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**2004 PIONEER DAYS AT CLINTON NATURE PRESERVE --
First Annual Douglas County Bluegrass Concert Saturday Night**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present Pioneer Days at Clinton Nature Preserve on Saturday, October 16th, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 17th, 1 until 5 p.m. Celebrating the early history of Douglas County, this fall family festival is co-sponsored by the Douglas County Department of Parks and Recreation. This year on Saturday evening from 7 until 10 p.m., the Arts Council will partner with the Southeastern Bluegrass Association to present its First Annual Bluegrass Concert featuring music by Walnut Grove, Broad River and Blue Ridge Grass. On Friday evening the Douglas County Cowboy Poets offer a special free festival preview with cow camp cooking, cowboy poetry and music and an open jam session at the Clinton Nature Preserve for festival participants and the general public.

On Saturday and Sunday, activities include an encampment of the Brotherhood of Long Hunters with demonstrations of pioneer ways with a black powder shoot, an archery competition, spinning and blacksmithing. The Douglas County Farm Bureau will provide educational displays, exhibits of antique tools and farm implements, Carl Lewis's sorghum mill, farm animals, a hayride and lots of give-aways. Local artisans and vendors will demonstrate basket weaving, beekeeping, butter churning, chair caning, gem mining, papermaking, pottery, paper quilling, quilting and woodturning. The festival stage will present performances by local musicians and dancers, school choruses. The Douglas County 4-H Club will offer pony rides. The Douglas County Department of Parks and Recreation will coordinate pioneer games like sack races and hay bale rolling contests along with other children's activities. The Douglas County Junior League will display its new playground located inside the walking track and offer information on its other community service projects. Ephesus Baptist Church will conduct a cakewalk. Tours of the 1830s cabins on this historic Douglas County farm will be led by its caretaker Linda Morris. Sunday activities feature performances by Gospel and Bluegrass Gospel groups including the Note Singers of Villa Rica as well as ongoing festival activities. In addition to a variety of festival refreshments, Williamson Brothers Barbecue will be on hand to serve barbecue and picnic lunches for festival participants throughout Pioneer Days. Admission to Pioneer Days is \$5 for adults (\$4 for CAC and Southeastern Bluegrass Association members) and \$3 per child. Admission is free to all musicians bringing their instruments.

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2004 Pioneer Days at Clinton Nature Preserve & the 1st Annual Bluegrass Concert***

The First Annual Douglas County Bluegrass Concert is presented by the Cultural Arts Council in partnership with Southeastern Bluegrass Association, a non-profit organization of fans, musicians and friends of traditional bluegrass music. SEBA has organized an evening of toe-tapping music by some of the finest bluegrass musicians around to initiate what we hope will become a new Douglas County tradition of outdoor concerts at Clinton Nature Preserve. Many Douglasville residents remember the outstanding musicianship of WALNUT GROVE, the bluegrass band that played on O'Neal Plaza during the CAC's spring concert series this year. Featuring two incredible 15-year-old fiddlers Sam Grier and John Rice, Jr., Walnut Grove also wowed an enthusiastic crowd with playing by more veteran musicians Al Russell on guitar and mandolin, Bear Adams on bass, and John Rice on banjo player and fiddle. BLUE RIDGE GRASS, featuring another great group of Georgia musicians -- Greg Brooks (fiddle), Jamie Mason (banjo), Ray Ritchie (guitar), Roger Watson (bass), and John Watson (mandolin) -- is the official 2004 Georgia State Champion Bluegrass Band. Another incredible bluegrass group, BROAD RIVER showcases the talents of David Anderson on bass, Gerry Hall on guitar, Jody Hughes on banjo, and Jim Major on mandolin. Concert admission is \$10 to the general public (\$8 for CAC and SEBA members).

Located off Ephesus Church Road in Winston, Georgia, the Clinton Nature Preserve is operated and maintained by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. The farm property was given to Douglas County by Miss Annie Clinton in her will to establish a Nature Preserve in memory of her family for the use of the people of Douglas County. The Clinton Nature Preserve includes more than 200 acres of pasture and woodlands, streams and a small lake, riding and walking trails, picnic areas, and other amenities. Clinton Nature Preserve is also the home of the oldest known building in the county (and one of the oldest dwellings in the entire metro Atlanta area); Carnes Cabin was erected before the Civil War by Miss Clinton's ancestors and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A small historical museum open to the public now occupies a portion of the Clinton family home.

Directions to the Clinton Nature Preserve & Pioneer Days -- Take Interstate 20 to Post Road (exit 30) about 30 miles west of Atlanta. Turn South on Post Road about 1 mile to the first road on right; turn west on Ephesus Church Road about 1 mile to Ephesus Baptist Church. Clinton Nature Preserve will be on the right. For more information, contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787 or visit our web site, www.artsdouglas.org .

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