For details, see www.highlandmarina.com.

Family Fun**Halloween Events****From pumpkin to jack-o-lantern**

Hills and Dales is sponsoring a hands-on workshop to carving pumpkins and creating a jack-o-lantern that goes way beyond triangular eyes and a round nose at 10 a.m. Oct. 31. Each participant will be provided a full-size pumpkin and carving supplies. The session is led by Bill Black. Cost is \$25 per person and children younger than 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call (706) 882-3242 or e-mail info@hillsanddales.org. Annual pass holders receive a 20 percent discount.

Downtown Trick-Or-Treat

Children may trick-or-treat at businesses and participate in the annual costume contest from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31 in downtown LaGrange. Schedule for the day includes a children's carnival from 1 to 5 p.m., hosted by LaGrange College; a 2:30 p.m. pet costume contest; and from 2 to 2:45 p.m. registration for the children's costume contest which will take place at 3 p.m.

Hillside Halloween

DASH for LaGrange will sponsor a Halloween project from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Doc Spears/The Gathering Place, 610-612 Jefferson St. DASH will provide the supplies and instruction for children to create Halloween costumes and bags. There will also be games and candy. For information, call Ben Wheeler at (706) 298-0221, Ext. 111.

Super Saturday stained glass class

Children will be able to create their own stained glass during a class led by Gail Rachmuth on Nov. 21 at LaGrange Art Museum. The free classes will be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. for kindergarten and first grade; 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for second and third grades; and 12:30 to 2 p.m. for fourth and fifth grades. Space is limited, and registration is required. To register, stop by the museum or e-mail donna.braik@lagrangeartmuseum.org on the first of each month, beginning at 9 a.m.

Theme cake decorating class

Learn various ways to create your unique cakes. Pick a party theme, then watch and learn how to create your own cake. The class is taught by Thea McElvy and held at LaGrange Art Museum. It is for children ages 11 to 14 years and includes demonstrations, instruction and practice. Cost is \$30 for museum members and \$40 for nonmembers and will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 22. To register, call (706) 882-3267.

Lend a Hand**West Point Lake cleanup**

The annual lake cleanup begins at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at Highland Marina. Groups, service organizations and individuals may volunteer. All volunteers will be grouped in teams of eight to 10 members and assigned a predetermined site on the lake to clean up. Trash bags will be provided, and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Teams will be shuttled via pontoon boats to specific sites. All volunteers were encouraged to take gloves and wear old clothing. www.westpointlakecoalition.org or (706) 884-5916.

Arts**Visual Arts****Chinese brush painting at Callaway Gardens**

Learning this art form is said to motivate students to observe critically, practice purposefully, express deliberately, explore creatively, compose artistically, develop a different way of thinking

Lukken Industrial Drive West

This is a support group for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. For information call (706) 242-1744 or (706) 402-4848.

Singles Over 40 meets at 6 p.m. in Room 308 at First Baptist Church on the Square. For more information, call (706) 884-5631.

Every Monday

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at 909 Stonewall St.

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Lafayette Parkway.**Every Wednesday**

A bereavement support group meets at 11 a.m. in the conference room at Hospice LaGrange. For more information, call (706) 845-3905.

Alanon meets at noon at 909 Stonewall St.

Every Thursday

First Baptist Church on Square celebrates Revere Recovery meetings from 6 to 9 p.m. This program addresses addiction and co-dependency for the entire family of a person with an addiction.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 6:30 p.m. at Oakside Baptist Church

1921 Hamilton Road. For information, call Shirley at 706-594-7823 or by email at sfling178@yahoo.com.

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First Monday

Narconon of Georgia offers outpatient help for drug and alcohol addiction. For more

information, call Narconon of Georgia at 1-877-413-3073.

First Tuesday

An Alzheimer's support group for caregivers meets at 12:30 p.m. at Florence Hand Home. For information, call (706) 845-3221.

A Lupus Support Group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Griggs Recreation Center. Call (706) 957-1725 or (706) 594-1807 for information.

First Thursday

The La Leche League of LaGrange meets at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church. The group offers information, support and encouragement for mothers who wish to

breast feed their babies. For information, call (706) 645-6799.

CSI: Christian Singles Interact, a ministry for single adults, meets at 7:07 p.m. in the New Life building of Church and Haralson streets at First Baptist Church on the Square.

Second Tuesday

A monthly Memory Support Group open to the public for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia meets at 5:30 p.m. at Vernon Woods Retirement Community. For more information, call (706) 812-2899.



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United Way Chili Cook-Off

Sample chili from different United Way agencies and vote for your favorite from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31 on Lafayette Square. Cost is \$2 per person and benefits the local United Way. Last year's cook-off drew a record crowd of nearly 3,000 people who came out to sample chili offered by groups like the Children's Advocacy Center of Troup County and Camp Viola, represented by, from left, Brandon Parrott, Kathryn Parrott and Hailey Henson.

■ If your organization is planning a community event, send the information to sbrown@lagrangenews.com. We are accepting events through December. Remember to include the cost, place and time.

by following instructions and internalize imageries. Two sessions will be offered on Oct. 31: Wisteria on Pine from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and The Starring Lilies from 2 to 5 p.m. Classes are open to all ages, although students younger than 9 should sign up with a parent. The second family member will receive a 20 percent discount off of the workshop fee. Tools and supplies are available to be purchased from the instructor, Tehwan Tso. The beginner's set is \$30. Returning students may bring their own supplies and pay \$5 for the consumables, such as rice paper, mounting paper, sumi ink and watercolors supplied in class. Cost for the class is \$60 per session. Registration is required. To register, call (706) 663-5153 or e-mail education@callawaygardens.org.

Stencil note cards

Artist Joanna Lee will demonstrate and teach the art of making personalized stencil note cards. Participants will create their own stencil note cards with her help. She also will share design ideas appropriate for every holiday from Thanksgiving to Easter. The class will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 14 at Hills and Dales. Cost is \$25 per person and \$20 for members. Children younger than 11 should be accompanied by an adult. To reserve a spot, call (706) 882-3242.

"Brigadoon"

LaGrange College presents "Brigadoon" at Price Theater. The classic Broadway musical is a Scottish fantasy about a town that disappears into the highland mist and returns for only one day every 100 years. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors, children and students. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. matinees Sunday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Theater**"Rumors"**

Lafayette Society for Performing Arts presents Neil Simon's "Rumors" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 and at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the LSPA Black Box Theater at 214 Bull St. Tickets at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students are available at Hill Street House and LSPA. For information, call (706) 882-9909.

Music**The Lore, Tartan and Pipes of the Highlands**

Jim Short, local Scotsman and convener of The Order of the Tartans, a LaGrange Scottish organization, will lead a discussion of Scottish lore, including the history and culture of the tartan and of the Scottish bagpipes at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at LaGrange College's Price Theater. He and his wife, Ann, will demonstrate country Scottish dancing, accompanied by a guest bagpiper who will offer a detailed demonstration of bagpipes. This event is free.

LaGrange Symphony Orchestra: "Sorcerers, Witches and Things"

The LaGrange Symphony Orchestra presents music for the season featuring Bach, Musorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Callaway Auditorium. Reserved seats are available for \$5, \$15 and \$25 and may be purchased at Stephen's Exclusives or at the LSO

office in the Sun Trust Bank building. For information, call the LSO office at (706) 882-0662.

Pianist Christopher Taylor

Concert pianist Christopher Taylor was the first American since 1981 to reach the finals in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He also is the first-prize winner in the William Kapell International Piano Competition. He will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Callaway Auditorium as part of the Callaway Concert Series. General admission is \$10 and available at the door or by visiting www.lagrange.edu/callawayconcertseries. Tickets are also available at Plum Southern and Hill Street House.

Sons of Lafayette fall concert

The Sons of Lafayette will present a fall concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at Callaway Auditorium. Included in the program are "America the Beautiful," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing," "Memory," "On the Street Where You Live," "This Nearly Was Mine" and others. Tickets at \$12 are available at Hill Street House and Plum Southern, from choir members and at the door.

Et cetera**Judgment Journey**

Faith Baptist Church at 552 Hammett Road in LaGrange will hold its annual Judgment Journey, a 45-minute journey through the end of times, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the gate. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For tickets, call (706) 845-0000 or (706) 845-0001.

Halloween Events**Haunted House in Hogansville**

The annual haunted house in downtown Hogansville will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at City Hall. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. For more information, see www.hauntedhogansville.com.

Howling Bash at No Rush

No Rush, a music/dessert bar at 212 E. Main St. in Hogansville, will hold its "Howling Bash" and costume party Oct. 31. Doors open at 6 p.m. with live music beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Salsa dancing classes

A six-week salsa dancing class will be at 7 p.m. Mondays beginning this week at Clearview Chapel at 2101 S. Davis Road. Cost is \$60 per person. Partners are not required, but are recommended. For information, call the teacher, Eric Foote, at (334) 826-3194.

Ballroom dancing

The Moonlight Dance Club will hold a dance at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 at Lafayette Christian School gym at 1904 Hamilton Road. Guests may attend. The cost is \$20 per couple for an evening of slow dancing, swing, foxtrot, waltz, shag, cha-cha, rumba, tango, samba, salsa, polka, electric slide and more. At 7 p.m. there will be a lesson on the quickest taught by John Woolbright of Columbus. For information, contact Margee Keeble at m65keeble@charter.net or at (706) 884-5857.

Support groups**Daily**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Self-Help Barbour at 909 Stonewall St. For meeting times, visit www.aa.georgia.org or call (706) 884-6993.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at Self Help Harbor.

Every Sunday

Celebrate Recovery meets at Western Heights Baptist Church, with supper at 5 p.m., recovery worship at 6 p.m., men and women's addiction and co-dependency groups at 7 p.m. and solid rock cafe at 8 p.m.

Cornerstone Support Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Church at 104